

# CONTACT

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*Watercolour sketch of a cross on  
the shore of the Sea of Galilee.*

# Quiz & Chips

Friday 5 April, 7.00pm

## St John's Lecture Hall, Loddon

A light-hearted quiz for people of all ages,  
with a supper of sausages or fish fingers and chips

**Tickets £8 (Family Ticket £25) from the Church Office at St John's Chapel**  
or Nina Owen on 522993 [theroamingfenlander@gmail.com](mailto:theroamingfenlander@gmail.com)

Fundraising to support **TearFund**,  
a charity working to combat world poverty and to end hunger



## WINE & SAVOURIES EVENING

7.30p.m Friday April 12th  
Poplar Farm, Sisland

Tickets £12.50 (includes glass of wine)  
From Jill Haylock (Telephone 01508 520248)  
and the Church Office

*Raising funds for Sisland Church*

**TO  
WAR  
WITH  
GOD**

**April 27th 7.30 p.m.**

**St John's Chapel**

***A drama set in the war***

Tickets: £8.00 (Under 16s free)

Available from the church office and at church

For more information contact

Nina Owen: [theroamingfenlander@gmail.com](mailto:theroamingfenlander@gmail.com)

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Based on the true story by Peter Fiennes, 'To War With God' is a feature length stage production that follows the life of Monty Guilford. From the carnage of his first days at The Somme to his return to a grieving nation. Could his faith ever be the same again?

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Baptisms, Weddings, Thanksgiving Service for the Gift of a Child  
To arrange any of the above please contact the Church Office.

## Church Websites

Chet Valley Churches [www.chetvalleychurches.org](http://www.chetvalleychurches.org)  
The Norwich Diocese [www.dioceseofnorwich.org](http://www.dioceseofnorwich.org)  
The Methodist Church [www.methodist.org.uk](http://www.methodist.org.uk)  
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# Editorial

So here we are in April .... A quarter of the way through the year!! Is it just me who thinks that time seems to pass more quickly than ever? Perhaps it has something to do with the fact that we always seem to be looking ahead, planning events to keep us busy and entertained!

That's certainly the case in this issue of 'Contact'! The Chet Valley churches have events planned for the summer, and there are several other things which will be happening in May. Let's hope we have the weather we need so that we can enjoy all these good things to the full. For the present, we can enjoy the Spring! As Jill says in her 'Ministerial Musings', we are now moving towards Easter. The cover picture, (a watercolour sketch of a cross that was seen on the shore of the Sea of Galilee during a visit to the Holy Land some year ago) is a stark reminder of the events of Good Friday - but as Jill also says, fortunately for us, the story doesn't end there, and we can celebrate the joy of Easter Day.

This edition of 'Contact' is my last one as editor. I'm not sure who will be taking over. **It's still not too late to volunteer!**

If I've worked it out correctly, there have been 56 editions of 'Contact', including this one, since I started as editor. I want to thank all the people who have contributed and helped me in any way: Robin Godber, who works quietly in the background organising all the advertising; the photographers who have allowed us to use their photos for the cover; the faithful society secretaries who send in their reports; the people who prepare the magazine for distribution and those who deliver it; and, not least, Oliver at Roberts Printers for his help and patience! For me it's been a labour of love, but for all sorts of reasons, (not only age!) it's time to stop.

Thank you all!

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# Ministerial Musings

## NEW LIFE

Spring has arrived, there is more daylight, bird song and new life everywhere.

On the farm several of the cows have had their beautiful calves and the grass, wheat, barley, beans and oil seed rape are growing on now having had some much needed rain. As all gardeners and farmers everywhere will know good preparation and care are very important for all of this to happen, and there needs to be constant observation and attention to ensure healthy livestock and productive crops.

New life is all around us, buds on the trees, wild flowers, little chicks, calves and lambs. It is fascinating when the tiny ducklings follow mother duck from their nest by the pond and waddle their way down to the marshes. There is also much more going on that we don't see...in the hidden bird nests, in the undergrowth, the underground tunnels and in the streams and rivers. God's creation is wonderful.

We are now in the season of Lent in the church calendar, a time of remembering the 40 days Jesus spent fasting in the desert before beginning his ministry of teaching and healing. It is a time for us to reflect on our regard for people and the environment and to ask forgiveness for our mistakes. Many people give up certain luxuries, and some decide to give more by doing things which make a difference to other peoples' lives. On Maundy Thursday we meet to commemorate Jesus' last supper with his disciples, then on Good Friday remember that Jesus died for everyone. He was crucified and died on the cross outside Jerusalem, even though he had done nothing wrong. Then after three days Jesus was raised to life again. On the Sunday evening he stood among his disciples and showed them the wounds of his crucifixion and he said "Peace be with you". He asked for something to eat and they gave him a piece of cooked fish. Jesus said "You are witnesses of these things and I will send upon you what my Father has promised".

As we celebrate Easter again after reflection and preparation, this is when we can realise the meaning of new life for us. There is a fresh way of living now, and because of Jesus' resurrection we have new hope of everlasting life after death.

May the risen Lord bless us, watch over us and renew us as he renews the whole of creation. May our hearts and lives echo his love.

*Jill Haylock.*

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# 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.

**Next Meeting: April 4th.** Our Spring Lunch at the Old Feathers.

*(This is already booked and pre-ordered. No meeting at the Lecture Hall)*

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.

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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## Looking into Lent's Mirror

LOOKING INTO LENT'S MIRROR

### Lent Course led by Susanna Gunner

LENT COURSE led by SUSANNA GUNNER

The last two sessions of the course take place on April 1st and 8th  
from 7.30 - 9.30p.m. at Chedgrave Church centre  
Details in last month's Contact.

## SISLAND SATURDAYS

Come for Coffee, etc. in the Church

The first Saturday of the month

10.00 a.m to 11.30 a.m.

## ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH, LANGLEY THE AVENUES, LANGLEY, NR14 6BL

### A CONCERT OF MUSIC FOR THE ORGAN

with

**MIKE WEBB**

and

**JACOB OCAL**

A programme showcasing the talent  
of two quality performers

7.30pm Saturday 27 April

TICKETS: £10.00 Adults    £8.50 Friends

£2.00 Students/Children

(Includes wine/soft drinks and nibbles)

*Concert proceeds will go towards refurbishment of the Church*

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## From the Parish Registers

### FUNERALS

GORDON MANNING who died on February 12th aged 89 years.

Funeral: March 5th at Waveney Crematorium

GEOFFREY ROY BARBER who died on February 13th aged 89 years.

Funeral: March 8th at St Mary's Sisland

GRACE DICKERSON who died on February 18th aged 84 years.

Funeral: March 13th at Holy Trinity Loddon

LESLIE SIZER who died on February 24th aged 62 years.

