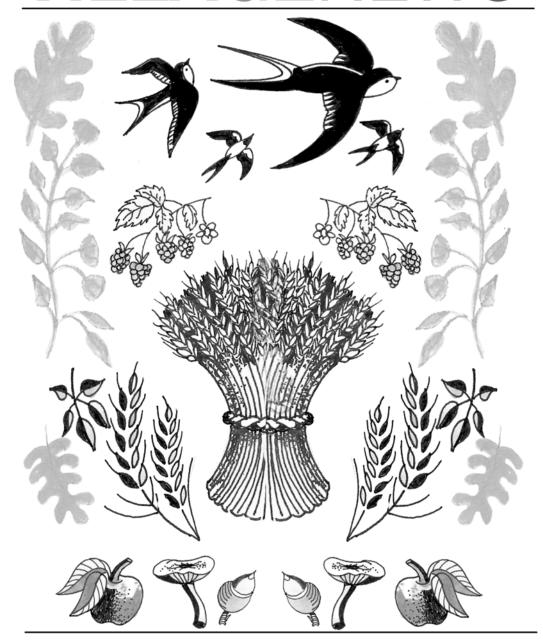
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september 2023

VILLAGENEWS





to the September edition of your Felsham and Gedding Village News.

The downpours we had recently certainly seem to have had an affect on the flora and fauna in our garden! Runner beans coming out of our ears and the grass is growing at a rate of knots.

It was interesting to look at photos that we took in July/August last year and compare them with the same time in 2023 – our pond was bone dry and the ground was all yellow and brown. What a difference a year can make. Its always reassuring when there's still some water about. Long dry spells are likely to be the norm in the future though, so the data suggests.

Life continues apace in the village. It has been good to see the pub doing a good trade recently, and congratulations should go to those involved with the recent cake-off which raised £340 for Breast Cancer Awareness.

I was only able to squeeze in a flying visit but the slice of Victoria Sponge I wolfed down was delicious!

One thing to watch out for is the fundraising campaign to get the bells rehung in the church which kicks off soon (there's an information page in here).

Phil.

the editor

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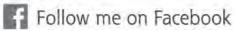
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We look forward to seeing you

Beryl Meed

PAUL JELL

A huge thank you to everyone who has sent cards, letters and flowers expressing their concerns for Paul, myself and the family at this very sad and sorrowful time.

We are grateful to you all for the love and support you have given us and continue to give to myself.

Thank you to Reverend Canon Sharon for leading such a lovely service.

Special thanks to Jo who created the floral spray for the coffin and indeed to Jo, Rosemarie and Jan who decorated the church splendidly. Thanks also to Jane and Carol who grew most of the flowers. I was so pleased with all the flowers and the music. Thank you, Elizabeth and Llewelyn, for the beautiful music. Thank you all for being there and in great voice. Paul would have been amazed.

Thank you,

Sue and family.

If you want to listen to the special song Llewelyn played you can find it on his website: www.welsh-harpist.com



Village Hall Events (



Save the dates

More details to follow....

- 80's DISCO! Saturday 7th October
- Quiz Night! Saturday 25th November
- Christmas Fayre Sunday 10th December
- Twelfth Night Saturday 6th January
- Panto! 26th and 27th January



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Canon Sharon 01284-828599 or 07825 086063

FAGENDS PANTOMIME

The next Fagends pantomime will be Robinson Crusoe and the Pirates (performances at the end of January 2024.)

The first meeting is on...

Tuesday 5th September in the village hall at 7.30pm.

All welcome!

Looking forward to seeing you all.

Oh yes, we are!!!!!

THE STABLE at Mullion Barn



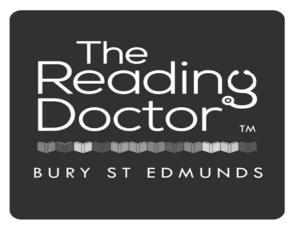
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Currently, the tower houses six bells. The oldest dates from around 1475! The bells are unringable at the moment, due to the condition of the frame and fittings in the belfry which have been in place since the late 1800s and are worn out. The bells were last rung together sometime around 2009.

