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From the Editor

What a month it has been! In fact, what a week....

We have had the news of a new Prime Minister, Liz Truss. Let's hope that she soon gets to grips with the problems facing the country at the moment so that everyone can face a less uncertain future.

And then came the rain—Hallelujah! There was an awful lot of it in a short space of time leading to a river running down Langley Road, an avalanche of stones being tumbled down Rectory Lane and deposited on the crossroads, flooding at the shops in Chedgrave due to blocked drains, and flooding elsewhere in the villages due to sheer volume of water. It has allowed everything to green up in a remarkably short space of time. You can almost hear the shrubs and trees thirstily gulping up the water having been parched for so long.

On Thursday we heard that Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth was under the supervision of her doctors and late in the afternoon came the news that she had died. Most of us will probably not have known life under any other monarch.

I wonder what October will bring. It is said that if a "worm" is found inside the oak gall on Michaelmas Day, then the year will be pleasant and unexceptional; if a spider is found, it will be a bad year with shortages and ruined crops; if a fly is found, then it will be a moderate season; and if nothing is found, then serious diseases will occur all that year.

Alison

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Ministerial Musings

London Bridge is Down was the coded message that was passed on to the Prime Minister, Liz Truss, to inform her of the death of Her Majesty, Elizabeth II. I'm writing this on the day after the death of the Queen. Her death has triggered many thoughts for me personally and for the nation as a whole.

It brought home to me that no one is ever prepared for anyone's death. I think we all realised that the Queen was becoming frailer and that at 96, she wasn't going to live for much longer. And yet when her death was announced, it was still a shock. After the death of a family member comes the realisation that they have gone and that they aren't going to wake up anymore. And that's when the feeling of loss can hit us.

The Queen's death also reminds us that none of us is immortal and that we will all have to face our own deaths. For as long as we might live, no one lives for ever, at least not in this world.

For many of us the Queen has always been there. She's been referred to as a constant in a changing world, but she has adapted to some of those changes. In particular, in her use of technology.

Whilst Elizabeth was growing up, she never thought that she would become queen. But when she did, she took her role very seriously. She believed in doing her duty and she did so up until two days before her death. The Queen was a woman of great faith and often said in her Christmas message, that this underpinned her life. She believed in the promises of God and how fitting was the rainbow on the evening of the day she died; a sign of hope and how we need hope at this time of great difficulties.

Now that her eldest son has become King Charles III, there will be changes, as he takes up his new role. Some of the obvious ones will be new coinage and stamps bearing Charles' face. We'll have to get used to singing, "God Save the King". Police badges and some regimental badges bearing the royal cypher and a crown, will also have to be changed. But the monarchy goes on. The Royal Standard is never flown at half-mast. The continuity of the monarchy is expressed as we say the Queen is dead, Long live the King!





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Services of Morning Worship are held in Loddon and Hardley.

XPRESSIONS (AFF is on the first Sunday every month at All Saints, Chedgrave. This is a relaxed and contemporary way of 'doing church'. Open between 10:00am and 12 noon, you can come and go as you please for coffee, cake, discussion, crafts, games, stories, reflection and much more.

All Together Worship is on the third Sunday every month at All Saints, Chedgrave, starting at 11:00am (January, March, June and September are followed by shared lunch).

All Together Worship 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 both children and adults—indeed people of all ages and all backgrounds.

Last Sunday Praise is held on the last Sunday of the month at St John's: a chance to sing old and new Christian songs and worship together.

XIRA! is an exciting, informal service every Thursday after school in St John's Church. Refreshments from 3:15pm, service starts at about 3:45pm. Open to all; particularly suited to children and young people.

In Loddon and Chedgrave there is an opportunity to enjoy a chat over refreshments after the service, Covid restriction permitting.

There are toilets and baby-changing facilities at All Saints, Chedgrave and St John's, Loddon.

Families are welcome at all of our services but are particularly catered for on the I^{st} and 3^{rd} Sunday of the month in Chedgrave.

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.

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Baptisms and Thanksgivings are both held within Sunday morning worship in our churches.

Please contact Rev Alison on 01508 528126 ball880am@btinternet.com

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Wednesdays 9:15am-12:00noon.

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Next Meeting:

3rd October Service in Memory of Loved Ones

I st November Hot lunch followed by a speaker.

If you'd like to join the group, ring Rev lill on 01508 520248.

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** 10:00am-12 noon. Come and go as you choose. On average, there are about 12 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!)





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From the Parish Registers

Baptisms and Thanksgivings Belle Sophia Powles

Thanksgiving Sunday 17th July at All Saints, Chedgrave Baptism Sunday 11th September at Holy Trinity, Loddon Heavenly Father, we praise you for all children. Surround them with your blessing that they may know your love, be protected from evil, and know your goodness all their days.

Weddings

Danny George and Kerri-Louise Sharpen
Wednesday 17th August at Holy Trinity Loddon.

Matthew James Woolner and Bethany Louise Baker
Saturday 10th September at Holy Trinity, Loddon.

Those whom God has joined together let no-one put asunder.

Funerals

Janet Mabel Young who died on 2nd July 2022
Funeral: 16th August 2022 at All Saints, Chedgrave.
Sheila Orpet who died on 11th July2 022
Funeral: 9th August 2022 at Waveney Crematorium.
Alayne Virginia Fenner who died on 13th July 2022
Funeral: 9th August 2022 at Hales Churchyard.
Marion Elizabeth Read who died on 20th July 2022
Funeral: 30th August 2022 at All Saints, Chedgrave.

Raymond Framingham who died on 27th July 2022 Funeral: 24th August 2022 at Waveney Crematorium. **Brenda Olive Riddle** who died on 28th July 2022

Funeral: 14th September 2022 at Waveney Crematorium.

Terence Earnest James Foster who died on 3rd August 2022 Funeral: 6th September 2022 at Holy Trinity, Loddon.

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

I Thessalonians 4:14, 17b

To arrange a thanksgiving or baptism (christening), please contact Rev Alison on 01508 528126, or ball880am@btinternet.com.

To arrange a wedding, please contact Rev David on 01508 522993, or david.chetvalley@gmail.com.