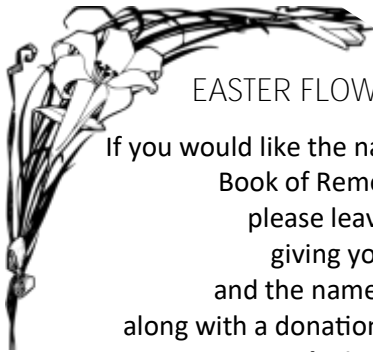
Funeral: March 18th at Holy Trinity Loddon

ANN VIRGINIA COLEMAN who died on March 5th aged 78 years.

Funeral: March 21st at St. Johns Loddon

*Since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. So we will be with the Lord for ever.*

*1 Thessalonians 4. 14, 17b*

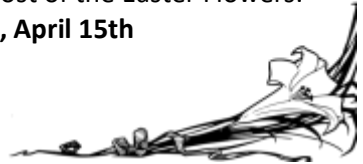


### EASTER FLOWERS BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

If you would like the name(s) of your loved one(s) entered in the Book of Remembrance in Holy Trinity Church, please leave details at the Church Office, giving your name, a contact number, and the name(s) you would like to be entered, along with a donation towards the cost of the Easter Flowers.

**Closing date Monday, April 15th**

**Thank you**



### PATRICIA FAIRHEAD — 21.01.1930 — 20.02..2019

Ron and all his family would like to thank David Owen and everyone at Chedgrave Church for a beautiful service in memory of Pat.

A big thank you goes out to Langley & Hardley W.I. for providing and serving the refreshments at Langley Village Hall after the service.

Many thanks also for the cards and messages of condolence at this very difficult time.

## Looking ahead to the Summer

Save the Weekend!  
8th & 9th June

**We have a weekend of celebration in Chedgrave Church!**

It is the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 'beautification' of the church and so we are celebrating people who have been part of the worshipping and wider community life of the church.

Part of this will be a concert by Tale Dulce Musica in the afternoon of Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June followed by tea. They are a talented group of musicians: soprano, oboe, flute, bassoon, keyboard, who have performed countywide and I am sure they will be putting on an enjoyable programme. Watch out for further details and tickets.

We are also celebrating the beauty of our environment. Amongst other things, we have our usual Plant Sale on the morning of the 8<sup>th</sup> June. If you have been tempted into your gardens by the warm Spring weather and are thinking of dividing some overgrown plants, we would be very grateful to receive them for the sale.



### Playtime Old and New June 22nd & 23rd

There will be an exhibition of toys and games from your childhood, whatever age you are, together with much more (possibly photos, certainly books, maybe activities for children.)

We will be asking for the loan of toys, board games, or anything else related to play. The exhibition will be stewarded

throughout, and the church will be locked at other times.

More information later!



### ART EXHIBITION

Holy Trinity Church

Preview evening August 23rd

Exhibition open 24th - 26th August



## Choir for Easter

We are bringing together a **choir for the Easter Service** this year, for the third year running. We will lead the hymns and sing our own items during communion.

**The Easter service is on April 21<sup>st</sup>  
at 9.30am in Chedgrave Church.**

If you would like to take part please contact:  
Alison Ball ([ball880am@btinternet.com](mailto:ball880am@btinternet.com) or 528126)  
making sure you give her your contact details.  
Details of rehearsals will be forthcoming shortly.

Many thanks,  
*Rev Alison*

## THE SISLAND CHRONICLE

Sisland is a tiny parish of around 500 acres, but from time to time it has been in the headlines. The Charles family owned most of it for a time, and Sir Edward Charles was Lord of the Manor in 1335. Whether he ever came here is a moot point, as he spent most of his time at sea, and as Admiral of the fleet was responsible for protecting our shores of much of the North Sea, from the Thames up to Berwick on Tweed, and by all accounts he did a good job. Perhaps it is a pity that he wasn't around when the Vikings caused so much trouble!

The effect of the bubonic plagues doesn't get a mention, and there don't appear to have been any trials of parishioners for witchcraft practices. However in 1761 St Mary's was hit by a thunderbolt and virtually destroyed; being rebuilt on a more modest scale, as one of the small number of Georgian 'Gothick' churches in the country, painted internally in shades of blue (Saint Mary's colour) with a ceiling of golden stars. In 2018 the churchyard gained a second bench, (the first being a memorial to members of the Hemmant and Haylock families, churchwardens for half a century), the new one, given in memory of Major General Pank who lived in the parish, by his widow. Sited near the hedge, it is a pleasant place to sit, contemplating the life of this rural parish over the millennia, or just quietly listening to nothing!

Has anyone heard of Alcmuntona. In the Hundred of Lodding. Total population: 2 households (very small). Total tax assessed 0.0 geld units (very small). Value to the lord of the manor in 1086, £1. Households: 4 free men. Now classed as a lost Village, but it was mentioned in the Domesday survey under the heading of Sisland.



Hi Freddie here. I had my visit to the Bungay Vet. just before Christmas. She did all the usual things, and said my biters were very

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good, but when the nurse weighed me (she reads this, so I have to be a bit careful) she said I was half a kilo above my ratting weight, and T. had got to cut out some of the treats. The trouble is that T. & J. do as she says, and at the rate my rations have been cut I'll be underweight next time! But Christmas came, and with a full house I did quite well under the dinner room table, and all sorts of things ended up in my tummy. I don't think J. noticed, but she was a bit surprised when she had to make my coat fit! I didn't tell her that Tiggy's Mummy gave me all the scraps off the plates, and I had some delicious fruit salad for pud. One of my fans (Demi, the one with the car) sent me a card with some scrumptious treats as well. T. said I didn't have to eat them – he must be joking! Now you know why I'm worried – how long will it take to lose all that weight – before I go to see my (very nice) Vet again?

Loddon Parish Council



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

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**Mobile Banking from Lloyds:** a mobile banking service is being offered by Lloyds which will be in the Church Plain Car Park each Friday between 1.00 – 2.45 pm A range of banking services are to be offered, to both personal and business customers, including cash withdrawal, cash and cheque deposits.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting of the Parish Council is scheduled for Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](http://www.loddonpc.org.uk) or find us on Facebook under Loddon Parish Council

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Chedgrave Parish Council

**CALLING ALL POTENTIAL PARISH COUNCILLORS  
WITHIN A 5 MILE RADIUS OF CHEDGRAVE.**

Parish Council Elections are taking place on May 2nd 2019. Make a change and become a parish councillor.

A parish councillor is normally elected for a term of four years and anyone 18 years and above, of any political or religious persuasion is eligible.

Parish councillors are elected to represent the interests of the local community as a whole and promote a harmonious local environment. Seeing your community change for the better, as a result of decisions you have helped make, is something that can give you a sense of achievement and pride.

Detailed information about the role of a parish councillor and guidance on standing for election can be found on the National association of Local councils website.

