Village News

Spring has arrived and with it some beautiful weather and stacks of floral colour. The daffodils at the front of the church and on Upper Green cheer my heart whenever I drive past them and every day there is another bush or tree bursting out in pink, yellow or white.

Things to bring your attention in this month's magazine;

- Please note on page 5 the Easter Opening Times for the Community Shop.
- If you want to get out and about either with or without the children, take a look at all the events planned for Bradfield Woods on pages 10 and 11; we are so lucky to have this resource right on our doorstep.
- The WI meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> April is an open meeting when non-members are encouraged to attend and see what the WI is all about. Joining the WI is a great way to meet new people and make lasting friendships as well as learning all sorts of new things and having fun along the way.
- Joan's trip on the 16<sup>th</sup> April is a monthly coach trip for anyone to join in with.
   Details for this month's trip can be found on page 13.

Have a good Easter and if you don't see much of me this month then that's because I'll be busy in the lambing shed!

Jo

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# **Dates For Your Diary**

9<sup>th</sup> April – WI Open Meeting, VH 8.00pm 16<sup>th</sup> April – Joan's Trip, Meet in VH Car Park 9.30am 20<sup>th</sup> April – Film Club, VH Bar open 7.00pm, Film starts 7.30pm

4<sup>th</sup> May - 12<sup>th</sup> Night Band, VH Doors open 7.30pm

## WHAT'S ON IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Yoga: Classes every Monday evening 6.00pm

 $\underline{W.I.}$ : Meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month at 7.30pm

<u>Carpet Bowls</u>: Meets on the  $2^{nd}$  &  $4^{th}$  Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm

<u>Table Tennis</u>: Meets on the  $1^{st}$  &  $3^{rd}$  Wednesday of each month 7.30pm

Whist Drive: Meets on the third Friday of each month at 7.30pm Film Night: Shows 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month. Doors 7.00pm for 7.30pm

#### **COMPLAINTS**

### **SUGGESTIONS**

#### COMPLIMENTS

The Village News team would welcome your feedback Do you have any comments about what we do, what's going well, anything you'd like us to change.

Please feel free to contact us: Email – jsthorticulture@btinternet.com Phone – Jo Tavernor 01449 737793

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Sat	12pm-3pm	5pm-11pm			
Sun	12pm-6pm	1			

# Felsham and Gedding Community Store



# Easter Opening Times

Good Friday: 9am - 11am Saturday: 8am - 1pm Easter Sunday: 9am - 11am Easter Monday: 9am - 11am

Newspapers as normal

# FELSHAM & GEDDING VILLAGE HALL SOCIAL CLUB



## **SATURDAY 20TH APRIL**

## **WIDOWS**

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## Felsham and Gedding W.I. March Meeting 2019

Despite gale force winds and torrential downpours the ladies of the F.& G. W.I. turned up in force to listen to Bryan Thurlow who proved to be a most entertaining and amusing speaker.

The business side swiftly dealt with we were then treated to a TATTIFILARIOUS evening as Ken Dodd would have said.

Mr Thurlow had been smitten with music hall style of entertainment since he saw The Good Old Days on television. A fascination he shared with Roy Hudd and together they formed the Hudd Music Hall Archive.

We were given a brief history of the evolvement of music hall entertainment which started in the Song and Supper Halls (taverns) of the 1830s and by 1870 there were more than 70 music halls across London – in Colchester in the late 1800s there were 30.

It proved to be a rip roaring time as Mr.T. went from a song to an impersonation to an absolute tongue twister, then on to quite saucy tales of the type of acts being performed. You can imagine they were bawdy places and needless to say the interest of the do-gooders — Temperance movement types was aroused as they tried to save the audiences from themselves. To no avail -Variety Shows went from strength to strength reaching a peak of popularity in the 1950s and 60s.

Mr.T. was a very accomplished performer (he had been in the T.V. series Hi-de-Hi) and I'm sure you may well have seen him when he performed all over Suffolk with Mary Alexander (a singer in the four piece Berkeley Squares with Gloria Stewart) in the 70s and 80s.