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Chet Valley Community Larder: Isn't it fantastic when a community comes together to help each other? I was pleased and privileged to be part of setting up the new larder at the library building. The partnership between the two parishes of Loddon and Chedgrave in conjunction with Chet Valley Churches and with the sponsorship of the Co-op, supported by a bevy of volunteers, have enabled this valuable service to be opened. Please help yourself to the produce and contribute if you can.

Footpath to Pyes Mill: I am pleased to report that despite a few local problems recently, following an unfounded complaint, the footpath has been kept open. I have been liaising with those responsible for the path and local authorities to ensure that everything is as it should be and hope that we will continue to have public access to the footpath for the foreseeable future.

High Bungay Road: Following the concerned resident view last month with regard to the safety of people coming out of Davy Place, I have some good news. I was already discussing safety issues in this area with Highways and there was a scheme in the pipeline to put some new yellow lines down, so that the buses can get through the narrowest parts without being obstructed by parked cars. I asked Highways to look at the position of the speed signs as well. They have now agreed to move the 30mph sign further down High Bungay Road, increasing the 20mph zone to cover the entrance to Davy Place. Hopefully these changes will make this road much safer for pedestrians and road users.

If you have any issues or I can help in any way, please contact me at kay.masonbillig.cllr@norfolk.gov.uk

Councillor Kay Mason-Billig

As mentioned last month, please let me know if you might be interested in becoming one of the team of community wardens, who will have a very important role to play if an emergency does occur; with events like extreme weather conditions happening more often, I think this team will do very important work.

All District Councillors have a members' grant of £1000 for local causes. I still have some of this year's grant left. Please let me know if part of this could help your group.

If you, or someone over-60 that you know, would like some help and maybe just some friendship, please phone ChetChat. Our new number is 07944 858929.

I'm delighted to confirm that my next surgery will be on Saturday 8th October in Loddon library, 2:00-3:00pm. Please drop in if I can help with anything, or just to say hello!

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Website: https://chedgrave-parish-council.norfolkparishes.gov.uk/Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/Chedgrave-Parish-Council

Community Larder: The Chet Valley Community Larder launched on 1st September 2022. It is located in the corridor outside Loddon Library. People are welcome to select any food they need and also make donations. Thank you!

New Councillor: The council warmly welcomes Diana Drecin who was co-opted to the council at the September meeting. Two further vacancies remain so please contact the Clerk if you are interested in this varied role.

Chedgrave Common: The council is in the process of seeking "title" to Chedgrave Common. This has been a long on-going matter but is finally coming to a head. Unfortunately, there have been objections to the council's claim to the land, a portion of which has already been annexed. this jeopardises Chedgrave Common's future ownership and is resulting in significant legal fees. It is the council's intention to continue to maintain Chedgrave Common as a natural public space for recreation and enjoyment but to achieve this, the council needs your help! Please contact the Clerk if you are interested in joining a working group to help with the effort to retain Chedgrave Common for all including possible fundraising activities. Thank you.

Parking in Chedgrave: As ever, parking remains a problem at the Norwich Road junction with Langley Road. Please be considerate and park at the industrial estate if you are a customer or using the dancing school etc. There is also an increase in parking on the pavement on Langley Road from the junction with The Rise heading towards Langley. Please do not park on the pavement as this impedes pedestrians, wheelchair and pushchair users. Thank you.

Litter Picking Pays: Many thanks to those who helped at the litter pick in June. The council has won £200 in the prize draw in addition to £20 just for taking part!

Footway Lighting: Spiralling energy costs are impacting the cost of running footway lighting in Chedgrave and the council is considering how to reduce the cost which has gone from approximately £60 per month to over £200 per month. If you have any views on this matter, please contact the Clerk.

Brian Clarke Room: A well-equipped modern bright room, including access to free WIFI and table tennis tables. Booking enquiries should be made to Georgina Buckle via brianclarkeroom@gmail.com or 07981 856270.

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Antisocial Behaviour at the Staithe

Thank you to those that have reported the recent anti-social behaviour at the Staithe to South Norfolk Police, (www.norfolk.police.uk/contact-us/6-report-it). In response, the Police will be carrying out additional patrols, and the Council are in discussion with the landowner, South Norfolk Council regarding the installation of additional CCTV.

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The Community Larder opened in the Library/Parish Council lobby on Ist September. It is open to everyone. You can bring and take food, share food and make a food donation, or just receive food if you are in need. Please just help yourself—no vouchers, no questions.

Opening Hours:

Monday to Friday: 8:00am-7:00pm; Saturday: 8:00am-4:00pm

Sunday: 10:00am-4:00pm

This new community initiative is supported by Loddon and Chedgrave Parish Councils, Chet Valley Churches and Loddon Co-Op. If you would like to be involved, please let us know.

Community Gym

The Community Gym is based in the Library Annexe Rear Hall. Details of how to book sessions can be found on their website;

www.loddoncommunitygym.com.

Emergency Plan

An Emergency Plan is being formed for Loddon & Chedgrave and emergency volunteers are being sought to represent zones in Loddon. Please email: emergencyplan@loddonpc.org.uk for more information.

Loddon Tennis Club

The launch of the tennis club in June has been very successful See p35 for further information.

Local Visitor Information

There is a variety of leaflets containing visitor information inside the main Library door. If you would like to add your organisation's/club's leaflet, please feel free to drop them in to the PC office.

Future Meetings of Loddon Parish Council: The next meeting of the Parish Council will be in the rear room Hollies (access via the back door) on Wednesday the 12th October at 7:00pm and parishioners are welcome to attend. The minutes and agendas for the meetings are available on the LPC website.



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Website: www.halesandheckingham-pc.gov.uk

Facebook: www.facebook.com/Hales & Heckingham Parish Council



2023 Village Projects: Suggestions for future projects and ideas for funding them are very welcome. We will also discuss projects suitable for joint funding under Norfolk County Council's Parish Partnership Scheme.

Composting Group: Sadly this scheme will have to close unless more members can be recruited by 31st October. It has been so successful over the last seven years, saving carbon emissions, making extra income for the village and providing opportunities for making friends. If you are interested, please contact the Clerk.

Defibrillator: A big thank you to Martin Epps our local electrician who has helped to get the defibrillator back in working order following rain damage.

Playground: And a big thank you Carol the mole catcher and Dale for removing the wasp's nest.

Dog Walking: Please follow the Countryside Code and use commonsense. Don't let your dog run up to other dogs, people or children, unless permission is given. Please pick up after your dog—their poo is a health hazard and dangerous as well as being unpleasant for others. Your support for this is appreciated by everyone.