Email: [chedgrave.pc@gmail.com](mailto:chedgrave.pc@gmail.com) for nomination forms.

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**SPACE FILLER – PUNS:** *It has been said that the ability to make and understand puns is the highest level of language development. Whether or not that is the case, here and on page 28, you will find some of the best examples entered in the International Pun Contest.*

Two Eskimos sitting in a kayak were chilly, so they lit a fire in the craft. Unsurprisingly it sank, proving once again that you can't have your kayak and heat it too.

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## What's happening in Loddon Library

### LIBRARY OPENING HOURS

Monday	8am-7pm	(Staffed 10am-7pm)
Tuesday	8am-7pm	Open Library access only
Wednesday	8am-7pm	Open Library access only
Thursday	8am-7pm	(Staffed 10am-7pm)
Friday	8am-7pm	(Staffed 2-7pm)
Saturday	8am-4pm	(Staffed 1-4pm)
Sunday	10am-4pm	Open Library access only

**NEW TO LODDON?** If you're new to Loddon, have never used the library before or not used it in a long time, come along and we can join you up or renew your card. Just bring some proof of identity with your name and address on it and see staff. We look forward to seeing you!

**OPEN LIBRARY** gives you access to Loddon Library even when the building is unstaffed. To sign up, come along during staffed hours with some proof of address ID and talk to a member of staff.

**FACEBOOK:** Follow us on Facebook – just search for Loddon and Poringland Libraries.

**DVD HIRE:** You can hire DVDs for just £2 - Top Titles for 2 nights and other DVDs for a week. Take advantage of our 2 for 1 offer on Thursday and Friday afternoons!

**BABY WEIGHING SCALES:** A set of scales is available within the library during opening hours.

### MONDAYS

**Coffee morning** – every Monday 10am-12. Pop in for a friendly chat and a cuppa.

**Stay and play** – a new group every Monday 11am-12. Drop in for a chat with other families while your children play.

**Computer buddy** – friendly computer help on Mondays from 10am-12.

**CAB** – advice available Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April, 10am-12pm, please contact library to book.

**Lego Club** –after school lego club on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> April, 3.45-4.15pm. Join in the fun with a different theme each session. *Booking essential.*

### THURSDAYS

**Community Book Group** – join our friendly book group on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April, 10.30am.

**Crochet Group** – come and crochet together on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2-3pm.

### FRIDAYS

**Bookends story and craft** – a fun after school story session with craft activities on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April, 3.45-4.30pm.

**Loddon Loves Books book group** – join our evening book group on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April, 5.45-6.45pm.

### SATURDAYS

**Craft Club** – a children's craft club on 6<sup>th</sup> April, 2-3pm.

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The Committee would like to officially thank Sheila Orpet for all her hard work for many years on the Committee. Unfortunately she has had to resign due to ill health, but she has always been a valued member of the Committee turning up regularly to meetings, helping out on all occasions either with fundraising or at Open Meetings, where she was a dab hand with the tea pot, and generally just a willing and useful person to have around. Thank you, Sheila, for all your efforts with the PPG: you will be a hard act to follow.

If anyone would like to consider joining the Committee or would like to find out more information about what is involved, please contact any member of the PPG whose names are in the foyer at the Practice and we will be pleased to have a chat and put you in the picture.



## Community Choir

If you enjoy singing then come along to  
All Saints Church, Chedgrave  
on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April at 2.30pm in the Church room.

It doesn't matter if you can't read music or don't think you're  
a very good singer, as long as you enjoy singing  
and are 18 and over that's all we need.

We have a choir master but are in need of a pianist. Interested??

For more information contacts are;

Tracey; 01508 521998

Email; [traceywaite19@aol.com](mailto:traceywaite19@aol.com)

Terry; 01508 218162

Email; [ctunnane@gmail.com](mailto:ctunnane@gmail.com)

Lynn; 01508 528517

Email; [linn.star44@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:linn.star44@tiscali.co.uk)



## Networking Event with buffet & drinks

Tuesday 30 April

7.30 pm Kings Head Loddon

Members & Non members welcome

RSVP David Johnson [daj.johnson@btinternet.com](mailto:daj.johnson@btinternet.com)

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## Chernobyl Children's Life Line

Chet and Waveney Link



In June this year, our fifth group of 10 children from Belarus will be staying with Host families in the Loddon and Beccles areas. The children are aged 9 – 10 years. There will be 7 girls and 3 boys.

Belarus suffers from the legacy of the 1986 Chernobyl disaster. 70% of the radiation from the Chernobyl accident landed on 90% of the country of Belarus affecting 1 million children. Radiation is a silent killer. You cannot see it, touch it or taste it. Cesium 137 builds up in children's bodies, compromising their immune systems meaning that they are more likely to develop fatal cancers including thyroid cancer and leukaemia. The Chernobyl Children's Life Line brings groups of children to the UK for four weeks' respite to help boost their immune systems which in turn improves their health and resistance to cancers and neurological diseases.

The children come from the poorest of families and arrive with hardly more than the clothes they stand in, so we have need of quality 'nearly new' clothing and shoes (both summer and winter) for these little boys and girls. Clothing to fit the age range of 8 to 12 years would be most appreciated. Shoe and trainer sizes 1 – 4.

On their return home we send them with a supply of basic but essential medicines that we take for granted but which they do not always have access at home. We will appreciate your help by donating any of the items listed here :

cold remedies - chap sticks - throat sweets,  
mouth ulcer ointments (suitable for under 12's),  
cold sore treatments - vapour rub,  
menthol crystals - decongestants - Calpol sachets.

We also have need of toiletries:

Toothpaste - toothbrushes,  
soap - shampoo - bubble bath.

If you can help or would like to know about our charity,  
please contact me – Alison Stannard – on 01508 549047

or [astannard@uwclub.net](mailto:astannard@uwclub.net)

or message me through our Charity Facebook page  
[www.facebook.com/CCLLChetandWaveney](http://www.facebook.com/CCLLChetandWaveney).

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## Libby's Superhero Abseil

On June 22nd I will be abseiling off the Norwich Forum to raise money for the Norfolk and Norwich Cardiology Department. My mum has needed the help of the cardiology team/department a fair few times and without them neither me nor my mum would be here today. This is my way of saying thank you to all the wonderful people there. I'm not too good with heights so this will be a big challenge and I would be very grateful for your support.



You can donate by following this link:-

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/libby-chapman>

If you prefer not to donate on line, you can do so by sending your donation care of my grandma, Joan Evans at 13 Drury Lane, or leave it at the Church Office.

Thank you very much.

*Libby (Elizabeth) Chapman*

Loddon Players would like to thank all of you who supported their Pantomime "Cinderella" in January.