We are keen to have the bells retuned, rehung and augmented to a ring of 8 or 9 bells in a new strengthened bell-frame so that they can once again be heard across the village and fields beyond for services, to celebrate special occasions and for the enjoyment of villagers and ringing enthusiasts alike!

The restoration work will be part of a package of measures being planned to preserve and improve the fabric of the building for the benefit of the whole village.

We have sought quotes to have the bell work carried out and need to raise in the region of £100,000. There are grants available to fund the work, but we are required to raise a certain amount ourselves to qualify for most of them.

We'll therefore be launching a fundraising campaign to help get the ball rolling! More information and a short film about the appeal will be appearing soon so keep your eyes peeled!

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SHARON SPEAKS...

Dear Friends

The beginning of September often feels like the start of a new year – and that's probably because it heralds the start of the new academic year. I'm sure there are many of you with children who can't wait for the new school term to start, or perhaps some of you who will find it hard if your child is just starting school. Letting go of our children at key points in their lives can be both exhilarating and frightening at the same time.

As I write this, we are nearing the end of our (reinstated after the pandemic) annual benefice holiday club at Cockfield Village Hall. We've had around 20 children of primary school age each morning enjoying songs, games, crafts, puppetry and a drama involving the adult leaders – which always brings much laughter. This year the week was entitled 'We're going on a Safari' and has involved thinking about all God's creatures, and the love that God has for us all.

One of the things I enjoy about working with children in our primary schools (we now have Gt Whelnetham as well as Cockfield in our benefice) is the way in which children can be so honest. It's a shame that we can't always be honest as adults, but we learn as we grow that some things are best left unsaid to avoid unnecessary pain and suffering.

My hope is that by the end of the week the children will know that they are loved, by God, and by us, and that they can always rely on Him - if they choose to do so. And that although being honest is sometimes a difficult thing to be, with God's help we can learn how to react in any situation that we are faced with.

Yours in Christ

Sharon

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COCKFIELD BENEFICE SERVICES AND EVENTS SEPTEMBER 2023

	9.30am Communion CW - Stanningfield		
Sunday 3 September Trinity 13	10am Morning Prayer CW - Cockfield		
	11am Communion CW - Bradfield St Clare		
	6pm Celtic-style Communion - Felsham		
	9.30am Said Communion BCP - Cockfield		
Sunday 10 September Trinity 14 Climate Sunday	11am Communion CW - Bradfield St George		
onate ournary	6pm Praise & Worship - Gt Whelnetham		
	10am All-age Worship - Felsham		
Sunday 17 September	10.30am Communion CW - Cockfield		
Trinity 15	4pm Pet Service - Stanningfield		
	6pm Evening Prayer - Bradfield St Clare		
Saturday 23 September	Crafts - Food - Story. All children welcome with carer/parent. 3-5pm. Venue tbc		
	9.30am Communion CW - Gt Whelnetham		
Sunday 24 September Trinity 16	10am Worshipping Together - Bradfield St George		
	10am Communion BCP - Gedding		

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

A service of Celtic Morning Prayer is held every Tuesday at Cockfield at 9am and at Stanningfield every Thursday at 9am. A prayer group meets every Wednesday at 2pm via zoom link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7957788617 Meeting ID: 795 778 8617 Passcode: 872072

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURS
4	5	6	
F&G & FRIENDS GROUP			
VH 2.30PM	FAGENDS MEETING, 7.30PM, VH	TABLE TENNIS	
		VH 7.30PM	MERMAID FISH VHCP 5.50 -
11	12	13	
		CARPET BOWLS	
		VH 7.30PM	MERMAID FISH VHCP 5.50 -
18	19	20	
	PARISH COUNCIL,	TABLE TENNIS	
	7.30PM, VH	VH 7.30PM	MERMAID FISH VHCP -5.50
25	26	27	
		CARPET BOWLS	COFFEE MORNING 11AM, VH
	VH 7.30PM		MERMAID FISH VHCP -5.50

