

# CONTACT

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*Evening Sky at Langley  
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# **Chet Valley Churches All Saints, Chedgrave**

**Come to the Quiz and Supper  
on 26<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

**Starting at 7:00 pm, a supper of baked  
potatoes + fillings and delicious  
puddings from Spooncake will be  
interspersed with quiz rounds.  
Suitable for all ages.**

**£8.00 full price; concessions £6.50;  
families £25.00**

***Come on your own or as a group—  
each table of eight will play as a team.***

***A ballotin of Rev Richard's hand-made chocolates for the winners***

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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/#)  
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# Editorial



I'm writing this while on holiday in Wales, in Snowdonia, surrounded by mountains and valleys, and, more often than not, with Snowdon itself visible on the skyline. On previous visits the top of Snowdon has often been hidden in cloud, but this year it's been possible on most days to see its distinctive peak. The scenery is truly awe inspiring, and quite often the opening words of Psalm 121 have come to mind: 'I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord.....'. It's been a wonderful few days, and I've enjoyed every minute, but tomorrow we go back home to Norfolk, and I shall welcome its big skies and the sense of space. I've lived in Norfolk now for 63 years, 61 of them in Loddon, and no matter where I go, Norfolk and Loddon are where I want to be.

So what of Loddon and The Chet Valley? As is usual, September provides us with the opportunity to keep busy, with something happening every weekend as well as all the usual club and society activities! One special event is the Flower Festival in Holy Trinity Church, 'Welcome to the 1950's', which celebrates Loddon Flower Club's 60th birthday, and don't forget the Horticultural Society's Annual Open Show. If anyone has managed to grow any prize vegetables this year, they certainly deserve a prize! The flowers on my runner beans and courgettes just shrivelled away in the heat! I only had a few plants, and they grew so well to begin with, but I think I picked just 8 runner beans and about 6 courgettes! But the good news is that I have hedgehogs in my garden!

September is usually a beautiful month, as Keats writes in his famous poem, *To Autumn*: 'the 'season of mists and mellow fruitfulness....'. It's also the start of the school and college/university year, and we wish all our young people well. 'School Report' on page 27, from our local headteachers, shows us that our schools, their staff and pupils, are something to be proud of.

And - dare I say it? - it will soon be Christmas!

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## All Choices Great and Small

As I write this it is far too hot for me. I'm definitely not a sun-seeker, preferring cooler temperatures and breezy days. But obviously I can't choose.

Having a choice is something our society values. It's good to be able to choose our lifestyle rather than have someone else's preferences forced on us. But I wonder if we sometimes have too much choice?

It is a known fact that if people are offered too many choices they stop being able to make decisions. It happens with any choices, whether they are about big things or insignificant ones. Of course if it's just a question of which cereal to choose if your usual one is not available it doesn't really matter much, but some other questions do.

Back at the beginning of August we ran a Holiday Club where we looked at some of the amazing things Jesus did and some of his memorable sayings. There were occasions when he healed people, when he fed people and when he stopped them being afraid. None of these were done in order to show off, but because he wanted to share God's love with ordinary folk. He wanted to offer them a chance to choose to live within the power and love of God.

The church today is made up of ordinary folk. Mostly we're people with ordinary lives who live in an ordinary place. But if you talk to us you'll find there is something extraordinary about us – we have experienced God's love and we'd like to share it with you too.

We all make choices about how we would like to live, and whose teachings we follow. I've chosen to follow the teachings of Jesus – if you'd like to know why I think that's a good idea, I'd be happy to chat.

David O.  
01508 522 993

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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.



### **September 6th 12.30**

Fish & chip lunch followed by Music & Movement with Maveen Shulver

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

### Small Groups

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

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

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



### Monday Mardles

If you like a relaxed and informal chat with others or are looking to meet some new friends, join us at a Monday Mardles for refreshments and to swap books at Chedgrave Church Rooms.

Mardles are held every **Monday between 10:00 am and 12:00 noon.** Come and go as you choose.

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

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



### Xtra!

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

Refreshments, activities from 3.15. Service starts 3.45.

More from Reverend David 522993 or Reverend Alison 528126

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SPECIAL EVENTS

# NAT KING COLE TRIBUTE SHOW

7.30 pm

Friday

31st August

Holy Trinity

Church

Loddon

**Tickets £9, including wine/light refreshments,  
from: Church Office: 01508 521179;  
Val Counter: 01508 520702 or on the door  
Proceeds to the Church in Loddon**

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## CEILIDH

at Langley with Hardley village hall

**Sat 8th September at 7.30pm.**

Music provided by the local band Zaramo.

There will be a ploughman's plate of food, a bar and raffle.

Tickets £12 from Jill Haylock 01508 520248

or email [jillhaylock@aol.com](mailto:jillhaylock@aol.com) (by 1st September please)

*To raise funds for Sisland Church*

## COFFEE MORNING

Chris and Bryon Sparkes are holding a Coffee Morning

at 25, Low Bungay Road

**Saturday 15th September from 10.00 - 12.00**

Cakes - Scones - Raffle - Bring & Buy

*Any items that could be sold would be gratefully received.*

*Proceeds for The Church in Loddon*

## ST MICHAEL'S, LANGLEY

THE AVENUES, LANGLEY, NR14 6BL

(Parking in the field adjacent to the Church)

## HANDEL

### WITH CARE

POPULAR VOCAL AND INSTRUMENTAL HITS BY GEORGE FREDERIC HANDEL

**7.30pm Saturday 29 September**

Tickets: £8.50 Adults £7.50 Friends £2.00 Children/Students

(includes interval wine/soft drink, nibbles and post concert coffee/tea and biscuits) *Concert proceeds will go towards refurbishment of the Church*

## A RETURN TO 'THE GOOD OLD DAYS'

Home Grown Delights presents a return, decade by decade, to the grand days of The Music Hall. Mr Simon Peck, that noted purveyor of ales, will be leading the Company as Master of Ceremonies ably assisted by that wizard of the latest electronic keyboard Mr Paul Mizen. We invite you to come dressed for the occasion with shawls & bonnets (ladies only please) and in good voice for a finale rendition of "Down at the Old Bull & Bush". Mouth-watering refreshments, including fortifying beverages, will be served in the interval and the price for this evening of incomparable entertainment is £9.00 per person. (Under 16s free). Tickets are available from The Church Office, St John's Chapel or Mrs Val Counter 01508520702. The evening commences at **7.30pm on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October in Holy Trinity Church.**

**THANK YOU** to everyone who supported the Sisland Strawberry Tea at Lodge Farm. The PCC is very grateful for all donations.