£250 has been donated to the Cardiology Department of the Norfolk & Norwich University Hospital, via sponsorship of Libby Chapman, who will be abseiling down the Forum Building in Norwich on 22nd June. It is Libby's way of thanking the department for the special care it has shown to her Mum.

Perhaps you would also like to support her? (*See above*)

The retiring collection taken at the Pantomime Songs of Praise in February was given to the Little Princess Trust, who provide wigs for children and young people who have lost their hair through cancer or other illnesses.

Other local charities will be considered to receive a donation at a later date.

Thank you.  
Loddon Players Committee

## Norfolk County Council—Mobile Library

Our Mobile Library routes have undergone a revamp! With longer stops and Mobiles staying out later in the afternoon in many villages, we hope to see you after school and after work. Why not walk down in the sunshine to pick up some books, DVD's or simply to see what we have to offer? With 8-week loan periods and no overdue charges you'd be silly not to jump on board! This may mean your timetable has changed, but we're all in this together and we're excited to kick start April with better routes and better opportunities for our existing and new customers to visit us. We'll see you there!

For more information email us here: [central.mobiles.lib@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:central.mobiles.lib@norfolk.gov.uk)

or phone us on: 01603 222 303

or visit our website: [www.norfolk.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/libraries)

All route timetables will be changing from the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019.

### Mobile Library Timetable for Hales

Route number CEN320

Calls on Wednesday, normally every 4 weeks

Stop	ARRIVAL TIME	DEPARTURE TIME	STOP NAME
2	9.45	9.55	Millside
4	10.00	10.10	Preston Lane

Dates of next visits			
24-Apr-19	14-Aug-19	04-Dec-19	22-Apr-20
22-May-19	11-Sep-19	29-Jan-20	
19-Jun-19	09-Oct-19	26-Feb-20	
17-Jul-19	06-Nov-19	25-Mar-20	

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### TWO MORE PUNS

Two antennas met on a roof, fell in love and got married. The ceremony wasn't much, but the reception was excellent.

A group of chess enthusiasts checked into a hotel and were standing in the lobby discussing their recent tournament victories. After about an hour, the manager came out of the office and asked them to disperse. "But why?" they asked, as they moved off. "Because", he said, "I can't stand chess-nuts boasting in an open foyer."

## HELP PLEASE

Can anyone throw a light on the recent cutting of the Roadside Nature Reserve on the small triangle on the left as you enter Loddon from A146 to the industrial estate, from the Beccles direction?

This small patch has been looked after by a group of local volunteers for the past 3 years and the flowers growing there have been recorded. The cutting, mainly with scythes and subsequent raking and removal of debris once a year, was helping to bring back the Bee Orchids that were the reason for it's designated status in the first place.

However, a swathe through the middle seems to have been cut a couple of months ago and no one seems to know by whom.

Please contact me with any information so that we can get the cutting regime back to order soon.

Thank you. .... Carol...01508 500602 .....[chetcottchippy@hotmail.com](mailto:chetcottchippy@hotmail.com)

### Required: **MUSICAL DIRECTOR**

**FRAMINGHAM EARL SINGERS** seek a dynamic and inspiring Musical Director to lead our Community Choir from September 2019 when our current Director leaves us.

We are a well established, friendly. 4 part mixed choir of about 50 members. We rehearse on Monday evenings at Framingham Earl School and enjoy singing a broad range of music, with or without an orchestra.

Further information about the choir can be found on our website:

[www.framinghamearlsingers.co.uk](http://www.framinghamearlsingers.co.uk)

Full details of the application process can be obtained from Amanda Lockett:

[amandalockett@btinternet.com](mailto:amandalockett@btinternet.com) mobile no: 07775777404

PA's required by Loddon mother -

domestic and social support and personal care.

6 hpw or 16 hpw + extra cover hours available. £8.72 p/h.

Car owner/driver essential.

Closing date: 19 April

**Job Reference 8612**

[www.equallives.org.uk/apply](http://www.equallives.org.uk/apply) / (01508) 491222

## Church Services April

Sat 6th	6.00pm	Roman Catholic Mass	St John's Loddon
Sun 7th	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 <i>(followed by APCM)</i>	St John's Loddon
Sat 13th	6.00pm	Roman Catholic Mass	St. John's Loddon
Sun 14th <i>Palm Sunday</i>	8.00am	Holy Communion	St. Margaret Hardley
	9.30am	Holy Communion BCP	All Saints Chedgrave
	10.45am	Morning Worship	St John's Loddon
Maundy Thurs 18th	7.00pm	Seder Meal with Foot Washing & Last Supper	St John's Loddon
Good Friday 19th	10.00am	Children's Reflection	All Saints Chedgrave
	12 noon	Walk of Witness	Holy Trinity To St John's
	2.00pm		All Saints Chedgrave
Sat 20th	No Catholic Mass		
Sun 21st Easter Day	6.00am	'Sunrise' Holy Communion	St Margaret Hardley
	9.00am	Roman Catholic Mass	St John's Loddon
	9.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	St Mary Sisland
	9.30am	All Together Holy Communion	All Saints Chedgrave
	10.45am	Holy Communion: Liturgy of the Word Liturgy of the Sacrament	St John's Loddon Holy Trinity Loddon
Sat 27th	6.00pm	Roman Catholic Mass	St John's Loddon
Sun 28th	9.30am	Holy Communion <i>(followed by APCM @ 11:00)</i>	All Saints Chedgrave
	10.30am	Morning Worship	St Margaret Hardley
	10.45am	Morning Worship	St John's Loddon
	6.30 for 7.00pm	Last Sunday Praise	St John's Loddon

MORNING PRAYER  <i>Everyone is welcome to these times of Prayer</i>	Monday	9.00 a.m.	St Johns Loddon
	Tuesday	9.00 a.m.	St. Margaret, Hardley
	Wednesday	9.00 a.m.	All Saints, Chedgrave
	Thursday	9.00 a.m.	St Johns Loddon
	Friday	9.00 a.m.	St Mary Sisland
	Saturday	9.00 a.m.	All Saints, Chedgrave

Tuesdays <i>(except 3rd Tuesday)</i> 7.30 - 8.30 pm	<b>COME AND PRAY</b> If you would you like to spend some time in prayer with a small group of people you are welcome to come along to <b>'Time for Prayer and Space for Reflection'</b>	St John's Loddon
3rd Tuesdays 7.30 - 8.30 pm	<b>MID-WEEK COMMUNION WITH BLESSING</b> <i>All are welcome</i>	St John's Loddon
Thursdays after School	Xtra Join us for an exciting, informal service. Refreshments, activities from 3.15. Service starts 3.45. More from Reverend David 522993 or Reverend Alison 528126	St John's Loddon
Sundays <i>(usually the last Sunday of the month)</i>	<b>LAST SUNDAY PRAISE</b> Refreshments at 6.30 before the service, or just come at 7.00 for the singing	St John's Loddon

**PLEASE NOTE: CHANGES TO THE ABOVE DURING LENT**

Instead of 'Come & Pray' & 'Mid-week Communion' there will be

**'Quiet & Compline'**  
**on the last three Tuesdays of Lent**

(April 2nd, 9th & 16th)

**THIS WILL BE HELD IN CHEDGRAVE CHURCH.**

There will be a period of quiet starting at 7pm with Compline at 7.45pm.

