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YOUR FREE VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

HOLTON & BLYFORD VILLAGE HALL

Burns Night was a great success with 90 people sitting down to a 3-course meal cooked in the kitchen (thank Heaven for the new cookers!) A toast to the great man was raised by Jim Fyfe, suitably clad in full Highland dress, and plunged his "Dirk" into the "Pudding"!

Now we gird ourselves for Mother's Day Cream Tea on Sunday 22nd March. It will start at 3pm. And we would love to see lots of our friends – either with Mother – or without – come and enjoy gorgeous home made scones and loads of cake, together with a glass of Prosecco, and of course, tea/coffee – all for just £7 per head.

Saturday 4th April sees the return of a Craft Fair to the hall. Lots of stalls selling everything from dog collars – to foodstuff via pictures and ceramics.

Entrance is free and the kitchen will be running a super service including hot bacon rolls and loads of home made cake.

Bingo continues to be a mainstay of our fund-raising efforts with many loyal and appreciated followers - up to 52 some evenings which means big cash monies are won. Valentine's Night meant chocolate Hearts for all players to keep the spirit of the season going!

Dates for your Bingo diary are March 12th and 26th, and April 9th and 23rd. All start at 7.30pm.

Holton Big Breakfast still happens on the first Sunday of the month from 9.00am onwards. Dates are 1st March and the 5th April.

Pop up Pub is much improved by new lighting in the Bar area but it still has the atmosphere of a Social Club. Our dates are 27th March and the 24th April from 7.30pm. onwards – come and join a friendly group for a village drink.

Advance Notice.

On Sunday June 21st we will be running the 4th CLASSIC CAR DAY. As usual it's on Father's Day – somewhere to take the man in your life!

Stalls – both inside and out, Tombola, Bar, BBQ outside, all day Music plus Art exhibition in the Hall will enhance the Cars and vintage vehicles on show outside.

Our Kitchen will be providing food all day as well as tea and coffee.

If you'd like to have a fund-raising stall for your Charity or your business ring Wendy on 01986 872590 for information.

Entry for vehicles into the show is free as it is for visitors, just a donation towards our Hall to keep it open and available for all.

Volunteers to help would be so welcome – just contact Wendy as above. We try very hard to give the very best experience but there are just 6 of us on the committee! Every willing pair of hands is most gratefully welcomed.

HOLTON PLAYGROUND ENHANCEMENT (HO.P.E.)

Thanks to all that attended our Autumn fundraising events – the car boot sale at the end of September was well attended and raised £327. A fun evening was had by all at the Hallowe'en disco at Holton Village Hall in October. There were some fantastic costumes to be seen and the grand total of £348 was raised to go towards replacement of the playground.

Since the last update, we have received generous donations from Halesworth Lions, Heveningham Hall Country Fair, Hammond Motor Group, EDF Energy and Van Dijk Accountants – many thanks to them all.

We are getting very close to reaching our final target and have been finalising the plans, with the hope that we will be installing the new play equipment later this year. If anyone would like to make a donation to help us cross the line, please contact Carys Bailey on 07817959155, or donate through our JustGiving page at: <https://bit.ly/2PhzYZE>, further details of which can be found on our Facebook page - New Holton Playground.

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Come and have your lunch with us,
catch up with friends and
Help the work of Cancer Research UK

DAVID JOHNSON

We were saddened to learn of the death of David Johnson who lived in Holton for about 57 years and played a huge part in the village life. Our thoughts are with his wife Gill and their family at this sad time.

In 2011, at the time of David's retirement from the Parish Council, Ann Green wrote an article for the Holton Post and we reprint it below as a tribute:

"Holton Parish Councillor David Johnson recently stepped down after 46 years of service, and although life in a small village may seem quiet he has many vivid memories of campaigns won and lost over the years.

"David, born in 1926, grew up in Great Yarmouth where his family's business was based: Johnson and Sons had been established in 1801 and at its peak employed over 1,000 local people in manufacturing protective clothing for fishermen, from Sou'Westers to seaboot stockings, and also workwear for farmers, brewery workers and the armed forces. David joined the firm after the war, and when he met young Gill Dyas on a skiing holiday, he was soon looking for a new home with a view to settling down.