Signs, Potholes and Footpath Issues: If you see anything that is not right please advise South Norfolk Council through their webpage https://apps.norfolk.gov.uk/ HighwaysDefect/ and advise the parish clerk.

Volunteering Event: We want to organise a volunteering event one Saturday, to cover a variety of jobs including litter picking, cleaning the bus shelter and wildflower management, followed by refreshments at Masala Garden. Please get in touch if you would like to join in.

Village Tree Warden Vacancy: Being a Tree Warden is about making trees matter in our villages. If you would like to play an active role in conserving the trees and woods around us, please contact the clerk and visit: www.treecouncil.org.uk.

Do You Need Help? Do get in touch with South Norfolk & Broadland's Help Hub by ringing 01508 533933 or emailing helphub@southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk. They can help with a wide range of problems.

Dark Nights: As nights draw in please be prepared with spare batteries for torches and bicycle lights. Make sure that you wear reflective clothing if you are walking or cycling in poor light, and drivers please be aware of other more vulnerable road users on our country lanes. Stay Safe.

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LANGLEY HARDLEY

Facebook: To be developed

Langley with Hardley Parish Council hold their meetings on the first Tuesday of every second month at 7:30pm. All are welcome to attend.

Next meeting: Tuesday Ist November at 7:30pm at the Village Hall.

Langley with Hardley Village Hall

Thank you to everyone who attended our Friday Cafes. For St Margaret's Church, Hardley we made £434. For Macmillan Cancer Support we made £530. This is a great amount for both charities.



To hire the hall, phone 01508 520184 and speak to Tibby or Jane.

Our next cafe is on Friday 7th October, 11:00am-2:00pm. Donations to Langley with Hardley Village Hall. Homemade cakes, scones and sausage rolls. A delicious jacket potato with a choice of fillings from our local farmer. Sandwiches with a choice of fillings. Hot/cold drinks. Great company and children's activities on offer.

Halloween Party. 2:00-4:00pm. Friday 28th October. Great fun, games and dancing with sweets for every child!!! All welcome. Fancy dress optional. Bingo coming in November.

Please come along and join the fun!

Parkinson's

Would you like to meet other Parkinson's sufferers? We will normally meet on the first Monday of the month at the Chedgrave White Horse at 12:15pm. Partners are also welcome.



Further details from Michael Osborne on 01508 522034.

Loddon & Chedgrave Ladies 8 O'clock Club

We are a friendly group of ladies who meet on the last **Wednesday** of each month. A yearly fee is charged and £3.00 for each meeting attended to cover refreshments and outlays.



Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday 26th October at 8:00pm when we will welcome Maureen Larkin and Anthony Bunting telling us about the History of the Loddon Pantomime. We meet in the back room of The Hollies, Loddon High Street. New members always welcome. For more information please contact June 01508 528853 or Hillary 01508 520457

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Notes from Sisland

Writing this at the start of September, when the sun is shining but the dew and mists of autumn are present in the early morning, I want to take the opportunity to thank all those who supported the Sunday Teas at Sisland church throughout the month of August. We are truly grateful for every single person who supported us and helped us to make it a remarkably busy summer. Visitors during the summer, or at any time, comment on the peace and tranquillity that this special place provides to all.



As you will be aware the maintenance and care for this building takes both time and effort as well as a range of fundraising. Sisland is an incredibly small parish and so the money raised by the Sunday Teas, our main event of the year, is key to the investment we can make in providing support for this building now and to make it available for future generations.

We will all remember this summer for the record temperatures and the lack of rain throughout. I have been reading "The Diary of a Cotswold Parson" and I am always interested in a diarist's comments on the weather when recording an event. For the 30th October 1823 he notes "My mother arrived from Stanway After a day of severe rain, with a cold wind, the evening and night were very tempestuous, with sleet, snow and rain."

Hoping that will not be the case in October 2022, nearly exactly 200 years later, our next event will be a coffee morning on Saturday 29th October at Lodge Farm, Sisland. Kindly hosted by Jill Haylock we will be offering tea, coffee and, of course, cake, from 10:00am-12:00noon. We plan to have some gifts available as well as a selection of second-hand books to purchase. We hope to see you there as we continue to raise funds for the maintenance of the church building.

Rowena Bryce (Churchwarden, Sisland)

Ed: Thanks for delicious tea and cake, and also the chance to scrump blackberries and damsons.

Chedgrave Church Centre Hire

All Saints Church, Chedgrave has a lovely church centre attached to it which has been open for over 25 years. There are two rooms (one upstairs), a kitchen and a loo. There are wheeled tables which are easy to move and put up. It is warm even in the winter! It is available to book with a suggested donation of £8 per hour. If you are looking for a venue for a meeting, a party, or an activity do contact Anne Jackson who is responsible for hall bookings on 01508 502278.



The annual Loddon and Chedgrave Victorian Evening will take place on Friday 9th December from 6:30-8:30pm.

The Evening commences on Church Plain where there will be a "grand switch on" of the Church Plain Christmas lights by Father Christmas before he heads off to his grotto at Bay Tree House where he will be receiving children of all ages.

"Many activities are planned for the evening, such as Punch & Judy, and most of the local shops will be open and hosting Christmas festivities, welcoming customers old and new", said Heather Tew, Lead Organiser of the Victorian Evening.

There will be more details to follow in next month's Chet Contact!

Charity Stalls at the Victorian Evening?

Every year there are stalls in the churches—Holy Trinity in the middle of Loddon and St John's Chapel just a little way along George Lane. They are available for people who want to fundraise for a favourite charity and for local community groups to advertise what they do. We have room for sales, games, information boards and more, but space has to be limited to one long table for each stall. Even so, we do try to be flexible where possible.

Please get in touch if you would like a stall this year. Obviously availability is limited by the size of the building, but we usually manage to fit everyone in. It helps if you book early!

We do ask for a small donation from stallholders, in the region of £5, because the church is a charity too, and needs to cover costs.

For more information or to book a space, contact Nina Owen on 01508 522993, email theroamingfenlander@gmail.com

Wanted—Helper at Loddon Rainbows

Could you give up one evening a week to help at Loddon Rainbows? For girls aged four to seven, Rainbows is exciting, messy, friendly and a lot of fun! Here's what one Rainbow has to say: "We make lots of things and play games. We have a lot of fun and I like Rainbows."