## COMMUNITY GROUPS NEWS & EVENTS

### Loddon Flower Club

We had a good demonstrator on 5th March, - his flowers and arrangements were amazing.

**April 2nd** : we will have Stephanie Laing coming to demonstrate for us and her title will be 'A Wood Affair'. There will also be a competition of the same title. We would love you to come along and join us. The cost is £6 for visitors, and we meet at Hobart High School 7.00 for 7.15pm start.

### Loddon Women's Institute

At our meeting in February we were entertained by one of our members, Sue Sursham, who took us with her on her travels in Indochina. Sue's talk was illustrated by some really beautiful slides, and we all enjoyed it very much indeed. Thank you, Sue

**April 17th.** Birthday Dinner at the White Horse - our 89th anniversary!

**May 15th.** Francis Middleton: 'Clay, Cloth, Wood & Wool'

7.15 for 7.30 Jubilee Hall Loddon. New members will be very welcome.

### Chedgrave & District Women's Institute

**Tuesday April 23rd** will be our members' meeting and we will be voting on the Resolution that has been selected to go forward to the Annual meeting in Bournemouth in June.

Also there will be a sales table, so start looking for suitable items to bring. Home produce is always welcome: jam, cakes, and pastries, etc.

2.00pm All Saints Centre.

### Langley with Hardley Women's Institute

**April 16th.** 7.30 p.m Langley with Hardley Village Hall

Speaker: Ann Newmeir - Evening of Poems

### Loddon & Chedgrave Ladies 8 o'clock Club.

We are a group of very friendly ladies who meet on the last Wednesday of each month (with some exceptions) in the Jubilee Hall club room. We have a very informal meeting with a speaker followed by tea/coffee and a raffle and time to chat.

£6 joining fee plus £3. for each meeting attended.

Please feel free to come along to one of the following meetings and make new friends or for more information contact Hillary 01508 520457 or June 01508 528853

**March 27<sup>th</sup>** Murder in the police station! Alan Whittaker

**April 24<sup>th</sup>** Flixton Air Museum Talk by Huby Fairhead

**May 29<sup>th</sup>** Birthday Meal at the Old Feathers. (Members Only)



## Loddon & District Cooperative Day Centre

Why not come and meet some new people?  
We play games, do crafts and exercises,  
chat and have a two course lunch.

**9.30am to 2.15pm, each Tuesday and Friday. at the Brian Clarke Room,  
Chedgrave.** Just drop in or ring Bev on 07826299290.



\*\*\*\*\* Loddon Cooperative Day Centre will be having a \*\*\*\*\*  
**'Hot Cross Quiz' on Sunday 14th April from 2pm  
at the Brian Clarke Room.**

Tickets are £5 per person, teams of up to 4 people. Come and join us for  
the quiz (which won't be too difficult, promise!) and refreshments! Ring Bev  
on 01502 677077 for tickets.

**Thank you to everybody who supported our Valentine's tea party.**

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## IN THE LIBRARY ANNEX

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.

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## 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](mailto:tezzahayden99@gmail.com)

Facebook: Loddon Men's Football Club



## 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](mailto:tomenelli@btinternet.com)



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## Loddon Community Gym

Want to improve your fitness, health and wellbeing? Then we invite you to call in at the Gym and see what we have to offer you under expert guidance, in a friendly atmosphere.



Anyone over 16 can join and our personal trainer, Louise, is qualified to guide those who wish to improve their fitness and, through our Exercise Referral Scheme, those who are referred to us by Medical and other Health Professionals. Several older members will tell you how their mobility and wellbeing have improved over time.

The Gym has just been awarded important funding towards running costs and equipment for 2019. This will ensure its continued vital role in serving the community.

if you'd like to find out more please contact: Louise on 07534946143 or visit [www.loddoncommunitygym.com](http://www.loddoncommunitygym.com) or just drop in at the Jubilee Hall, Loddon, to see what it is all about :

Mondays 1.30pm – 6pm    Tuesdays: 4.30pm – 8.30pm  
Fridays: 10.00am – 1.00pm

We are a not-for-profit gym so fundraising is important for us to keep going. This is one way you can help at no cost to yourselves:

\*\*\*\* HELP US TO RAISE FUNDS WHEN YOU SHOP VIA \*\*\*\*  
[www.goraise.co.uk/LODDONCOMMUNITYGYM.com](http://www.goraise.co.uk/LODDONCOMMUNITYGYM.com)

**The Gym celebrates its fifth birthday this month!** We now have 120 members and during the five years we have had over 15,000 visits. The record for an individual member is over 300 visits which is an amazing effort but many of our members come just once each week and still feel the benefit. Don't be discouraged if your resolution to do a little more exercise has come to nothing yet: spring into action this month and see for yourself what the Gym has to offer. By the way, you don't need special clothing for the gym, just something comfortable.

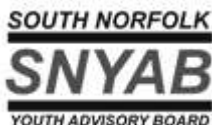
**Special offer this month -  
bring this article with you and get a free taster session.**

As we are a 'not for profit' organisation, fundraising is always important. We are grateful for the support from many local businesses and for March and April Tesco in Beccles and Southwold have chosen us as one of the beneficiaries of their Bags of Help scheme. Please support us by collecting Tesco tokens, given at the checkouts, and putting them into our slot before you leave the shop. The charity with the most tokens will receive £4,000!!

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## Hales & Loddon Cricket Club

We are delighted to be working alongside SNYAB after being commissioned to encourage young women into the sport, and help provide Cricket for both Boys and Girls from U7 right through to U17.



Club Chairman Pete Dye said "it's a wonderful opportunity to increase participation within the sport, and working alongside each other gives us a perfect opportunity to do this." The Indoor sessions, (*see below*) aimed at girls, will run at Langley School NR14 6BJ on Tuesday nights throughout April, with the opportunity

to move outdoors and play in competitive matches, in both Soft and Hardball formats. Pete Dye added "we are a Club all about Community, and this partnership allows greater opportunity whether you've played before, or just want to try - and this this Club welcomes that and you." To find out more about this Joint Venture email [Pete.dye@canaries.co.uk](mailto:Pete.dye@canaries.co.uk) or text or call 07931711323.

**Hales and Loddon Cricket Club** welcomes all players for this season. We run teams in Norfolk Alliance and Norfolk League. For more details contact as above.