*The October 'Contact' will be published on September 20th*

## From the Parish Registers



### MARRIAGES

NICHOLAS DAVID EYRE     March 24th Holy Trinity  
MARGARET ROSE FEGAN

ALEX ROBERT WIDDRINGTON     June 16th Holy Trinity  
REBECCA LOUISE BANHAM

JOSEPH EDWARD MILLER     July 14th Holy Trinity  
HARRIET JANE IZOD

ARNOLD MATTHEW HUGHES     August 4th Holy Trinity  
JASMINE ELIZABETH BEASLEY

STEPHEN KENNETH DALEY     August 18th Holy Trinity  
CAROLE ELIZABETH ASHMORE

SPENCER CONRAD HART     September 1st  
& ABBIE TURNER     St Michael's Langley

### PRAYER & DEDICATION following a Civil Marriage

DAVID WRIGHT & SASKIA BAUER     July 28th Holy Trinity

### RENEWAL OF MARRIAGE VOWS

PAUL & SALLYANN CLARKE     August 1st Holy Trinity

#### A MARRIAGE BLESSING:

*God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, bless, preserve and keep you; the Lord mercifully grant you the riches of his grace, that you may please him both in body and soul, and, living together in faith and love, may receive the blessings of eternal life.*     Common Worship

### FUNERALS

PAMELA KENNY who died on June 9th aged 73 years  
Funeral: July 2nd, Holy Trinity, Loddon

MARGARET HART who died on June 14th aged 91 years  
Funeral: July 12th, St Margaret's, Hardley

JAMES (JIM) BELL who died on June 22nd aged 71 years  
Funeral: July 19th, Holy Trinity, Loddon

MARGARET WESTWOOD who died on July 26th aged 82 years  
Funeral: August 24th, Holy Trinity, Loddon

All of the above funerals were followed by  
cremation at Waveney Crematorium

*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*

## THE SISLAND CHRONICLE

We have a new hedge in Sisland churchyard, planted in the late winter – and established with the help of the spring rains. Remember them?! - But the sandy soil, together with the unaccustomed ‘Balmy days of summer’ put it under stress, and with no mains water, we had to resort to a water tank – kindly provided and kept filled by farmer John – and buckets (15 every other day) – to keep the young hedge growing. The water soon attracted some of the local wildlife including the resident moles which started tunnelling operations under the young trees! Water is vital to all life, and in a dry churchyard (except for a dogs bowl) it soon became obvious that it was much appreciated, particularly by various insects which came to the tank to drink from the damp wood. Wasps, bees of several sorts, and hornets, also Meadow Brown, Brimstone and large white butterflies, and an opportunist wren who grabbed a spider (not an insect) that had unfortunately decided that this was a good place to spread his- or her net. So adversity had a happy ending for most after all, and our hedge is rapidly growing healthy new shoots.

Hi – FREDDIE here – I was supposed to go to the Strawberry tea at John and Jill’s farm – but T. said it was far too hot – so I stayed indoors in the cool. When J. came home she said she had met Demi again, and that her family had brought her a car – so she could see the bunnies as they drive along! ‘Who is this Demi’? I hear you ask. She’s a very distant relation – a Jack Russell x Patterdale terrier cross, and J. says she is cute – for goodness sake, I ask you, whatever next! Now I wonder if I can persuade T. to buy that old Land Rover we saw the other day – it might be worth a try. I eat up all my greens! (T. showed me how to pod peas - really tasty). Cheers F.

SISLANDA

### **Loddon Parish Council**

#### **Skatepark**

Due to the hot weather which has delayed the completion of other projects the contractor will begin work on the Skatepark after the Bank Holiday on 27<sup>th</sup> August. The initial works will just be putting up fencing and establishing the site but thereafter the work to provide the new skatepark will commence and is due to take approx. 14 weeks.

#### **George Lane Roundabout**

The Parish Council and our District and County Councillors have been trying for some time to get an update from County as to when work on the roundabout will commence. A letter was sent to the Chair of the Environment & Development Committee ... but no answer was received! A Freedom of Information request has now been submitted asking for an up-to-date progress report that will bring this project to fruition. When a reply is received it will be included in the next edition of Contact. *Cont. page 17*



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### **9.00pm Routine to secure your property**

The Police have suggested that residents may wish to implement their own '9.00pm Routine'. This started in Florida as part of a police pilot and has proved to be incredibly successful. All you do is set a reminder/alarm for yourself for 9.00pm each evening to then check your cars, vans, sheds, gates, garages, windows etc are all locked and secure. Sometimes we think we've locked up and then find we haven't!!

### **Footbridge to Pyes Mill**

The Broads Authority have confirmed that the footbridge by the Loddon Marina which was broken earlier this year will be repaired by the end of August and thereafter will be adopted by the Broads Authority and become part of the infrastructure for which they are responsible.

### **Allotments**

There are a few vacant plots available to Loddon and Chedgrave residents on the allotment gardens on Bridge Street. The available plots vary in price beginning at about £15 per year, depending on size. If you are interested in taking on an allotment or would like to know more then please get in touch (see contact details below).

### **Dog Poo**

There are numerous Doggy Bins around the village and it would be much appreciated if dog owners could please use them! Most people do, for which the residents and visitors to Loddon are very appreciative. However, there are still some incidents of dog poo not being collected by dog owners and disposed of into a bin. If you don't have your own bag there are a number of businesses within the village that can provide free bags ... please ask for one.

### **Future Meetings:**

The next meetings of the Parish Council are scheduled for Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September and Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2018. Meetings commence 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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## Hales & Heckingham Parish Council

**Bus Shelters for new A146 Bus Stops:** These will be installed in the next few weeks. The Parish Council would like to thank District Councillor Kay Billig for generously donating her ward budget to help fund the provision of the shelters.

**Playing Field Official Opening:** Hamish Carrie officially opened the revamped playing field at a celebration held on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> August. Hamish's uncle, Douglas Thomson, donated the money for the purchase of the playing field so that children in the village had somewhere to play. We also received support from Masala Garden who provided food and a bar whilst Loddon Parish Council kindly assisted with the provision of marquees for the event. A raffle in aid of Break Charity was held and Mini Kicks Norwich provided extra sporting entertainment for children attending the event.