If you can help, Naomi Garner would like to hear from you: Loddon_Rainbows@outlook.com or 07530 607307.

Loddon Bell Ringers

Looking back, the ringers at Loddon have had a very busy summer following successful Peals and Quarter Peals rung to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June.

As well as here at Loddon, we have been helping other bands at many other churches in the area to celebrate all the weddings that have taken place. Also we've had many days out with other ringers just for the pleasure of ringing bells together. We have been out ringing Quarter Peals and Peals to celebrate various events.

Here at Holy Trinity the bells are regularly rung for Sunday morning services. Our Tuesday practice nights are always well attended and our newest recruits are making good progress.

Steve Rabong

Help Wanted—All Saints Churchyard

The churchyard at All Saints Chedgrave is due for its twice-yearly cut in the week preceding October 15th. It would be wonderful if some people in the community were willing to come and help us rake up the cuttings. Could that be you?



If you have pets, perhaps the cuttings would be suitable to use as bedding. Help yourself to a binbag full.

We'll be raking on Saturday 15th October from 9:30am. Coffee and cake will be provided but you'll need to bring your own rake.

Roger—Churchwarden

Struggling with Money? Local Charitable Funds available:

There are two local charities to help local people in need: Loddon Town Estate Trust (for people living in Loddon); and Chedgrave Church Discretionary Fund (for people living in Chedgrave or who are regular members of the congregation at All Saints). These have received a boost from monies raised by the monthly quiz at The White Horse during 2021.

The charities are only any good if people use them! In the past, money has paid for things like cookers and carpets. It has also gone towards solicitor's bills and rent. Please do not feel ashamed or embarrassed to call on the funds if you need them.

You can access the Loddon fund by contacting Ann Lumley on 01508 528141 or email: annlumley150@btinternet.com. The Chedgrave fund can be accessed by contacting Rev Alison, Rev David or the church warden, Roger Outlaw—contact details on p3.

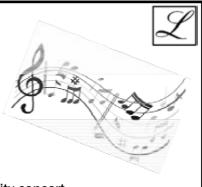
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Holy Trinity Church, Loddon Saturday 15th October, 7:30pm

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Hardley Windmill And Visitor Centre

Would you like to join our volunteers at this historic windmill?



The volunteers help with various roles when the mill is open to the public: providing refreshments and showing our visitors around the mill and visitor centre. Volunteers with practical skills can also help with the maintenance of this wonderful site.

We invite you to visit one weekend to see first-hand how you can become involved. For further details, please contact:

Mrs Frances Kirkpatrick on 01508 580331 www.hardleywindmilluk.org

Royal British Legion—Loddon & District Branch

The branch meets at the Lecture Hall, George Lane, Loddon on the third Monday of each month, 6:45pm for 7:00pm.



Future Meetings: 19th September; 17th October, 21st November (AGM). There will be no meeting in December. The Poppy Appeal and Remembrance Parade are the next items on our agenda.

The Swan Bowls team held a charity tournament on 4th September. They raised £136.00 which was donated to our Branch. Thanks to all involved, from Rita's delicious cakes, to those participating, by helping or playing.

Welfare and BCS are branching into archaeology. Our chairman and secretary have been involved for numerous years now with archaeology, both locally and with Caistor, near Norwich. Last year Caistor Roman Project asked if we had any veterans in our branch, interested to join their summer dig, for a week. All under the Operation Nightingale 'umbrella'—they are the MOD side of archaeology. One member from our branch joined the project last year. This year, we were approached again for a few more veterans; maximum of five. Another veteran from a different branch came forward. Both Lee and Derek thoroughly enjoyed their time on site, taking their minds off any other problems. This works both for our veterans and civilians. So by getting veterans involved in a different 'field', our BCS/ Welfare is helping from a different angle.

For information or support, contact Colin or Christine on 01508 521136.

ON BEHALF OF THE EVENTS COMMITTEE WE WOULD LIKE TO SAY A MASSIVE

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TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS, BUSINESSES AND COUNCILLORS WHO HELPED WITH THE PLATINUM JUBILEE FETE.
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WE'LL BE POSTING ANY FUTURE MEETINGS TO THE LODDON PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE. WE'D LOVE TO SEE YOU AT A MEETING SOON!

Tuesday Market, Loddon

You will find our colourful plant and cut flower stall outside the Hollies, every Tuesday from 10:00-11:30am.



Inside will be a fine selection of baked goods, preserves, fresh eggs, raw milk and vegetables. Why not treat yourself to a coffee and cake, then browse our selection of local crafts including woodwork, jewellery, cards, paintings etc. We look forward to seeing you.

If you have any queries contact Sheila Ford 01508 520752

Church Services				
2 nd October				
8:00am	BCP Holy Communion	St Mary, Sisland		
9:00am	Informal Communion	All Saints, Chedgrave		
10:00-12noon	XPRESSIONS CAFÉ	All Saints, Chedgrave		
10:45am	Holy Communion	Holy Trinity, Loddon		
9 th October		•		
9:30am	BCP Holy Communion	All Saints, Chedgrave		
10:45am	Morning Worship	Holy Trinity, Loddon		
16 th October				
10:45am	Holy Communion	Holy Trinity, Loddon		
II:00am	All Together Worship	All Saints, Chedgrave		
5:00 pm	BCP Evening Prayer	St Mary, Sisland		
23 rd October				
9:30am	Holy Communion	All Saints, Chedgrave		
10:30am	Morning Worship	St Margaret, Hardley		
10:45am	Morning Worship	Holy Trinity, Loddon		
30 th October				
10:30am	Benefice Holy Communion	All Saints, Chedgrave		
7:00pm	Last Sunday Praise	St John, Loddon		

Choir for Carols

The community choir is coming together once again this year to sing at the Carol Service in Chedgrave Church on Sunday 18th December at 5:00pm. Drawn from people of varying ages (~7-90+) we lead the traditional carols as usual and sing one or two items of our own.

"It is a lot of fun. We all enjoy the singing and getting to know others in the community."

There will be some rehearsals; details in due course.