### Youth Cricket Indoor Training

all ages from 5 upwards - boys and girls - Softball and hard ball  
Tuesdays 6-8 pm at Langley .

Please contact Pete on 07931711323 All welcome

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## Loddon Swan Bowls Club

The Club was founded well over 100 years ago and is looking to expand its membership.

The Green, which is probably the best in South Norfolk, is a pleasure to play on and is much admired by opposing teams and visitors alike. It is situated behind The Swan with signed access from the car park.



This year the Green will reopen on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April and afternoon sessions will be on Monday, Wednesday & Friday afternoons from 2pm to 5pm for practice and pleasure. In addition the Green will also open on Saturday mornings from 9.30am to 12.30pm.

If you are interested please come along to any of our sessions where you will be made most welcome. The only requirement is that you wear flat soled shoes. We have a limited number of bowls to lend at no charge and instruction will be available to help you master the game if you have not played before.

We are a friendly and amiable group and we look forward to seeing you. If you would like further information please ring Mike on **01508 521049**.

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## Chet Staithe Probus Club

Have you recently retired or just moved to the area? Are you missing male 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.

**April 2nd** Barry Lawrence. Licence to drill. Part 1.

**April 16th** Kenny Cator. Showbiz!

**April 30th** AGM.

We really look forward to seeing you then.

*Please contact David Price Telephone 01508 522033.*

*or email [david.price0841@gmail.com](mailto:david.price0841@gmail.com) for more information*

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## 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.

**April 9th** AGM followed by 'War in the Air III

**April 23rd** Phyllida Scrivens - Escaping Hitler: From Refugee to Sheriff

*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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## Loddon Community Cinema

**Thursday April 4th**

Our next presentation is **"WIDOWS"** rated 15, starring **Viola Davis, Elizabeth Debicki and a fine ensemble cast including Liam Neeson ( that name rings a bell) and Robert Duval.**

Director Steve McQueen (12 Years a Slave) gives us a "blistering modern day thriller" from a story by Gillian Flynn (Gone Girl). Set against a back drop of crime, passion, and corruption the ladies set up a plan to repay the debt left by their dead husbands' criminal activities.

McQueen's slick direction delivers a fast paced action movie that got high critical praise and enthusiastic audience reviews. Enjoy!

**Showing at The Lecture Hall, George Lane, Loddon.**

**Doors open, 7pm film starts 7.30. Tickets £4 adults, £2 under 16.**

**On the door or in advance from Loddon Garden & Seed.**



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## Loddon & District Local History Group

At our last meeting we held our AGM, chaired by Carol Carpenter. The existing committee was re-elected, having agreed to stand for another year. Anyone willing to join them at any time, would be most welcome.

The remaining business completed, the meeting continued with David Crease's report on the 6 pits dug in 2018 and hopes for 2019. Pits had been dug in Loddon, Langley School grounds and Hadiscoe Churchyard. Pictures were shown of Digs and some finds. Any help with locating pit sites around Stubbs Green would be welcomed. Elvie told us of progress with transcription of the early censuses and with Map georeferencing techniques and how the 1840 Tithe Map is now referenced to the modern OS map. The use of colour enables a visual reference to the major land holdings.

Peter Smith then took the meeting and gave us a fascinating talk on his research into Beccles Road Maltings. Peter is a 'newcomer' to the village. He, together with his wife Sharon, only moved here 3 years ago when they bought a house in the converted building in Beccles Road. He started his research on the malting complex which led him back to the early 1700's. He has used documents at the Norfolk Record Office as well as material from our archive.

Early Maltsters were members of the Gardiner family, while later the property was owned by Edmund Dennis Browne and the Cannell Family. He has also found much information on the Maltings in George Lane which stood where we now have our meetings.

Along the way he has also gained much information on past residents and influential locals to add to our ever growing archive. His research notes have now been filed in the Local Studies Room with other house and building histories.

The meeting concluded with tea and also scones which were kindly supplied by Spooncake.

### Next Meetings

**April 17th** Caroline Spinks: The Norfolk Wildlife Trust and their Wildlife in Common project featuring Broome Heath

**May 15th** Dr Joy Hawkins: Pockets Full of Posies? Surviving the Black Death the Medieval Way

Meetings are held in St John's Lecture Hall George Lane, at 1.30 pm.

All welcome. Admission £3 - includes light refreshments.

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## Loddon and Chedgrave District Society

### April 14th Sunday 10.00.am.

Meet and park at Hardley Church where coffee will be available.

Walk to Hardley Cross on the river Yare and then on to the Mill where a Ploughman's lunch and a hot pudding will be served.

Short Walk alternative: Park at the Staithe and walk. Lunch from 12.30 pm.

£8.00 each **Contact June 528853 before the 7<sup>th</sup> April.**

### April 24th Wednesday, BUNGAY 10.00 am.

WALK: Joanna will guide us on a spring walk round the meadows near Bungay.

Meet at the walkers car park by the Golf Course. Lunch at the Black Swan. Contact June 528853.

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..... *Loddon & Chedgrave District Society continued*

**May 1st Wednesday, 7.30 pm** Jubilee Hall, Loddon  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

Will Fitch the new warden at the Ted Ellis trust will be the speaker.  
Wine and Cheese to be served after conclusion of business.

**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. If the walk is called off due to inclement weather and we have booked lunch, we are happy to continue with the booking, giving everybody a chance to meet up. **Please read information carefully.**

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### Chet Valley Photography Club

Our meeting on **Monday 8th April** is 'Give a Child a Camera' by Julian Claxton. As a freelance photographer, Julian has travelled extensively and held numerous exhibitions. Provided with full access to British pro cycling team Sigma Sport Specialized, Julian joined them on their two week Tour of Britain race. He has also had the privilege of flying with the East Anglian Air Ambulance. He returns to Rwanda and Uganda each year where he runs a project called "Give a Child a Camera" which enables African children to tell their stories through the use of photography.

Julian's website is here [www.julianclaxtonphotography.com](http://www.julianclaxtonphotography.com)

If you would like to come along to our meetings please do. The club is open to everyone regardless of their photography knowledge or experience.

For more details please see our website [www.chetvalleyphotography.org.uk](http://www.chetvalleyphotography.org.uk)

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### Loddon and District Horticultural Society

Our next meeting on **Wednesday April 10th** will be our Spring Mini Show for members. This will take place in the Jubilee Hall, Loddon, at 7.30pm. Everybody welcome.

We have two events coming up in May: a talk on Roses by Kevin Smith, and our annual Plant Sale will be on the May 18th at The Jubilee Hall 10am – 12pm

If you would like any more information on our friendly society, please Ali Barwick on 07707 029940.

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### THE MENINGITIS SHOPS IN LODDON & CHEDGRAVE

will be holding a **FASHION SHOW** to raise funds for Meningitis research. It will be held on **Friday 5th April 2019** at The Hollies - High Street Loddon. Doors open at 6.00 p.m. to view clothes. Show starts at 7.00 p.m. Entry £3 on the door.