**Road Safety:** Unfortunately speeding remains a serious problem on the Old Yarmouth Road. Volunteers are organising a speed watch scheme and there has been a good response to this. It is hoped that this will educate drivers going through the village about the danger they are causing to pedestrians and other road users.

**Appointment of New Councillor:** We have a new parish councillor who has been co-opted onto the council. There is now only one vacancy on the Hales & Heckingham Parish Council. Details of councillors may be found on the website: [www.halesandheckingham-pc.gov.uk](http://www.halesandheckingham-pc.gov.uk)

**Composting Scheme Success:** 2018 garden waste collections have exceeded those of 2017 for the same period. There is a good response from volunteers and we hope this will continue. The scheme now has supplies of soil improver. If you are interested in this please see the advert at Loddon Post Office for details.

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## WEA Loddon Branch Autumn Course



On **17th September** in the Jubilee Hall Clubroom, the first of a series of ten 1½ hr. talks on "Philosophy for Now" will be given by Susan Pine. We live in a time of remarkable and rapid change, and the talks will consider how the wisdom of the great philosophers, both ancient and less ancient, applies to a variety of issues: freedom of speech v political correctness; the impact of mobile phones; surveillance; the environment; and medical ethics, to mention just a few examples. Each week, the talk will examine how the insights of at least one famous philosopher from the past may be relevant today; there will be plenty of opportunities for ideas to be discussed.

The talks all begin **at 2 p.m.** and end at 3.30. There will be a half-term break on October 22nd and the course will end on November 26th. The fee for the full course will be £55. You can enrol at the Jubilee Hall before the first talk. You may also enrol in advance on line: go to WEA Eastern Region and choose Courses. You will need to know the tutor's name, the title of the course and the course reference number, which is: C2225451. If you are unsure about signing up, come to the first talk free of charge and pay only if you continue. You may apply for a remission of the fee if you receive certain State benefits, in which case you may speak, in full confidence, to the Branch Treasurer, Elvie Herd, when you arrive.

The Jubilee Hall is at the bottom end of George Lane in Loddon. There is ample free parking available. No special qualifications or previous knowledge of the subject are required. Everyone is welcome!

If you have any queries, please phone (01508) 521036 or 558453.

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## What's happening at Loddon Library?

**LODDON COMMUNITY BOOK GROUP:** New to Loddon library from this September (5<sup>th</sup>). A new monthly book group that meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of every month 10.30am. We have 2 books already to kick start the group, so come along and pick up a copy of John Grisham's Camino Island &/or, Tracey Chevalier's Last Runaway. Everybody welcome.

**Facebook** – Good news, you can now keep up to date with all our events and news by following us on Facebook just search for Loddon and Poringland libraries.

**DVD Hire** – A reminder you can hire dvds for just £2.00 per week. Top Titles £2.00 for 2 nights from the library. Special offer 2 for 1 every Thursday and Friday.

**Just a cuppa – every Monday from 10am** – Feeling at a loose end pop in for a friendly chat and a cuppa.

**Book Ends** – every other Friday, 3.30 – 4pm please contact the library for future dates

**Saturday Junior Book club – fortnightly. Please contact the library for future dates:**

Do you love to read and chat about books with others? Then come along to our new, fun book club 10:30am to 12:30pm. Run by youngsters for youngsters! The books will be based on a different theme each meeting. Please contact staff for dates.

**C.A.B. will be holding advice sessions in the library throughout 2018** – please contact library staff for the dates.

**Computer Buddy Drop-In – Every Monday, 10am – 12noon** – He's happy to help you with most IT difficulties.

### **Baby weighing scales**

We now have a set of baby weighing scales located in the library. These can be used anytime during our normal opening hours.

### **NEW CROCHET GROUP AT LODDON LIBRARY**

Starting in October, Loddon library will be starting up a Crochet group on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month 2-3pm.

Whether you are a complete beginner, or are very experienced, everybody will be welcome to come to this new and exciting group.

For information on any of the above please contact the library staff.

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Are you unable to get to the library? Would you like to have books chosen for you and collected? Contact the library for details of our housebound library service.

**31 Church Plain, Loddon, NR14 6EX**  
**01508 520678**

### **Opening Hours**

Mon.: 10am - 1pm & 2 - 5pm; Wed. 10am - 1pm;  
Thurs. 2 - 7.30pm; Fri. 2 - 7.30pm; Sat. 10am - 1.00pm

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## Holy Trinity Bellringers



The ringers have been very busy over the past two months. As well as Sunday services, we have rung to celebrate five weddings and a blessing that have taken place at Holy Trinity.

We rang two Quarter Peals at Loddon on both consecutive days of the Open gardens weekend in June, and another two at Norton Subcourse and Woodton the same weekend. We have attended local monthly practices held at St. Michael's, Beccles and at St. Mary's, Bungay. We hosted the ringers from St. Peter Mancroft in Norwich for an evening on our ten bell simulator and took part in a Quarter Peal of Grandsire Caters with them at Gt. Yarmouth Minster.

A team from Loddon entered and won a Quiz and chips event for the Eastern Branch of the NDA held at Martham. We have also rung Quarter Peals at Norton Subcourse for their open gardens and another as a 30th wedding anniversary compliment for a former tower captain there. Visiting ringers from the University of Surrey society of change ringers came and rang at Holy Trinity on Monday 30th July as part of a ringing tour in the area.

On Wednesday August 1st, members joined around 150 others at the church of St. Peter Mancroft to celebrate the opening and dedication of the new Ringing Discovery Centre by the Bishop of Norwich which has been created in the tower. A new gallery floor has been installed higher up in the tower where the twelve bells are now rung from. This also provides a magnificent view down into the church through a glass screen. A set of eight training bells are positioned under this gallery which are linked to a computer for simulated sound. These will benefit new ringers from all over East Anglia and beyond. Over the next few months, a display of the heritage and history of change ringing in Norwich will be put in place, showing the achievements and innovations that have taken place over the last three hundred years. The whole project has taken three years to complete with money raised by the Mancroft Guild of Ringers and a generous helping from the National Lottery Fund and other charities.

Steve Rabong.

## Patient Participation Group - Chet Valley Medical Practice, Loddon

Our last Open Meeting was held on 31st July when our speaker Lizzie Servant gave an informative talk on 'hearing loss and how to manage it/how lip reading can help'.