Meanwhile if you would like to take part contact Rev Alison: 01508 528126 or e-mail: ball880am@btinternet.com

Rev Alison

Other Services in Chet Valley Churches					
*Every Saturday 6:00pm	Roman Catholic Mass				
**Tuesdays 7:30-8:30pm	Come and Pray				
	If you would you like to spend some time in prayer with a small group of people you are welcome to come along to				
	'Time for Prayer and Space for Reflection'				
	3 rd Tuesday Midweek Communion with Blessing				
	All are welcome				
Thursdays during school term	Join us at St John's for an exciting, informal service. Refreshments from 3:15pm. Service starts 3:45pm. More from Rev David 01508 522993 or Rev Alison 01508 528126				
Every day	Monday	Holy Trinity, Loddon			
Morning Prayer	Tuesday	St Margaret, Hardley			
	Wednesday	All Saints, Chedgrave			
	Thursday	Holy Trinity, Loddon			
9:00am	Friday	St Mary, Sisland			
All Welcome	Saturday	All Saints, Chedgrave			

^{*}Please contact office@east-angliadiocese.org.uk to confirm details of Catholic services.

^{**}Please contact Rev Jill (jillhaylock@aol.com) about current arrangements for Tuesday Prayer and Reflection, or if you would like to receive this electronically.



Chet Valley Churches All Saints, Chedgrave Come to the Quiz and Supper on 14th October 2022

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.

£10.00 full price; concessions £8.00; families £30.00

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

Tickets from Rev Alison 528126 ball880am@btinternet.com

Community Groups, News and Events

News from Local Branches of the Women's Institute



Loddon and District Women's Institute

After a very busy and enjoyable summer, we are looking forward to our autumn programme, and—dare I say it—to Christmas! Where has the year gone? As well as our usual monthly meetings we are organising a craft day on 5th November. This will be held in the Lecture Hall, St John's Chapel, from 10:00am-4:00pm. £5.00 to book a place; 15 places available. Bring anything you would like to do: knitting, sewing, crochet, card-making, perhaps a Christmas project. Quilters: UFO day! Bring a packed lunch. Tea/coffee, etc., available free of charge. If you are interested in booking a place, please contact Margaret Whitaker on 01508 528912.

We are also planning our Christmas stall for the Victorian Evening in Holy Trinity Church.

Our membership continues to grow, and a warm welcome awaits anyone who would like to join us. We can be contacted through our Facebook page or by ringing 01508 528656

Next meeting: Wednesday I 9th **October** 7:15 for 7:30pm. St John's Chapel, George Lane, Loddon.

Speaker: Maria Pennington, who will give a talk about sapphires. (Many of us have enjoyed Maria's previous talks about pearls and diamonds).

Chedgrave & District Women's Institute

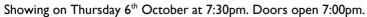
Our meetings start at 2:00pm on the fourth Tuesday of each month and are held at the All Saints Church Centre, Chedgrave. If you would like further information, please contact Audrey 528393 or Angela 521120.

Loddon Community Cinema

Our film for October is **Downton Abbey: A New Era** (PG).

In this sequel to the first highly successful film the Crawley family goes on a grand journey to the South of France to uncover the mystery of the dowager countess' newly inherited villa.

Starring Hugh Bonneville, Jim Carter and Michelle Dockery, plus the regulars and again written by Julian Fellowes. So what could go wrong? Come and enjoy.



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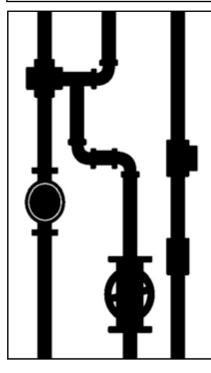
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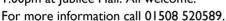


Jubilee Short Mat Bowls Club

If you have never tried short mat bowls, now that the summer lawns bowls has finished, why not give this a go? We are a very friendly small group that needs some new members. We meet Tuesday afternoons 1:30-3:30pm in the Jubilee Hall, George Lane, Loddon. Beginners are very welcome; just bring flat indoor shoes (no heels), and we can supply the bowls. The right money of £3 and a sense of humour are also appreciated. More information from Sara 01508 521958.

Short Tennis Club

Come and join our friendly non-competitive club on ${\bf Tuesdays}\ {\bf I1:30} am-1:00pm$ at Jubilee Hall. All welcome.





Loddon Ladies Hockey Club

Feel like you want to get involved in a new sport, or perhaps you used to play when you were at school and fancy giving it another go?

We welcome new members of all ages (13+) and abilities. Come and get fit, have fun and meet friendly women from in and around the local area. We train on **Monday** nights at Langley School (NR14 6BJ), 7:00pm-8:30pm.

For more info: www.loddonhockey.com or email hello@loddonhockey.com

Ashby St Mary Cricket Club

By the time this copy is read, the season will be over and will go down as one of our best: lots of players; full fixture list; most victories ever; several defeats in very tight games. Winning a local T20 competition was our first success. We also won the inaugural Vic Tidswell Trophy while on our Sussex tour. Our captain Rob Beaumont has been in great form scoring most runs and taking most wickets; many others have made major contributions; several of our younger members have really stepped up and are key to our team success. Our groundsman Jon Andrew has to be congratulated producing great tracks in this very dry summer. All this would not be possible without the generosity of our benefactor who provides our wonderful venue. That's it! Just the club dinner to come. Paul Clemence—01508 218078.



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Loddon Community Gym

The Library Annexe, Church Plain, Loddon, NR14 6EX Tel: 07534 946143 www.loddoncommunitygym.com

From now on the Gym will open at some part of every day Monday to Friday: Monday 1:45–5:25pm; Tuesday 4:45–7:05pm; Wednesday 9:00–11:20am; Thursday 6:00pm–8:20pm; Friday 10:15am–12:35pm.

COMMUNITY GYM AT LODDON

As we are a relatively compact gym you will still need to book via www.picktime.com/easternriverscommunitygym

Alternatively you can book a first session by ringing Louise on the number above. These sessions will be extended if there is demand. Please note that there is two hours free parking in the Church Plain car park.

Membership remains at £20 per year. Session fees remain at £5 payable by card on arrival. In addition we have introduced a monthly fee of £30 for those who want to visit the gym more frequently.

Whenever the gym is open (gym open board on the railings outside) you are welcome to drop in and see the gym for yourself. If you are young and want to improve your fitness and stamina, we are local and well-equipped and look forward to welcoming you. If you have health concerns, your GP has referral forms that ensure that the programme designed by Louise for you is safe and appropriate for your fitness level and goals. See you soon!