We enjoyed an evening of merriment – I am recounting to anybody I meet one of the risqué tales I heard and still finding it hard not to laugh (stop me and I would be very happy to share it with you)

#### **Next month**

**YumYum Tree Fudge** (a Thurston based company) will be giving a short talk on their business in the village hall.

All are welcome as I am told there will be tastings and opportunity to buy, so do come along as all villagers are welcome.

8.00p.m.Tuesday 9th April in the Village Hall.



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#### THORPE MORIEUX AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB.

The members of The Thorpe Morieux and District Gardening Club this month enjoyed a refreshing change from the normal monthly meeting which usually consists of a presentation from a visiting speaker.



On the 18<sup>th</sup> March this year the club made good use of the wealth of gardening knowledge and skill already available within the membership. Entitled "Gardeners Question Time" a panel of home-grown experts led by Carol Bailey, the club's unofficial head gardener, and accompanied by Derek Marr, Patricia Everitt and Jane Catermole faced an enthusiastic barrage of questions from the

members present at this well attended meeting.

This proved to be a great success with questions ranging from: - Choice of compost, tree trimming, controlling the growth of herbs, mice in the peas, what best to do with long established asparagus beds, and when one can begin to harvest rhubarb. Quite a range of questions and many more including some specimens brought in for identification or treatment advice. These questions were competently dealt with by the panel with an occasional conflicting response all contributing to a very informative and enjoyable evening.

This month's competition for the Home Pride Trophy was to produce a coffee and walnut sponge cake from a given recipe. Derek Marr, a member of the panel, judged the gallant entries and took great care to taste before making his decision. A delighted Kylie Sheppard was declared the winner.

The chairman, Glynis Wash, concluded the meeting by thanking the panel of experts and complimented them on their skilful replies and wealth of knowledge. The members present showed their appreciation with a loud and warm burst of applause.



Sid Broughton.



# **Bradfield Woods**



## Mondays 10am - 11.30am

Wild Tots

For families with children under 5 years £5 per child per session, £4 for block bookings, please book

## Thursday 4th April 4pm - 5.30pm

Go Wild! After School Club For children aged 6 -12 years £4 per child, please book

#### Friday 5 April 10am - 2.30pm

Wild and Well For Adults

Spend a morning in the woods practising mindfulness and nature connection techniques, cook lunch over the fire, spend the afternoon whittling and crafting.

£15 per person, please book

### Monday 8 April 10am - 11.30am

Wild Tots & Family
Forest School activities for all the family
£5 per tot, £2 per older sibling, please book

## Monday 8 April 1pm – 4pm

Wild in The Woods
For teens and Young Adults with additional needs or disabilities
Den building and bushcraft activities
£7 per person, please book

### Tuesday 9 April 10.30am - 12.30pm

Woodland Adventure
For Families
Den building, woodland trail and craft activities
£4 per child, £2 per adult, please book



# **April Events**



### Wednesday 10 April 10.30am - 12.30pm

Woodland Day Camp
For children aged 6 – 11 years
Den building, fire making and woodland crafts
£7 per child, please book

### Saturday 14 April 10am - 4pm

Introduction to Pole Lathe Turning
For Adults

Learn to cleave and prepare green wood for the pole lathe. Use traditional tools and techniques to turn small items.

£60 + £10 materials per adult, please book

#### Saturday 27 April 9.30am - 4.30pm

Rake Making For Adults

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# Joan's Trips

Our next outing will be a visit to:

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on Tuesday 16th April

Seats will cost £12 and the coach will leave the Village Hall car park at 9.30am.