Our next Open Meeting is on **WEDNESDAY 26th September** when Louise from Eastern Rivers Community Gym is talking about why fitness matters.

All patients of Chet Valley Medical Practice are regarded as members of the PPG and are represented by a committee elected at the AGM held in May.

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A list of committee members is displayed in the reception area. We are affiliated to the National Association of PPGs. Open Meetings are held quarterly at the Practice generally on a Tuesday evening at 7.30 pm. These are advertised by poster around Loddon and Chedgrave and in the local parish magazines. We try to organise interesting and varied speakers to our Open Meetings. We aim to help things run smoothly and discuss how we can be responsive to change within the Practice. The PPG is happy to receive suggestions/comments on how communication can be improved. Fund raising events are organised from time to time and bequests accepted for the Practice equipment fund. If anyone is interested in joining us in 2019 please contact [suemason24@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:suemason24@yahoo.co.uk).

Loddon PPG would like to thank Mrs Margaret Bagguley who, on behalf of Chedgrave Women's Institute, held a fund raising coffee morning in aid of Loddon Patient Participation Group on Saturday 7th July and raised £212 towards the PPG funds which contributes to equipment not provided by the NHS. Our thanks also to everyone who supported this event in various ways. the PPG funds which contributes to equipment not provided by the NHS. Our thanks also to everyone who supported this event in various ways.

**HEARING LOSS MEETING** The meeting on the subject of hearing loss and lip reading at the end of July was well attended and a lot of interest was shown in the lip reading classes which are held at the Jubilee Hall clubrooms on a Monday morning starting in October. These are run by Lizzie Servant who in addition to lip reading gives help in several ways to deal with all aspects of hearing loss, and information about various gadgets which can help, such as tv and phone adaptations. The classes are free to anyone with a hearing loss. Do come along, it's actually really interesting and helpful.

### **Ashby St Mary Cricket Club**

After all the early rain, the season is now in full swing. Results have been mixed but all have been enjoyed.



Apr 22nd	Gillinghamn	Rain	May 20th	Eaton	Lost
29th	Bungay	Rain	27th	Rangers	Won
May 2nd	Grasshoppers	Rain	30th	Norwich H. C.	Won
6th	Felthorpe	Rain	Jun 3rd	Marlingford	Lost
13th	South Walsham	Lost	5th	Saxlingham	Lost
16th	Crusaders	Won	10th	Felthorpe	Tied

If anyone wants to join it's not too late. Give Paul a call: 01508 218078

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## SCHOOL REPORT

*(These messages from the Headteachers of our schools were written in July. They have been edited slightly to 'bring them up to date')*



On behalf of the staff team I would like to bid a fond farewell to Mrs King and wish her every happiness for the future. She had been a constant in Nursery for over 20 years and has welcomed and settled more children than she would care to remember into Loddon Primary Federation! Thank you for all your hard work over the years, it has been greatly appreciated.

We have said goodbye to Year 6 and I would just like to wish them all a happy and successful transition to their new schools. They go with our best wishes, hopefully taking with them some happy memories!

**SAT RESULTS** We would like to congratulate Year 6 on their excellent Key Stage 2 SATs results which are above national average. We are all very proud of them indeed. As teachers, it was an absolute pleasure to see them rise to the challenge. Their hard work both in school and at home certainly paid off. They demonstrated determination, perseverance and fantastic self-discipline. These are all important life skills that will carry them a long way in life. Congratulations Year 6 and well done!

The results table shows children reaching the expected level of achievement and above. Over the past 3 years, there have been significant improvements in the attainment of the children which is a testament to all the staff across the Federation. I am particularly proud of the improvement in the combined Reading, Writing and Maths score. Similar improvements are evident in all year groups.

*R Burbage, Headteacher*



There was so much going on during the summer term, it is difficult to know where to start. Our links with our Primary schools continue to develop and we were delighted to have our new Yr 6s with us for a whole week this year. The students have been able to have a relaxing summer knowing that they have already begun to find their feet at Hobart.

Our Yr 11s left on a high as their Leavers' Ball coincided with a rare England penalty victory. It made for a nervy but ultimately even more joyful evening! They really are a fantastic year group and I am sure they will see the fruits of their hard work in August. We wish them all the best and look forward to seeing them at the GCSE presentation evening next year.

This year we held our first 'Jogging4Jenny' 5k race. The event was held in memory of a much loved friend, colleague and teacher, Jenny Hammerton. Jenny lost her battle with cancer this year but was always an active and inspirational person. The whole school came together to remember her and to raise money for 'Big C' a local cancer charity. A wonderful, reflective and joyous event. I have never been more proud.

*Jim Adams,*

*Exec Headteacher Hobart High School (CEO Clarion Academy Trust)*

## Church Services September

Sat 1st	6.00pm	Roman Catholic Mass	St. John's Loddon
Sun 2nd	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	Holy Trinity Loddon
Sat 8th	6.00pm	Roman Catholic Mass	St. John's Loddon
Sun 9th	9.00am	Holy Communion	St. Margaret Hardley
	9.30am	BCP Holy Communion	All Saints Chedgrave
	10.45am	Morning Worship	Holy Trinity Loddon
Sat 15th	6.00pm	Roman Catholic Mass	St. John's Loddon
Sun 16th	10.45am	Holy Communion	Holy Trinity Loddon
	11.00am	<b>Harvest</b> All Together Worship <i>followed by shared lunch</i>	All Saints Chedgrave
	5.00pm	<b>Harvest</b> Evening Prayer	St Mary Sisland
Sat 22nd	6.00pm	Roman Catholic Mass	St. John's Loddon
Sun 23rd	9.30am	Holy Communion	All Saints Chedgrave
	10.30 am	<b>Harvest</b> Morning Worship	St. Margaret Hardley
	10.45am	<b>Harvest</b> Morning Worship <i>followed by lunch</i>	<b>St. John's Loddon</b>
	12 noon	Lychgate Dedication	All Saints Chedgrave
Sat 29th	6.00pm	Roman Catholic Mass	St. John's Loddon
Sun 30th	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Combined</b> Holy Communion	All Saints Chedgrave
	6.30 for 7.00pm	Last Sunday Praise	St John's Loddon

### LAST SUNDAY PRAISE

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

**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

### MID-WEEK COMMUNION WITH BLESSING

7.30 p.m. at St John's on the 3rd Tuesday of the month

*All are welcome*

(This monthly service is no longer specifically focussing  
on healing and laying on of hands.)