Loddon Tennis Club

The launch of the Tennis Club in June has been very successful and there are now seventy people regularly playing together in Loddon. Pay and Play is available for $\pounds 5$ per hour via



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We meet at The White Horse every first and third **Tuesday** of every month, start time 10:00am. Come along to a couple of meetings and see what we're all about; no pressure to join. Clive Boyd, Secretary, 01508 520547

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Forthcoming Meetings:

Tuesday 11th October: Norfolk Accident and Rescue Service; Speaker Jess Moses Tuesday 25th October: Cycling The Great North Road; Speaker Steve Silk Tuesday 8th November: Chet Valley B-Line; Speaker Rodney Aldis.

For more details, contact: Hon. Secretary John McCormack 01508 521899

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Our monthly club meeting in October is on Monday I I th in St John's Methodist Chapel, George Lane, Loddon. Doors open 6:45pm for 7:00pm start. We are working on a programme for 2022/23 and details for our October meeting will be posted on our website when they are available.



You do not need expensive equipment at all—images can be taken using a mobile device (phone, tablet) or point and shoot camera. Many images are now taken on a smartphone as that is usually the device we have with us at the time.

Please contact Jackie Franklin, email secretary@chetvalleyphotography.org.uk or have a look at our website www.chetvalleyphotography.org.uk for more information, if you are interested in joining the club. The club is open to everyone regardless of their photography knowledge or experience.

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Loddon WEA

Unfortunately, we have been unable to engage a speaker for a course to start in September . We hope to run a short series of talks later in the Autumn Term and details will follow.



The speaker for Spring is Nigel Herwin who will give a 10 week course on Eerie East Anglia starting in January.

For further details, please contact Alison on 01508 521976.

Loddon & Chedgrave District Society

We are a friendly group of people who like walking, visiting interesting gardens, historic buildings, and the occasional social evening.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 19th October at 10:30am. How Hill—Secret Garden. A chance to explore this lovely place in the autumn. Also go on the Wildlife Walking Trail, approximately 1.5 miles. Lunch at the Kings Arms Ludham. Contact June 01508 528853.

Membership fee is £6.00pa. Members will receive a programme. New members welcome. For more information contact: secretary June at junecs@btinternet.com Tel: 01508 528853 or membership secretary Hillary meredithp3@sky.com Tel: 01508 520457.

Chet Valley Voices

Chet Valley Voices is a community choir aged from 15-80+.



We enjoy singing music in a variety of styles from classical to modern. Come along, make new friends and get to know others in the community. Singing is good for your mental health and well-being, so you will leave rehearsals feeling lifted. Rehearsals: Thursdays 7:00-8:30pm (doors open 6:45pm) in St John's Chapel, George Lane, Loddon. Subs: £5, £3 for underl8s. Free first session. New members are always welcome.

Contact, Sue 01508 528069; suemartin303@btinternet.com or chetvalleyvoices@gmail.com. Follow us on Instagram @ChetValleyVoices, on Twitter @ChetValleyVoice or on Facebook. www.chetvalleyvoices.co.uk





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Loddon Indoor Bowls Club

We meet in the Old Town Hall in The Swan pub car park, Loddon. It's a members' club with inter-club league matches every evening; roll ups on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons starting at 2:00pm and on Tuesday morning starting at 10:00am (restricted to the first 12 turning up). New members are always needed. Subs just £12 per year. Rink fee £2 per session. Just turn up and give it a try. For further information, please contact Paul Clemence (chair): 01508 218078.

Loddon and District Horticultural Society

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 12th October at the Jubilee Hall Clubroom, when we will be holding our Annual General Meeting as well as a bring and buy. The meeting starts at 7:30pm. Refreshments will be served and a raffle held.

Our 48th Annual Open Show was very successful with 29 exhibitors placing a total of 251 entries into 92 classes of flowers, fruit, vegetables, cookery and flower arranging. All did really well despite the dry conditions of this year. Thanks you to Loddon Parish Council, for a small grant to hold our show this year, and to local councillor, Kay Mason-Billig, for presenting our prizes. Many exhibitors very kindly gave their produce to the Chet Valley Community Larder at the end of the show.

To join our Society it is £10 for the year and if you would like any more information please contact Chairman Jean Cope on 01502 710024 or email jeancope52@gmail.com or Secretary Hazel Copland on 01508 520890 or email happyhaze50@gmail.com. Follow us on our Facebook page.

Davy Place

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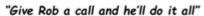
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Tuesday Ist November - A slide show of photos from our Flower Festival followed by a demonstration by our President, Diane Blyth, entitled 'Remember, Remember'. Meetings are held at St John's Church, George Lane, Loddon. Doors open at 6:30pm for a 7:00pm start and visitors are £7.50.

We are available to arrange flowers for family occasions.

For more information contact Tricia Godfrey on 01508 480522 or tricia646@aol.com or Alex Pinder on 01508 493869 or nnark@aol.com. Our website is www.loddonflowerclub.co.uk.

Thank You

I would just like to say a big thanks to all of those who helped with stalls and everyone who attended, There were many interesting activities and much information. I do hope that everyone enjoyed their time and also took away with them a resolve to 'do their bit' for wildlife in this area, in the future. No more plastic grass please and a little less paving, maybe.



All in all, a good community effort. The tea and cakes supplied by the Loddon Church Ladies were lovely. Thank you, too, to Loddon Parish Council for their very helpful support for this event.

Carol

Thank You

I would like to thank all the people who came to my assistance when I fell by the millennium garden and broke my hip on the 2nd August. Thank you all so much. Sheila Tomkinson

Waveney Valley Arts Society

We are a friendly group who meet at the Fisher Theatre in Bungay on the first Wednesday of every month (excluding July and August). Our events provide a welcoming place to hear expert lecturers share their specialist knowledge. The theatre is open from 10:00am and our lectures start at 11:00am.



NB There will be no October meeting.

Wednesday 2nd November: The Dowager Empress Cixi by David Rosier.