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	<u> </u>	
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> April	9.30am Communion	Bradfield St George
5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent/Passion Sunday	11am Communion	Bradfield St Clare
	6pm Six2seven – with Richard Stainer talking about the Kagera Lent appeal	Felsham Village Hall
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> April Palm Sunday	Walk of witness, starting at Gedding at 10am, 11am Communion service at Felsham	
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	7pm Compline & talk	Bradfield St Clare
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	7pm Compline & talk	Bradfield St Clare
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	7pm Compline & talk	Bradfield St Clare
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> April	7pm Maundy Thursday Communion & Footwashing	Bradfield St Clare
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	2pm Good Friday Meditations	Bradfield St George
	9.30am Family Service	Felsham
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> April	9.30am Communion BCP	Gedding
Easter Day	10am Communion	Cockfield
	11am Communion	Bradfield St Clare
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	9.30am Morning Prayer	Bradfield St George
Second Sunday of Easter	9.30am Morning Prayer BCP	Gedding
Lastei	11am Communion	Cockfield

A service of Celtic Morning Prayer is held every Tuesday at Cockfield at 9am

A service of Celtic Evening Prayer is held every Thursday at Bradfield St Clare at 5pm

All are welcome – these services are approximately 15 minutes in duration.

Please note these services may be subject to change – for up-to-date service times see the benefice website at **www.cockfieldbenefice.com** 

Dear Friends,

As I write this article we are about to enter the third week of Lent, the weather has been pretty dire, and we face yet another week of challenges for our parliamentarians. We have also been utterly shocked by the recent events in New Zealand.

There seems to me to be two things happening to humanity; first of all we are not stewarding our planet and the environment as we should, and secondly we are not treating each other as we should. The result of both is that lives are being lost as a direct result of our behaviour.

This makes me very sad – and I suspect many others feel this way too. It also makes us feel helpless in the face of so much human misery and distress.

However, into this mess comes a ray of light, a glimpse of hope, a new dawn for humanity, in the shape of Jesus Christ, our resurrected Lord. Jesus had to pass through the dark portals of death before he breathed new life — and this is how it seems to be for the whole earth today. We have to reach rock bottom before we can rise up again to reach light and new life, and we do this through the saving power of Jesus, God's son.

This is the Easter hope – that we, as God's children, will be passing from darkness to light.

I do hope that you will be able to join us on Easter Day at one of our services in the benefice – and enjoy singing with us, 'Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia'

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Thurston Community College's children will potentially benefit from changes in how their mental health and emotional wellbeing is supported, after taking part in a county-wide report focusing on the challenges young people face in and out of school.

Healthwatch Suffolk's "My Health, Our Future" project highlights troubling statistics surrounding body image, self-harm, exam stress, cyberbullying, and social media use, including the shocking revelation that a quarter of female students aged 16 say they have self-harmed.

Released this month, the full report – which over two years has gathered almost 14,000 responses from people aged 11 to 19 – can be downloaded directly from the Healthwatch Suffolk website at www.healthwatchsuffolk.co.uk.

With every participating school having received a tailored report detailing their student's responses, it is hoped that the findings will continue to drive vital changes in curriculum and policy.

If your child or family feel that they need support, you can get in touch with the Children and Young People's Emotional Wellbeing Hub on 0345 600 2090, or find further contact details for information and advice for young people in Suffolk by visiting The Source at <a href="http://www.thesource.me.uk">http://www.thesource.me.uk</a>.



## Red Velvet Cake

Prep Time 15 mins Cook Time 25 mins Total Time 40 mins

#### Ingredients

- 1/2 cup (120g) unsalted butter, at room temperature
- 1 1/2 cups (300g) caster sugar (or fine white granulated sugar)
- 2 large eggs
- 1/4 cup cooking oil
- 1 tablespoon (10g) unsweetened cocoa powder plus 1 tablespoon extra for dusting
- 2 1/2 tablespoons (45ml) red food colouring (liquid, not gel)
- 2 teaspoons (10ml) pure vanilla extract
- 1 tablespoon (20ml) white vinegar
- 2 1/2 cups (350g) plain cake flour, sifted (or all purpose/plain flour)
- 1 teaspoon baking soda (bi-carb soda)
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup (250ml) buttermilk\*