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

### COME AND PRAY

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

All are welcome to come along to ‘

#### **TIME FOR PRAYER AND SPACE FOR REFLECTION'**

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

Contact: Rev. Jill Haylock on 520248, email [jillhaylock@aol.com](mailto:jillhaylock@aol.com)  
or just turn up.

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

### Ride and Stride September 8th



The Historic Churches Ride is an easy way to fundraise for your church. All you have to do is go for a walk, bike ride or even a drive around two or more churches—not necessarily starting at your home church. Get your friends and family to sponsor you and raise a bit of cash! Half of what you raise goes to the Historic Churches Trust and half to your chosen church. Sponsor forms will be

in the churches, or you can contact Brian Webb on 528996.

The Ride and Stride website is at [www.rideandstrideuk.org/counties/](http://www.rideandstrideuk.org/counties/)

## **YORK COURSES**

### **Monday Evenings in September**

At 7.30 on Monday evenings from September 10th there will be another York Course running in Chedgrave Church Centre.

It's open to all and is entitled 'Live your Faith'.

Contact Jen Hayden on 528454 email: [jenhayden27@gmail.com](mailto:jenhayden27@gmail.com)  
for more information.

## COMMUNITY GROUPS NEWS & EVENTS

### Loddon Flower Club

How would you like to sit and relax and watch someone arrange beautiful flowers into equally beautiful arrangements once a month for 2 hours? You would – then why not join Loddon Flower Club at Hobart High School 7pm for 7.15pm start. We meet in the Main Hall on the first Tuesday of each month. It costs £28 to join for the year or £15 if you are 80 or over. There are no extra charges each month apart from the raffle (£1) if you would like a chance to win one of the arrangements that the demonstrator has created. Our next meeting is **4th September** so why not come along and see what you think. It will cost you £6 as a visitor and if you decide to join then the £6 will be offset against the yearly membership. We look forward to seeing you. Margaret Turner (Chairperson)

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### Loddon Women's Institute

At our July meeting our speaker was Mr Andrew Brogan from Henstead Exotic Gardens. Mr Brogan illustrated his talk with pictures of the gardens and how they had been created. In August we visited the Henstead Gardens for our Summer Outing. We spent a lovely afternoon together wandering round this beautiful place.

**September 19th** : a talk by Mrs Brenda Bowler: "Just a little lippy" – Make up demo....!

Visitors always welcome 7.15 for 7.30 pm. At the Jubilee Hall, Loddon

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### Chedgrave & District Women's Institute

Thank you to everyone who supported the Coffee Morning on July 7th. A total of £236.60 was raised for the PPG (Patients Participation Group). Thank you also to Margaret Bagguley, a W.I. member who hosted this event at her home.

**September 25th.** Georgette Vale will be attending our meeting to demonstrate 'A Craft with a Difference—3D Fabric Flowers'. There will also be a sales table.

Meeting at All Saints Church Centre at 2.00p.m.

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### Langley with Hardley Women's Institute

**September 18th.** 7.30 p.m. Langley with Hardley Village Hall

Speaker: Pat Alker—Kenya Unseen

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

### **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)



### **Loddon Community Gym**

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

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

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

**G.P. Referrals welcome.**

For further details contact Louise on 07534 946143

or visit [www.loddoncommunitygym.com](http://www.loddoncommunitygym.com)



### **Footballers wanted!**

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

Cost £2.50 per session, first session free.

For more details, please contact Terry on:

Email: [tezzahayden99@gmail.com](mailto:tezzahayden99@gmail.com)

Facebook: Loddon Men's Football Club



### **Loddon & District Day Centre**

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

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

New members always welcome.

Interested? Please call Bev on 07826299290.



### **PAUSE FOR THOUGHT**

“Believe you can and you’re half way there” *Theodore Roosevelt*

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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.

Our next meetings are:

**September 4th** Speaker: Paul Williams. Subject: By chance! A diplomat.

**September 18th** Speaker : Lotte Shaw. Subject: Tax-Care-Toy boys!

We really look forward to seeing you then.

*Please contact Fred McEvetts Telephone 520622*

*or [mcevetts@hotmail.com](mailto:mcevetts@hotmail.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.

**September 11th** Stephen Pope: The Village Craftsman

**September 25th** Simon White: Simon's Garden Quiz

*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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### **Chet Valley Photography Club**

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 7pm - 8pm A.G.M.**

at Community Wing, Hobart High School, Loddon.

**Next club meeting: Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September**

'Storm Chasing' by Chris Bell. Chris, originally from Houston, Texas, joined the Weatherquest team in 2005. Along with his role as a forecaster and public relations at Weatherquest, he also teaches part of the weather forecasting course at the UEA and can also be seen as a weather presenter on BBC Look East.

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### **THANKS:**

**THE CHET CARNIVAL COMMITTEE** would like to thank all of our sponsors and helpers for all of their support throughout the year. Many thanks!

**CHET VALLEY (ALL SAINTS) PATCHWORK GROUP** would like to thank all those who supported them at their recent Quilt Exhibition. A total of £1784.10 was raised which will be divided between the British Heart Foundation and Guide Dogs for the Blind

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## Loddon Community Cinema

Thursday September 6th

Our next presentation is **“The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Society”** rated PG and starring Lily James and Michael Huisman along with many recognisable and well loved faces of British cinema.

Despite taking half the evening to read the title, this is a charming film of romance and drama set in Nazi occupied Guernsey during WW2.

Juliet, a writer played by Lily James, receives a letter from a member of the GL&PPS, a mysterious society formed during the occupation of the island. Her curiosity aroused she decides to visit and meets other eccentric members of said society and rugged farmer Dawsey. We can all see where this is going.....

Liked by critics and audiences it promises a pleasant evening with a nice British film.

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.**



## Seething Tower Association

On **Sunday, SEPTEMBER 2nd** Seething Control Tower Memorial & Museum stages another open day in the 2018 season.

Situated at the former Station 146, USAAF WW2 airfield the tower features a large collection of memorabilia and photographs depicting everyday life for the 3,000 young Americans who were posted to Norfolk from 1943 until 1945. We hope it serves as a fitting memorial to the many who did not return to their “home” in Norfolk or to their loved ones in America.

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

All welcome and we look forward to meeting you.