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- Board Games Thursday, 3:30-4:30pm. Suitable for all ages.
- **Beginner's Backgammon Club** Thursday, 12:00noon-2:00pm. Learn to play backgammon and play against our volunteer.
- **Knit, Crochet, & Natter** 2nd Thursday of the month, 2:30-3:30pm. Pop in to learn a new skill or to chat to friends whilst you knit.
- Just a Cuppa Friday 10:30am-12:30pm. Pop into the library for a free tea or coffee, chat to others in the library or our staff.
- **Loddon Loves Book Group** 2nd and last Fridays of the month, 5:45-6:45pm. Come and discuss the chosen book for the month. Advance booking essential. Please use the details below to book.
- **LEGO Club** Saturday 2:30-3:30pm. Suitable for children aged 5+.

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Loddon and District Local History Group

The August lecture was a talk with a difference. Georgette Vale appeared as Widow Alice Kett and discussed the events of 1549 when her husband, Robert, led a major uprising in Norwich. Robert was a tanner and his brother, William, a butcher which meant they were from the yeomen class. Alice informed us that she had good connections herself as her brother was Lord Mayor Appleyard of Norwich.

Alice was sympathetic to the rebellion as she saw it as a protest against injustice to the poor by the rich. She explained how Robert had supported those on hard times through his involvement in the Guild of Ladies' Lights. The Kett brothers had also tried to repair the damage inflicted on Wymondham Abbey's structure through the activities of John Flowerdew, the King's agent. She felt there were other religious grievances caused by the recent introduction of the new Prayer Book but the catalyst for the rebellion was over enclosures when tensions were running high.

Even Robert had started to enclose his land and when Flowerdew paid some men to pull down Robert's fences, Robert decided to take down the rest of his own fences. The next day, (9/7/1549), protesters met under the oak at Wymondham and asked Robert to lead them. Robert was 57 and William 64 so they were not young men. The group walked to Norwich removing fences along the way under the impression they were doing the King's work as Lord Somerset, the Protector for Edward VI, had said a year earlier that fences should not be erected. The men set up camp on Mousehold Heath with views over the whole city. Another oak the oak of Reformation- was used for proclamations and orders. 29 requests were sent to the King, all of which Alice thought were reasonable demands.

Attempts were made to disperse the men starting with pleas to go home. There was a small skirmish at Bishopsgate Bridge where a small local army was defeated leaving Kett in control of Norwich. The next army sent was led by Lord Sheffield but it too was defeated and Sheffield was killed (31/7/1549). Due to their success Kett's army grew to 20,000 men. An even larger army, led by the Earl of Warwick, arrived and were then joined by the German 'Landsknechts', a deadly fighting force. Before the battle a snake slithered from a tree and down Alice's arm which was seen as a bad omen. On 27/8/1549 Robert moved his army down the hill to Dussindale to fight Warwick and paid a heavy price. 4,000 of his men were killed and both Ketts were captured. Robert was hanged at Norwich Castle on 7/12/1549 while William was hanged at Wymondham Abbey and his body left there to decompose. Alice may have died in 1554. A moving talk.

October 19th: Jonathan Hooton will be talking about Kemp's Men.

Meetings are open to all and are held in the Lecture Hall at St John's Methodist Church George Lane, Loddon starting at 1:30pm. £3.00 admission includes tea and biscuits.

Carole Rylands







Read Any Good Books Lately?

Pumpkin Soup by Helen Cooper

This is the go-to picture book for the autumnal season in our house! It's the story of three friends living harmoniously together... until one day things fall apart. But the power of pumpkin soup draws them back together. This has lyrical text, beautiful illustrations and always makes me want to make pumpkin soup! (Delia's roasted pumpkin soup recipe is wonderful.)

A Town Called Solace by Mary Lawson

This author is new to me, and I think I'll be reading all her books. Set in a small community it's a novel about grief, remorse and love within families and also a story about how small communities can be a force for good and rescue people from themselves. Told from the narrative of a child, an elderly lady and a man in his 30s it's interesting to read from different generational perspectives.

Our House by Louise Candlish

This has won quite a few awards and been made into a TV series. It's a real page turner and the ending is still making me ponder! What would happen if you came home and found people moving into your house and found that someone had sold the place behind your back, and that person was nowhere to be found? It's quite chilling, although I didn't find much sympathy for any of the protagonists!

The Future Starts Here by John Higgs

I've been desperately searching for a little positivity, and I think in this book I've found it! Not everything in the world is bad and doomed, although our media would have us think otherwise. This is a little ray of sunshine that is well worth perusing in these dark and gloomy times. In this non-fiction book John Higgs explores the reasoning that although we see the future as bleak in fact there are many reasons to have hope.

On the to be read pile!

Lessons by Ian McEwan I will have seen Ian McEwan talk about this new book in Norwich by the time this edition is out and I'm looking forward to reading it. It's the epic and intimate story of one man's life set against the backdrop of the Cuban Missile Crisis, the fall of the Berlin Wall and even the current pandemic.

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Nature Notes

October already, where does the time go? Hopefully my year list of birds seen will have passed the 200 mark by now. I must admit that I seemed to have stalled over the past few months in the I 90s. August did bring me one new bird, a yellow wagtail seen on the telephone wires of Church Road, Hardley amongst the Swallows. Fortunately, it called as I could only see it in silhouette, and for once I didn't have my binoculars. That took my total to I 98 seen. I heard, yellow wagtails used to be common around here but not anymore, along with turtle doves and spotted flycatchers they are noticeable by their absence locally. But then on a positive note, it wasn't that many years ago when we didn't have red kites. Driving to Seething, near the end of August, we stopped and watched a family of five swooping over a stubble field looking for carrion (dead animals). It was a fantastic sight that was made all the more enjoyable as it was a shared experience. Then a common buzzard got too close, and the two parent red kites went into protective mode and chased it off.

Speaking of buzzards, this is another species we have gained locally over the past 20 years, and it has now become common. From the garden we watched some courageous swallows chase off a common buzzard not that I could imagine it was interested in them. I must admit that the young buzzards that have been about during August do have a very whiney call, sounding something like a herring or lesser black backed gull. Translated, their call is basically, "I want feeding".

Walking the dogs at Rockland Broad near the end of August I came across a hop plant draping its way over a bush. Rubbing one of its flowers between my fingers I breathed in deeply. Nostalgia kicked in and I was immediately transported back to the mid-1950s, when I went with my mother hop-picking. We were local, living in East Kent but loads of families from the East End of London would come down to work hop-picking. We used to get the equivalent of 12.5 pence per bushel and the bushel baskets were very large.