VH - Village Hall VHCP -Village Hall Car Park

DAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
	FRESH FISH VHCP 10.30 AM BROWN BIN	2 RECYCLING BIN	3
7 & CHIPS 6.30PM	8 FRESH FISH VHCP 10.30 AM BLACK BIN	9	10
BROWN BIN & CHIPS, 6.30PM	15 FRESH FISH VHCP 10.30 AM RECYCLING BIN	16	17
VILLAGE FRIENDS VH 2.00PM & CHIPS 6.30PM	FRESH FISH VHCP 10.30 AM Library Van, 10.10 Gedding & 11.40 VHCP BLACK BIN	23	28
28 BROWN BIN & CHIPS 6.30PM	29 RECYCLING BIN	30	

RECIPE CORNER

Frying Pan Filo Tart

Ingredients

- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 4 spring onions, sliced
- 1 courgette, halved lengthways and sliced
- 100g frozen peas
- 100g sugar snap peas or mangetout, trimmed
- 400g can butter beans, drained
- 150ml reduced-fat crème fraîche
- ½ small bunch of mint, leaves picked and chopped
- ½ lemon, zested
- 3 sheets filo pastry
- 1 egg, beaten
- 25g feta, crumbled
- salad leaves, to serve (optional)

STEP 1

Heat ½ tbsp oil in a 20cm-wide skillet or ovenproof frying pan, and fry the spring onions and courgettes for 5 mins until lightly golden. Stir in the frozen peas and sugar snap peas and cook for a few minutes until the peas have defrosted. Tip in the butter beans, crème fraîche and 50ml water. Stir, then bubble for 2-3 mins until the sauce coats the greens. Transfer to a bowl, then stir in the mint and lemon zest. Season.

STEP 2

Clean the pan and heat the oven to 200C/180C fan/gas 6. Use 1 tbsp oil to brush the filo sheets all over, then stack them up. Add the filo stack to the pan, pressing it into the base and leaving plenty of overhang. You can cut the filo sheets in half, then use them to line the pan, if you find that easier.

STEP 3

Mix the egg into the greens and crème fraîche mixture, then spoon over the stack of filo. Scatter over the feta, then scrunch up the overhanging filo around the sides to make a crust. Brush the exposed filo with the remaining oil.

STEP 4

Return the pan to the heat and cook for 5 mins to crisp the filo base. Transfer to the oven and bake for 20-25 mins until the filo is fully crisp and golden, and the filling has set. Cut into wedges and serve with some salad leaves, if you like.



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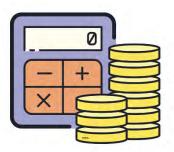
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SEVERAL FACTS ABOUT SEPTEMBER...

September was originally the seventh month of the year.

September derives its name from the Latin word "septem," which means "seven". This is because, in the original Roman calendar, September was actually the seventh month of the year. It was only later that the calendar was adjusted to include the months of January and February.

September is the only month not named after a Roman deity.

As mentioned, September comes from the Latin word "septem". The other months in the Gregorian calendar are named after Roman gods and goddesses. Just to name a few: January (Janus, the god of beginnings and transitions), March (Mars, the god of war), July (Julius Caesar), and August (Augustus Caesar).

September is the only month with the same number of letters in its name as the number of the month (9).

Did you know that September is the only month of the year with the same number of letters in its name as the number of the month? That's right – "September" has nine letters, just like the number of the month (9). It's a fun little fact that sets this month apart from all the others.

September 22 is the autumnal equinox.

On September 22nd or 23rd, depending on the year, the September equinox occurs. This is when the sun is directly above the equator, and day and night are nearly equal in length. In the Northern Hemisphere, this marks the start of fall. And in the Southern Hemisphere, it marks the beginning of spring.

The birthstone for September is sapphire.

If you're born in September, Sapphire is your birthstone. This precious gemstone is often associated with loyalty, truth, and sincerity, and often symbolizes wisdom and purity. Thus, many believe that <u>Virgos</u> (August 23 – September 22) are wise and highly analytical. On the other hand, <u>Libras</u> (September 23 – October 22) are pure-spirited. They are all about peace and harmony.





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