*Some USAAF Service Personnel Travelled to the UK In style. Queen Mary, 1941*

## SPACE FILLER: SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

**OUR FUNNY ENGLISH LANGUAGE:** How do you pronounce:

Meow      Owner      Home ???

So how do you pronounce ‘Homeowner’?

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Keeping to the recent tradition of “blazing June “days for our outing, June 20th found us travelling to Earsham for an Historical Tour of the Hall. After welcome refreshments Annabel, one of the present owners, gave us an entertaining and really interesting tour. The present hall, was built by John Buxton between 1707-1710 beside the earlier house, which still stands though much changed. He had married Ann Gooch and received the house as part of her dower. The Buxtons later sold the house to Col William Windham (the Buxtons had another house at Tibbenham) and after that the ownership became confusing, descending through various branches of the Windham family.

The building has lovely rooms, well suited to family living with lots of history and character. The tour ends in the courtyard of the old Hall where the teasop provided our most luxurious afternoon tea.

A really good afternoon and our thanks to Jan & Christine for all their hard work making the arrangements.

Our monthly talk, on 18th July, was a fascinating insight into life through the eyes of Rev. Benjamin John Armstrong, Vicar of East Dereham from 1850 until his death in 1888. He had kept a diary for 50 years and all 11 handwritten volumes are now in the hands of his great grandson, Chris Armstrong. They have been the source of information for many researchers and two previous books have been published.

As our speaker for the afternoon. Chris told us many details of his family, several of whom had been Parsons. He read extracts from the diaries giving a flavour of life at the time ranging from local events in Norfolk to travels abroad and opinions on world events happening at the time. Although from a very ‘well to do’ family and often enjoying the ‘high life’ his Great Grandfather, Benjamin, was also somewhat of a philanthropist and did much for the needy in his Parish especially women in downtrodden situations and the many poor children of the day.

A third book, produced by Chris in 2012 entitled ‘ Under the Parsons Nose’ is available from Jarrolds bookshop or can be ordered from Amazon.

### **Next Meetings**

**September 19th** Dr Robert Knee returns to tell us about “the Bigods” Controversial Earls of Norfolk

**October 17th** Dr Richard Hoggett : “Work Rest & Pray” The Archaeology of Medieval Monasteries.

*Meetings at 1.30 p.m. at the Lecture Hall, George Lane, Loddon.*

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**SPACEFILLER** *Another genuine note left for the milkman:*

Please send me a form for cheap milk, as I have a baby more than two months old and did not know about it until a neighbour told me.

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## The Loddon & Chedgrave District Society

**September 5th** Wednesday 10.30 a.m. – St Olaves –  
WALK with Mike Matthews near St Olaves and Fritton.  
Approx 3 miles. Park at The Bell Inn, lunch at The Bell.  
Contact Mike on 548527.

**September 26th** 10.00 a.m. Wednesday NEATISHEAD AIRBASE  
An interesting visit to the RAF Radar Museum. Lunch at The Ferry Inn,  
Horning. Contact Barry on 491633.  
*Please note confirmation of times will be given at the AGM.*

**October 14th** Sunday – TREASURE HUNT  
Vera and Tony Durrant will run this for us. Meet at Church Plain 10.30 a.m.  
Lunch will be available at the destination. Contact Vera on 520108.

***The Loddon and Chedgrave District Society** is an Amenity Society affiliated to the CPRE. The CPRE is a national charity which helps people to protect their local countryside where there is a threat, to enhance it wherever there is opportunity and to keep it beautiful, productive and enjoyable to everyone. We support these aims through participation in CPRE and CPRE-Norfolk events, as well as our own meetings, activities and organised walks. LODDON AND CHEDGRAVE DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP is open to all on payment of an annual subscription of £6.00 to the Membership Secretary. Please note that the subscription is due at the AGM.*  
*June Strickland: 528853*

## Davy Place Social Club

Here at Davy Place we have been very busy arranging our Autumn schedule of regular activities and special events.

Mondays	Bingo—doors open 7.00p.m. Eyes down 7.30 pm.
Tuesdays	Keep Fit Sessions resume in September. 10.00 a.m.—11.00 a.m. 11th & 25th, then on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays each month Cost: £2.50 per session. New members welcomed. Just come along.
Wednesdays	Short mat bowling at 6.30p.m.
Thursdays	Craft Club 10.00a.m.—12 noon (*Except on Hot Lunch days)
Wednesday Sept. 5th	11.00 a.m. Breakfast/Brunch Cost £4.50
*Thursday Sept. 20th	12.30 p.m. Hot Lunch Club Cost £6.00

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....Davy Place continued from page 39 ... Residents will be visiting Dunwich for a fish and chip lunch in October and Rev Joan Evans will be officiating at our **Harvest Festival service on Sunday 14th October at 2.30pm** in the Common Room. Refreshments and social time will follow the service. Rev Joan has also kindly agreed to lead our **Remembrance Day Service on Sunday 11th November at 2.30pm**.

**Karen of "Clothes Line Fashions"** and **Carrie of "Nails and Beauty"** will be at Davy Place Common Room on **Monday 12th November** at 10am onwards ... A little pampering will be going on I expect. And with cake and coffee too!

Please come and join us for any of our Social Club events, you will be made very welcome.

Please call Janet on 522115. if you need any more information Thank you.

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### **Royal British Legion-Loddon & District Branch**



Hopefully by now you will have seen the item on BBC Look East about our branch's preparations for this year's Remembrance poppy display. Members were interviewed by Look East reporter Sean Peel, and the resulting news item was due to be aired between the 3rd August and the 8th August. The BBC could not give a specific date, but we hope that, when it was aired, it gave you an insight into what we are doing.

Also last month, as mentioned here previously, four members of the branch were in Belgium and France on the Great Pilgrimage 90 (GP90) which commemorated, and followed in the footsteps of, a similar pilgrimage 10 years after the end of WW1 which took war veterans, widows and families of those who had died in the war, to show them where their loved ones had fought and died, where they were buried and the memorials which had been set up to honour them. This year's pilgrimage was, in effect, to re-honour and re-remember, marking as it does, 100 years since the end of WW1. The GP90 itinerary also enabled our branch to honour some of those named on our village war memorial by visiting their graves and laying a poppy cross as a mark of respect and thanks, and to remind those relatives still living that they are not forgotten..