#### Cream Cheese Frosting:

- 14 ounces (400g) cream cheese (not spreadable), at room temperature
- 1/2 cup (120g) unsalted butter, at room temperature
- 2 teaspoons pure vanilla extract
- 4 cups confectioners (or icing) sugar
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice (optional -- adds subtle hint of lemon)

#### Instructions

#### For Cake:

- Heat oven to 350°F | 175°C. Lightly grease two 8-inch cake pans with butter or nonstick oil spray and lightly dust with 1 tablespoon of the sifted cocoa powder.
- Cream butter and sugar together until light in colour. Add eggs one at a time, beating well after each addition to combine well.
- In a smaller bowl, mix together oil, remaining cocoa powder, red food colouring and vanilla until smooth. Stir colour mixture and vinegar through the creamed sugar mixture to combine.
- 4. Sift together flour, baking soda and salt in a separate bowl. Add half of the dry ingredients and half of the buttermilk to the wet ingredients; mix well. Repeat with remaining dry ingredients and buttermilk.



Divide batter among the 2 prepared pans and bake for about 25 to 30
minutes, or until a toothpick inserted into the centre of the cake comes out
clean. Cool on a wire rack completely.

#### For Cream Cheese Frosting:

 Beat together cream cheese, butter and vanilla until smooth lighter in colour (about 3-4 minutes). Beat in icing sugar until frosting is light and fluffy (if frosting is too thin, add more icing sugar and beat again until reaching your desired consistency).

Optional if using: mix in the lemon juice.

#### Assemble Cake:

- Transfer 1 cake onto a serving dish/plate, flat-side down. Trim the top dome
  off of the cake to create a flat bottom later. Scoop about 1 1/2 2 cups
  of frosting onto cake and spread evenly over the top.
- 2. Place second cake layer on top and use remaining frosting to cover top and sides of cake.
- Crumble trimmed pieces of cake to decorate.

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#### CHOIR TOASTS COUNCILLORS!

Stowmarket Mayor, Cllr Linda Baxter, has presented a grant of £500 from the Town Council to local choral society Stowmarket Chorale, towards the cost of its forthcoming concert of Brahms' Requiem which will take place on 30 March in Stowmarket.

The choir has responded by toasting the Councillors at a recent fundraising event. Chairman Roger Pooler said

"We would like to thank the Town Councillors for subsidising this exciting concert. To bring high quality live classical music to Stowmarket, we have to hire top professional musicians – conductor, instrumentalists and solo singers. Our ticket prices need to be affordable by all, so they rarely come close to covering our costs.

"We are truly grateful for this help with the cost of the venue hire and publicity for our Brahms concert. With our charismatic new Music Director, Tom Appleton, we have been working hard to learn this fabulous music to a really high standard – including perfecting our German – so it is going to be a great concert".

In addition to the hugely popular Brahms *Requiem*, the programme will include Mendelssohn's soaring piece, *Hear My Prayer*, and moving and interesting works by Purcell and Britten.

The concert is at 7.30pm on Saturday 30 March at the United Reformed Church, Stowmarket, IP14 1AD, and tickets cost £15 (Children / students free) from 07901 758009 or www.stowmarketchorale.org.uk or on the door.



Roger Pooler, Chairman of Stowmarket Chorale, receives the cheque from Cllr Baxter while members of the choir raise a glass to the Town councillors



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We have 2 games per week. One on a Wednesday & one on Saturday.

The Wednesday game is charged at 50p per number and if your number comes up you win £15. The Saturday game is charged at £1 per number and for that game if you number is drawn you win £30.

The 59 Club is run on behalf of the Village Hall Management Committee, and raises funds for the Village Hall. So every little bit really does help!

If you would like to take part, or need more information, please get in contact with me: steven1515@yahoo.co.uk or 01449737040.

Thank you, Steven



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Buses to and from Bury St Edmunds - Wednesdays only

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Buses to and from Stowmarket - Monday to Saturday

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