Local adults & children will be modelling new & nearly new clothes & accessories. Refreshments and a tombola on the night. We have the only shops in the UK fundraising for Meningitis research, so please support this fun event.

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## Royal British Legion–Loddon & District Branch



This year we remember the heroism and courage of the 200,000 allied and commonwealth forces who came from all corners of the globe to fight in the battles of Monte Cassino in Italy. Their service and sacrifice secured freedom and democracy in Italy, and, by tying down the enemy, prevented the German army from transferring more fighting forces to France. The battle lasted from January 1943 until May of that year and turned out to be one of the hardest fought battles of WW2.. We are proud that members of our branch will be travelling to Staffordshire on Saturday the 11th May so that Loddon resident Charlie Coleman, a veteran and survivor of the battle, can take part himself in the special 75th anniversary commemorative events laid on by the National Arboretum on that day.

The next branch meetings will be on **Mondays the 15th April and 20th May**, as usual at 7,30 in the King's Head. For Legion advice please phone branch

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## South Yare Wildlife Group

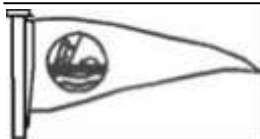


### **South Yare Wildlife Group AGM and The Broads : Past , Present and Future – conversations and stories.**

You are invited to join the South Yare Wildlife Group for their AGM followed by Simon Hooton, Head of Strategy and Projects at The Broads Authority, who will facilitate an interactive event, with conversations and stories about The Broads

Wednesday April 10th 19.30 to 21.00 at Claxton Village Hall,  
Claxton NR14 7AS

Free admission No booking required.



## **Coldham Hall Sailing Club.** Surlingham (NR14 6AN)

Coldham Hall Sailing Club is holding its Try Sailing sessions during June and July 2019. If you would like to learn to sail, this is the ideal opportunity.

We are running a 7 week program using a variety of dinghies and yachts on the River Yare – an introduction designed to get you on the water and able to sail independently.

Sessions will take place on Thursday evenings, Starting on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2019 (6.30 – 8.30pm).

We are also holding a “Push the Boat Out” open day on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:corbett01@btconnect.com)

Full Details on the club website. [www.coldhamhallsailingclub.co.uk](http://www.coldhamhallsailingclub.co.uk)

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## WHAT'S ON

<p>Wednesdays April 3rd and 10th 12 - 1.30pm</p>	<p>The last two <b>LENT LUNCHES</b> The Lecture Hall, George Lane, Loddon.</p>
<p>Friday April 5th Doors open 6.00pm</p>	<p><b>FASHION SHOW</b> to raise funds for Meningitis research. The Hollies - High Street Loddon. <i>See page 43</i></p>
<p>Friday April 5th 7.00pm</p>	<p><b>QUIZ AND CHIPS</b> St John's Lecture Hall , George Lane Raising funds for TEARFUND <i>See inside front cover</i></p>
<p>Friday April 12th 7.30pm</p>	<p><b>WINE &amp; SAVOURIES EVENING</b> Poplar Farm, Sisland <i>See inside front cover</i></p>
<p>Sunday April 14th from 2pm</p>	<p>Loddon Cooperative Day Centre <b>'Hot Cross Quiz'</b> <b>at the Brian Clarke Room.</b> Tickets : £5 per person. Teams of up to 4 people. Come and join us for the quiz (which won't be too difficult, promise!) and refreshments! Ring Bev on 01502 677077 for tickets.</p>
<p>Sunday April 21st 3.00 -7.00 pm.</p>	<p>Easter Sunday Afternoon Dance 60s and Country Music Dancing or listening to PAT JAMES and SUSAN JAYNE. At the Jubilee Hall LODDON. Tickets £6 Available from: Bevs Discount Shop, Church Plain Eileen 01508 520654 Mandy 01508 528588 Bar-Refreshments-Raffle Proceeds to Loddon and Chedgrave Jubilee Hall Maintenance Funds. <b>Registered Charity 285015</b></p>
<p>Saturday April 27th 7.30pm</p>	<p><b>ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH, LANGLEY</b> A CONCERT OF MUSIC FOR THE ORGAN <i>See page 11</i></p>

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<p>Saturday April 27th 7.30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>TO WAR WITH GOD</b> St John's Chapel <i>A drama set in the war</i> <i>Details inside front cover</i></p>
<p>Tuesday April 30th 7.30pm</p>	<p>Loddon &amp; District Business Association <b>Networking Event with buffet &amp; drinks</b> <i>See page 23</i></p>
<p>Wednesday April 30th 7.30pm</p>	<p>South Yare Wildlife Group AGM and The Broads : Past , Present and Future – conversations and stories. <i>See page 45</i></p>

Coming up in May

**FLOWER FESTIVAL**

**Seething Church**

May 4th, 5th and 6th

10.00am - 5.00pm

Preview evening Friday May 3rd at 7.00pm

Plant Stall and refreshments.

Enquiries to Gillian Balls 01508 528182

**CHEDGRAVE MS THERAPY CENTRE**

**COFFEE MORNING**

at the Centre

May 8th 10.00 a.m. - 12 noon

Tombola - Cakes stall - Raffle & bric a Brac

Everyone welcome to come and join in

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1<sup>st</sup> Loddon Scouts Group  
**'POP UP' GARAGE SALE**  
**In LODDON and CHEDGRAVE**  
Sunday 12th May 9.30am to 3pm

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 from 9th May  
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 Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2019

**Loddon and Chedgrave Annual  
Fun Dog Show 2019**

**12th May at the Jubilee Hall Playing Field**

Registrations commence from 11.30am

Events start at 12pm and end at 4pm

Events include "Fancy Dressed Hound"

Musical Dogs (chairs), and many others

Registrations cost £2 per dog/event

Many stalls are attending and there is still space available  
(£15 per 3m square)

Please contact us if wish to know more!

For more details please drop into Rosy Lees Tea Rooms  
or telephone us on 01508 520204

Event is held by and on behalf of the  
Chet Carnival and Community Group



**Wanted**

If anyone has a kitten (any type or colour) to rehome,  
please would you contact Mrs Walpole on 01508 548334  
Thank you.

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## Read Any Good Books Lately?

*Two are historical novels based on fact (but very different people, centuries and places) and one other novel which is bang up to date and, fittingly, all about books...*

### **“Three Sisters, Three Queens,” by Philippa Gregory**

A really good historical novel mainly about Margaret Tudor, who - at a very young age - became the wife of James IV of Scotland, and mother of James V. Margaret was the second oldest child of Henry VII of England, younger sister to Prince Arthur and older sister to Prince Henry, who was later to become Henry VIII.