Those thus honoured were :-

Leonard Robert Beckett (Thiepval)  
Richard Carver (Thiepval)  
George William Goulty (Tyne Cot)  
Louis Grimble (Menin Gate)  
Percy Douglas Thurlow Prior (Vimy Ridge)  
William James Thurlow (Menin Gate)  
plus George Sturman (from Brooke) (Thiepval)

### **WE WILL REMEMBER THEM**

**Next branch meetings** : Mondays 17th September and 15th October.

Contact Colin Hartley, branch secretary (01508 521136), for more details or advice.

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# Noah's Ark

**Have your children grown?!**  
**Do their clothes no longer fit?**  
**Have you cleared out old clothes**  
**to make space for new?**

If so, we would be delighted to receive good quality second-hand autumn and winter clothes for the under-5s at Noah's Ark for our 'Freecycle'.

Lots of families have benefitted from the clothes and nappies that have been donated to us over the 10 years or so that 'Freecycle' has been open. It is, as the name suggests, all free though some people make a donation which goes towards new toys and books for Noah's Ark.

Any donations may be left in The Church Office, George Lane, Loddon, labelled 'Freecycle'.

Many thanks. Rev Alison

**Freecycle: Open the last Wednesday of each month**  
**~10.00am - 12 noon.**



Noah's Ark is a weekly drop-in group for babies, toddlers and their parents and carers.

Open Wednesdays from 9.15am - 12 noon.

All Welcome.



On July 21<sup>st</sup>, local resident and my mum Anna Outlaw (43) took part in a 26 mile trek across London in aid of the Alzheimer's society. Her target was only £300 but she smashed it by nearly five times that amount, raising an amazing £1,408.14. Not only did she complete this grueling task she finished in 12<sup>th</sup> position out of all those taking part.

She wanted to do the trek not only to raise money but to raise awareness.

Anna said, "Three members of my family have been affected by Alzheimer's disease, two of my grandparents and now my wonderful dad. If by taking part in this trek I can make a difference to even one person who has been affected by this disease it will be worth every step".

As her daughter I am extremely proud and wish I could have joined her. For more information on Alzheimer's search Alzheimer's society. To donate, search "Just Giving" and once on the site, search for Anna Outlaw and click donate.

*By Annabel Outlaw, age 11.*

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## WHAT'S ON

Aug 31st Friday	NAT KING COLE TRIBUTE SHOW 7.30P.M. HOLY TRINITY CHURCH <i>See page 11 for details</i>
Sept. 1st Saturday	LODDON & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY <b>ANNUAL OPEN SHOW</b> 1.00 p.m. THE HOLLIES, LODDON VEGETABLE, FRUIT, FLOWERS, DOMESTIC & CHILDREN'S CLASSES REFRESHMENTS, TOMBOLA & CAKES, PLANT SALES For more details and a programme please contact Mim on 01508 49333 Trish Loades (Show Secretary) on 01508 520273
Sat. 8th	<b>RIDE AND STRIDE</b> <i>see page 29</i>
Sat. 8th	<b>THE FRIENDS OF ALL HALLOWS ANNUAL SUMMER FAYRE</b> All Hallows Nursing Home, St John's Road, Bungay 2pm - 4pm There will be something for everyone with a bouncy castle, stalls including cakes, preserves, raffle, tombola, and refreshments with live music to entertain.
Sat. 8th	<b>CEILIDH</b> Langley with Hardley village hall 7.30pm. <i>See page 13</i>
Wed.12th	<b>LODDON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING</b>
Sat.15th	<b>COFFEE MORNING</b> 25, Low Bungay Road 10.00 - 12.00 <i>See page 13</i>
Mon. 17th	<b>WEA</b> Jubilee Hall Clubroom, 2.00 p.m. <i>See page 19</i>
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## WHAT'S ON *continued*

<p>Fri. 21st 10am – 4.30pm</p> <p>Sat. 22nd 10am – 5.00pm</p> <p>Sun. 23rd 10am – 4.30pm</p>	<div style="text-align: center;">  <p><b>LODDON FLOWER CLUB</b> presents a Flower Festival to celebrate it's 60th Anniversary</p> <p><b>Welcome to 'The 1950's'</b> at Holy Trinity Church, Loddon</p> <p>All proceeds to Parkinsons Uk &amp; Loddon Church</p> </div>
<p>Sun. 23rd</p> <p>2.00 to 5.00 pm</p>	<div style="text-align: center;"> <p><b>"WHAT'S IN YOUR POND?".</b></p> <p>A wildlife pond workshop at The Ted Ellis Trust Nature Reserve, Wheatfen Broad, The Covey, Surlingham. NR14 7AL. £6 for members , £10 for non members. Booking essential. This workshop is aimed at adults and young people, but is not suitable for children. Please ring 01508 538157</p> </div> <div style="text-align: right;">  </div>
<p>Wed. 26th</p>	<p><b>PATIENTS PARTICIPATION GROUP OPEN MEETING</b> 7.30 p.m. <i>See page 23</i></p>
<p>Sat. 29th</p> <p>10a.m. - 12 noon</p>	<p><b>FRIENDS &amp; NEIGHBOURS COFFEE MORNING</b> The Lecture Hall George Lane Raising funds for Service by Emergency Rider Volunteers (SERV) who provide a courier service for the NHS, transporting blood, breast milk, and other medical items to hospitals in the region.</p>
<p>Sat. 29th</p>	<p><b>CONCERT</b> at ST MICHAELS' CHURCH, LANGLEY <i>See page 13</i></p>

### Read Any Good Books Lately?

#### **"The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel," by Deborah Moggach**

This was originally published in 2004 with the title of "These Foolish Things," but more recent editions have taken the same title as the film made from the book. It is a highly entertaining story, with some different and additional characters who are not included in the film. Just as the film, at times the book is very funny and, at other times, very touching.

#### **"A Certain Justice," by P.D. James**

Written in 1997, when P.D. James was really at her peak, the plot of this mystery story will keep your interest from start to finish. The characters display the author's shrewd observance of details and of humanity's variety. They are so very believable that - of its kind - "A Certain Justice" is

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second to none. P.D. James draws on her experiences in the Police Department and the Criminal Policy Department, and her knowledge of literature is really extensive. These things are shown in the way she herself writes.

Adam Dalgleish is one of the most interesting fictional British detectives. He is a multi-faceted man who is shrewd but not hasty; ruthless yet compassionate; understanding but never sentimental; and, of course, he is also a poet. This thriller set among the Law Courts of London, is well worth reading.