Returning back to 2022, and walking back towards the car park I heard, then saw, a flock of at least twenty long tailed tits. Scanning with my binoculars to see what else was amongst them, I saw a very obliging willow warbler. With the trees still dressed in all their finery I missed out on getting any decent views of other species.

I regularly walk the dogs at Hardley Staithe around to the "Duck ponds". Earlier this week a wader flew silently across the water and disappeared from view. I knew it was a Sandpiper, but which one? Thinking through what I had observed, I quickly realised that it had been a common sandpiper. That same evening in the garden I heard a green sandpiper as it flew over. I often see them at Earsham Wetland Centre feeding around the lake when I volunteer there.

As you read this our summer visitors will have left for warmer climes and will be replaced by birds from further north. Skeins of pink footed geese should be gracing our skies and flocks of winter thrushes, fieldfare and redwing will be arriving. Yes, there is always something to see that can raise our spirits and give us that feel good factor.

Richard and Rachel Hull

Chet Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Chedgrave and Loddon are developing the Chet Neighbourhood Plan, an official document that aims to maintain, promote, and improve their quality as places to live, work, obtain services, and undertake leisure activities. We are paying particular attention to the environment and sustainability. Working towards net zero carbon emissions and protecting biodiversity are both key requirements of the plan.



As part of our evidence-gathering activities, the History and Heritage Subgroup, together with interested members of the public, embarked on a series of short walks in the parishes, exploring historical routes (roads and river) and buildings. Their purpose was to see how the past has affected the present and to learn how that may be used to protect and sympathetically develop the area in future. We were lucky to have the expertise of Mike Brackenbury and Elvie Herd to guide us. Their enthusiasm seemed contagious and the group grew bigger each week. It is extraordinary how much historical detail can be seen in buildings that we pass everyday without paying much attention.

The Environment Subgroup aims to do something similar for our local environment—the green spaces, verges, parks, gardens, and sports fields—so that it can be an important focus of the policies we write. Whether you have specialist knowledge, are a keen amateur, or are just anxious to learn about our local natural spaces, please do come and join us.

The hard work of developing the plan is being undertaken by a team of parish councillors and volunteers, ably supported and advised by Louise Cornell of Collective Community Planning, a local business. We welcome input from those who live, work or undertake leisure here. Please visit our website (Chet Neighbourhood Plan | Welcome (chetnp.info)) to keep informed of progress and activities and to see what you can do to help. To give us your views about relevant matters, please use the Contact Us page on the website or email Neighbourhoodplan@loddonpc.org.uk.

Gardening Notes

From the Allotment—Andrew Milner

I was hoping to be less gloomy this month and report the amazing revival of my allotment with plants I supposed dying springing amazingly back to life, but as I write (early September) only small amounts of rain have arrived, and my strawberries remain dead and my autumn raspberries have produced no fruit. Contrastingly the raspberries in the damper shadier end of the allotments are huge and excellent. I'll have to barter for some! The good news is that after heroic effort the allotment irrigation system has been repaired. The grape harvest also promises a bumper year —something to raise a glass to.

Last month I was wondering what to do with all the gherkins just three plants have produced. I have more than enough jars of pickled ones now If you have this problem I have discovered an on-line recipe for Gherkin Bhaji which is a nice accompaniment to a curry meal.

Looking ahead October is usually a quiet month in the allotment as you finish harvesting summer crops and start preparing the ground for next year. On my allotment this will mean spreading, trenching or digging in as much organic matter as possible to help retain moisture and then after heavy rain covering it over with a mulch/weed suppressant like old carpet, cardboard or newspaper weighed down with grass clippings or wood chip. The cardboard and newspaper will start to decompose over the winter and the remains can be torn up and added to compost in spring.

From the Garden—Editor

What a month this has been for gardeners. With temperatures often 28C and higher, reaching 37C on several days in a row, it has been a challenge to keep things growing. Watering cans have been employed to keep prize plants alive; grey water from the washing up has been shared between raspberries (just about alive) fruit trees and shrubs; and some thing

(just about alive), fruit trees and shrubs; and some things we have just watched dry out and shrivel.

We are hoping that our wild flower meadow will have set seed for next year. We had a lot of Yellow Rattle in flower this Spring which is supposed to help keep vigorous grass in check. We will strim the whole meadow at the beginning of this month and rake it over, preparing it for new growth.

Now that the rain has come and temperatures are a little cooler, we will be thinking of throwing away the plants in our tubs and putting in something that will be colourful and cheerful over the winter months. Nothing like bright pansies in winter sunshine to cheer the heart.

End Piece

We put a tilt over the logs, to protect them from the rain, but yet again it didn't come!

The forecasters are adept at moving the facts about, and we hear little good news, apart from those blessed with a downpour. We did see a thunderstorm, sheet lightning in the night, miles away, but nothing here in Sisland.

The next day, the holiday-orientated weather person said we might experience 'poor weather', showers! Perhaps they don't know that in East Anglia we are crisping up under relentless sun and heat. The countryside is gasping for water. Our sweet-corn is drying up; we take emergency measures, and put the cobs, two by two, into the freezer, which is becoming an 'Ark' for the kitchen garden. Noah, the conservationist, was fortunate that he had his life-boat too!

We listen to the news. Heavy rain in South West Scotland, and I visualise the burns, dashing over the rocks down Criffel, catching the odd sheep unawares, and roaring under the bridge on the road to Dumfries. But in faraway Pakistan. there is 'Hell on Earth', as monsoons multiply and towns and villages are devastated. Millions of people need our help. 'Global Warming' is warning us!

Terry Read

Thanks

A big thank you to all who were involved in the evacuation of residents of Beauchamp House, Chedgrave, when there was a fire. Carers, Emergency Responders, members of All Saints Church and community volunteers worked together to ensure that the vulnerable, and often distressed, residents were safe, dry, refreshed and comforted as they waited to be assessed ready to move to new temporary accommodation. The last bus containing the wheelchairs, walkers and last staff members left for Norwich at 7:30pm and by midnight all of the residents had been fed, washed and settled down to sleep in their new residence; a wonderful operation!

We are not quite sure when people will be back home in Beauchamp House. Initial estimates were ten weeks but I gather that some residents may be returning sooner than that which is good news!

Editor





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