The other two women of the title are Princess Mary Tudor\* who was briefly married to Louis, King of France until he died, and then went on to marry Charles Brandon, Duke of Suffolk. The third woman is, of course, Katherine of Aragon.

Throughout the book the author uses original letters from the women to each other, as well as letters from Margaret to Henry VIII. They contain fascinating details of the time.

In reading Three Sisters, Three Queens, a great deal can be learned about Scottish history prior to the time of Mary Queen of Scots and James VI. This isn't like a dry history lesson, though: anything but. If you often enjoy reading historical novels you may well find that this one breaks new ground for you. It is spellbindingly good!

\*Not to be confused with Mary Tudor who became known as Bloody Mary.

### **“Napoleon’s Lost Island,” by Thomas Keneally**

An extraordinary novel about Napoleon Bonaparte’s last exile on the island of St. Helena. The people living on the island had to adapt to having this very famous personage living alongside them, and not just adapt to him, but to his small entourage and numerous British officials and soldiers.

The story is told from the viewpoint of the young daughter of the man whose business it is to supply provisions to Napoleon. She forms an unlikely friendship with him - as do her parents, sister and brother - and the reader could almost believe she is writing this book, not Thomas Keneally! In this novel, friendship and trust, respect for each other, kindness and sadness are all explored by Keneally, who is always a humane writer. It's certainly not the usual image of Napoleon Bonaparte that that one has.

### **“The Readers of Broken Wheel Recommend,” by Katarina Bivald**

A quirky sort of story, this. A young woman from Sweden develops a pen-friendship with an elderly lady who lives in Broken Wheel, Iowa, USA. Both love books, and Amy (the old lady from Iowa) invites Sarah (from Sweden) to come and visit her for a holiday. Sarah has some savings, so she decides to do just that. When she arrives in Broken Wheel, however, things turn out rather surprisingly...

Katarina Bivald has written this story beautifully. It has lots of unusual and eccentric characters and is highly entertaining.

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Whatever the weather has been like since writing this (and it was quite warm at the end of February) we now know that Spring is here again. The first day was of course, 21st March, and the clocks going forward and Mother's Day too are all signs that bring it closer to mind.

Birds will already have paired up and many will have started nesting again. Rooks are always the first to begin and if you happen to be near a rookery you will have noticed the noise, at least. Unlike Crows, that nest in solitary pairs, Rooks nest together in very large groups and are clearly visible in the still bare branches of the highest trees they can find. Jackdaws tend to use sites in old buildings and are notorious for building nests in chimneys. All our favourite garden birds are nest building too. They time the hatching of their eggs to coincide with leaves bursting on the trees and the appearance of insects and caterpillars that also should be in abundance at this time. How clever is that?

Staying with birds, I was very pleased to see 3 Barn Owls hunting on Langley Marshes in February. After the previous wet spring Barn Owl numbers had plummeted so it's good to know that we still have some in the area. Barn Owls have no way of waterproofing their feathers so tend not to fly when it is wet which can make hunting for food very difficult and their young can easily starve in these conditions. Let's hope that this spring brings better weather for them and they manage to raise their chicks to increase numbers once again.

Of course, this month should see the return of Swallows, coming back to us once again from Africa to raise their chicks here. As we all know, numbers have been steadily decreasing in recent years along with many of our migrants. Let's hope that some make it this time. We all know the saying 'One swallow doesn't make a summer' - just imagine a summer with none.

If you managed to get to the meeting of the South Yare Wildlife Group on 14th March, you will now know all about the proposed 'Bee Line' project being set up by the National Conservation Group, Bug Life. As I understand it, the intention is to link existing designated wildlife areas across the country with corridors in gardens and roadside verges for insects, primarily Bees, to travel along. If this information has passed you by and you are interested please look on the South Yare website for ways you can help.

I had the news that, as Langley School needs a new connection to the main drain in Langley Road, a pipe is to be laid through the trees adjacent to the road to exit on the corner of Big Back Lane. This apparently necessitates the removal of several trees in the wood and also the rather beautiful young Beech tree that stands on the corner junction.

During my years as a tree warden, many of you will know that I worked closely and on a very regular basis with Eric Wilkinson, of Chedgrave and together we planted this tree. We spent a considerable time tending this sapling in its early years of growth as it struggled to maintain itself against the battle with the hedge behind. Now, at around 25 years old, it is a beautiful specimen about to spring to life for another year. That is, unless it's been cut down already. It seems this is a forgone conclusion. How sad is that?

*Carol..... 01508 500602 ..... chetcottchippy@hotmail.com*

**STOP PRESS ! It appears the tree has been saved!**

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## Gardening Notes

After a fantastic end to February, with record breaking temperatures, the weather has now reverted back to normal spring weather, wet and windy, but relatively mild, and as we need the rain it's not too bad, as long as it's at night time. If we do get another scorching hot summer you will find that gardens that are light and sandy will really suffer, so it might be a good idea to apply some mulch around your shrubs and trees which will help retain some moisture. Farmyard manure is very good for this, as it feeds the plants as well as acting as a mulch. We sell this in bags so it's easy to handle.

Bedding and perennial plants are available to plant out now, so prepare the ground by applying some general purpose fertiliser - a handful per square metre will do - and rake it into the soil. Plant the plants and water well. Make sure the plants don't dry out for the first week or two until the roots get established, and keep the weeds under control so they don't compete with the plants for water and food.

Hardy annual flower seeds can be sown out where the plants are to flower. Make sure the soil is weed free and level, sow the seeds and rake in, making sure to cover as many seeds as possible. Apply a little water - too much will cap the soil and stop the seeds from germinating. Remove any thin plants to allow the strong plants room to grow.

In the veg garden sow main crop potatoes, peas, beans, salad crops and over wintering brassicas. The brassica plants should be planted out in late May/early June when they are about 6" tall.

If you have room in your greenhouse, sow into peat pots some runner beans, sweetcorn, pumpkins, and melons. These can be planted outside in May when its warm enough.

Tomato plants will need daily attention as the temperatures warm up. Keep the soil around the plants damp, and take off the side shoots as they appear. This will encourage the plants to grow straight, and more energy will go into producing flowers, and hence tomatoes.

Lawns are growing well and looking good. Most of the damage done by last year's drought seems to have been repaired naturally, so you just need to get rid of the moss and weeds that appear every spring. We have a great offer on weed feed and moss killer. It's only £18.99 for a 500m<sup>2</sup> bag, hopefully the best deal you will find anywhere.

Paths, patios and driveways that are green, dirty and slippery should be pressure washed and treated to stop the algae coming back for several months. If you can't manage this yourself give me a call as we provide a cleaning service. You can then sit outside in the warmer weather and enjoy your surroundings.

We are now at that lovely time of year of warmer days and lighter evenings, just right for spending time working in your garden.

*Andrew Carver Loddon Garden and DIY*

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