**“The Beginner’s Goodbye,” by Anne Tyler**

A young man’s wife dies in a most unexpected way, and very suddenly. As you read, you learn a lot about the characters of man and wife, and about their marriage. Following his wife’s death, Aaron begins to see her now and then. He believes that Dorothy even talks to him, and they have some very prosaic, ordinary conversations which culminate now and again with a few mutual home truths! It’s a quirky sort of story - the concept of seeing a loved one after death is not an original one, of course, but the way Anne Tyler has handled it most certainly is. This is a completely unexpected and quite delightful novel.

**“The Street Lawyer,” by John Grisham**

Michael Brock has worked hard and is definitely ‘on the way up’ until a homeless man with a gun arrives in his place of work. That incident changes things forever for the lawyer. From then on the story is gripping. John Grisham’s powers of description help the reader to picture each character with clarity and, in many cases, with real compassion. There are times of tension, excitement and tenderness in the narrative.

The legal background of the book’s plot is really interesting - so many different kinds of law departments, and often so complex. As well as being a writer, the author is an attorney, politician and activist in the USA. He has certainly done his homework and researched the plight of the homeless in Washington D.C. as well as the help available to them. The inadequate support given them from the authorities is also made clear. In addition, he shows knowledge of those legal practices which are wealthy and greedy. Good or bad, all of John Grisham’s characters are believable. If you choose to read this book, from the very beginning to the final page you may well find it hard to put down!

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**SPACE FOR A SMILE** (*announcements from various church magazines*)

- \* Don’t miss the Young Wives’ Victorian Evening next month. It will be a fun night and some of the women will wear clothes.
- \* The Seniors’ group will have a picnic on Saturday. Each person is asked to bring a friend, a vegetable, and a sweet, all in a covered dish.
- \* Remember the church jumble sale. We have a gent’s three-speed bicycle, also two ladies for sale, in good running order.

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## Nature Notes

Well, what can we say about this summer? The weather was interesting, to say the least. After cold and rain came a Mediterranean style heat wave and then horrendous thunderstorms causing flooding in many areas. Having said that, what a summer it's been for wildlife watching. A couple of years ago we were looking out for our native six spot ladybirds as they were very few and far between. This year I've seen many more than usual.



National Swift week was a great success and many people were inspired to put Swift boxes on their houses to encourage them to make a home next year. Martins were seen nesting on houses on one of Loddon's new estates and Dragonflies were abundant all over the place.



I have seen many more Banded Demoiselles than ever and have been asked by others what they are as many people had never seen them before. Spoonbills seem to have taken up residence in The Broads and some have even started breeding and the Tern colony on Scolt Head Island has fared very well.

Perhaps some of you have taken note of the need to leave the mowing and weeding alone and allow the natural world to encroach into your garden again. If so I'm sure you will have been able to see many of our smaller creatures at close quarters. How sad it must be for those with their much promoted 'artificial grass'. It may stay green in the heat but they don't know what they are missing.

Now it's September and who know what our weather will bring? I look forward to a cooler autumn with all the delights of the season. Fruits will have ripened on the trees and as long as the prolonged hot weather has not shrivelled them, there should be a good crop. I've noticed that Oaks, Limes, Sweet Chestnuts and Planes have all flowered well this year. Perhaps, as the saying goes, it's going to be a hard winter or maybe they are so stressed that they are trying to produce more offspring before they die. Trees usually take a long time to give up completely which makes the actual causes of their decline hard to tell.

As autumn arrives and winter approaches please spare a thought for our hedgehogs. I've had several reports of sightings this summer and hope that perhaps numbers are slowly increasing. Those babies born this year will need to put on substantial amounts of fat before hibernation in order to see them through the months to come. If they are undernourished they will not survive. I fear that they've suffered during the hot months when the ground has been very dry and worms and slugs, which are their staple food, have been hard to find. Leaving a saucer of a small amount of meaty cat food outside of an evening, during the autumn, will help to supplement their diet and fatten them up.



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## Gardening Notes

The last time we had such a long spell of hot dry weather was 1976, the year I finished school: I didn't like it then, and I don't like it now. It's just too hot to be able to work out in the sun doing physical work for long periods of time, although as I write this, the weather people talk of it cooling down to normal temperatures with some rain as well. YES! At last.

In 1976 it was hot and dry, and the previous year had also been very dry, with a dry winter as well, so conditions were bad, with water shortages and hose pipe bans everywhere. Fortunately the winter of 2017/18 was very wet and so was the spring, so all the reservoirs and aquifers were brimming full as we went into summer. This means that although our lawns and borders are looking brown and dead, well established perennials and trees are surviving quiet well due to the fact that their roots are deep down and are finding moisture. One good thing is that lawns haven't needed cutting for several weeks. Most lawns will recover given time, but you might find that the finer grasses have died off and you will be left with courser grasses which tend to grow straight up and not along the ground which will leave lots of bare patches. Don't rush to repair your lawn - it will be better to wait for cooler and wetter weather in the autumn.

Vegetable crops have suffered this summer: with the lack of moisture the plants are unable to access nutrients from the soil, so cannot reach their potential, and so they will produce smaller crops. They will mature earlier than normal, this however will give you time to prepare the soil ready to plant onion sets, garlic and spring cabbage plants, ready for next year. When you have any bare soil make sure to keep the soil free from weeds: either hoe the soil frequently or cover it with black plastic or old carpet. As the old boys would say "one years seeding equals seven years weeding"

If you have been able to keep your bedding plants alive with extra watering, well done. It's quite a chore, but the rewards are worth it, but if the plants have died off early it's best to remove them and get ready for autumn bedding plants.

The other problem we had in 1976 was a deluge of rain in the autumn which filled up all the reservoirs but made the ground too wet to work. So be warned - you might need your welly boots yet!

*Andrew Carver Loddon Garden and DIY*

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## APOLOGIES. HALES & LODDON CRICKET CLUB ANNUAL FETE

Hales and Loddon Cricket Club would like Apologies for the cancellation of their Fete on July 1, due to circumstances beyond our control. We hope to have it along with our youth presentations in September, with more details to follow. We would like to thank everyone for their continued support.

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## SPACE FILLER

"My bed is a magical place where I suddenly remember everything I forgot to do."

*Anonymous*