"In 1963 the couple bought the White House which had belonged to an elderly lady, Mrs Seaman, and was, Gill says, 'painted brown everywhere,' and upstairs consisted of only two and a half bedrooms and a bathroom. It had apparently been a pair of railway workers' cottages originally, but was later converted and has since been transformed by the Johnsons. When they moved in George Foster's father Percy was the gardener, and they kept him on. At that time there were fewer houses in the village but there were two pubs, the school, church, a small wooden village hall, allotments, a post office/shop, a blacksmith's, the woodyard, and also the gravel workings were still active.

"While Gill was looking after their growing family, David was working as a sales agent, first for the family firm and later freelance, but meanwhile he had seen trees being cut down in Blyford Lane and wrote a letter to the parish council, urging them to object. In reply he received a letter dated 16th July 1965, informing him that he had been co-opted onto the council! He duly took his place alongside the other six councillors.

"In the early days the matters under consideration were much as they are today – the state of the Gull, overgrown footpaths, and other items of local concern. But then in 1968 the council were told of plans to bring 500 caravans to Holton Park, along with promises of a swimming pool and supermarket that would be open to all. The councillors went into action with the aid of a 'fighting fund' raised by residents and eventually the

scheme was vastly reduced to just 50 mobile homes. 'There were some people who thought it would ginger up the village and bring life to it,' says David, 'but for my part I had moved away from Yarmouth to have some peace!'

"Around the same time David and others had reservations about the installation of street lighting – one local resident even threatened to shoot out the lights herself – but he now agrees they have been a benefit (although soon to be switched off at midnight). Another major newcomer was Bernard Matthews, and the then M.P. Jim Prior was all in favour, expecting the factory to provide jobs for all. The firm does help local charities including of course the air museum.

"David comments that his reason for remaining on the council so long, including a stint as chairman, was his desire to help ensure that any progress should be well thought-out and sympathetic to the village. That, and a shortage of new recruits... David hopes that younger residents will keep coming forward to take over this important role in the coming years. 'We do need new people, and we need change,' says David – 'but that needs to be done slowly, and with care.'

"After 46 years of caring, David has earned his retirement from village political life".

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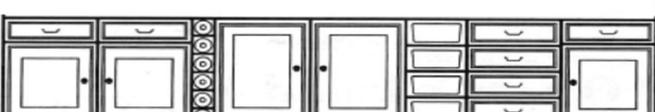
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HOLTON SCHOOL NEWS

The first day of term was another WOW day to kick start the term's learning centered around space. Friends kindly paid for the Astronomy Roadshow Planetarium which was based in the hall all day giving all pupils the chance to visit it in their house groups learning about the Galileo and the Solar System and had the chance to handle meteorites. During the day there were various other activities on different aspects of space related themes. Mrs Stephenson led sessions on "Can we grow plants on Mars? Miss Jackson had the Forest School open all day with related activities while Mrs Shepherd led groups on making craters where pupils had the chance to discover what makes a good meteor using marbles, tennis balls and chickpea flour!

The start of term also saw the launch of the breakfast club for all pupils (for a small fee which includes breakfast) and this is proving popular with working parents. The new nursery is now up and running with a small cohort who have settled in well and are enjoying being in school. Please contact the school office if you are interested in a place for your three-year-old. Nursery is available every morning from 9.00am to 11.45am.

On 11th January many pupils went to see Alice in Wonderland in The Cut which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. This was paid for by Friends so a big thank you to them as well as to all staff, Friends and parents who helped on the day.

Sporting activities which the school are involved in during February and March include Cross Country running for years 3 to 6 and Handball for years 5 and 6.

After school clubs this term include a Maths SATs club for Year 6, Times Tables Rockstars (Years 3, 4 and 5), Book Club for years 12 and 3, Lego and Tennis for all years and MultiSports for years 3 to 6. There is now also a before school badminton club run by a specialist coach. Many thanks to all staff who run these clubs to give the children different opportunities.

To replenish funds Friends are busy organising a quiz which will be held in Chinnys on Friday 13th March. Tickets (£4 in advance) are available from the school or Halesworth Bookshop so get a team (up to 6 people) together to combine your brains and come along for a fun evening. Please bring along your own snacks and the bar will be open all evening and there will be a raffle. We look forward to your support.

Looking ahead Friends are also hoping to hold a cake stall in town on Wednesday 6th May.

A reminder that the school still collects old batteries and printer cartridges for recycling and fundraising so please drop any you may have into the school during school hours.

Alison Hyden

VIOLETS ARE BLUE... OCCASIONAL NATURE NOTES

At present there are some lovely patches of violets, with their perfumed flowers and heart shaped leaves, around the village. There are several patches along Primes Lane, a large area fields behind Blyford back gardens and they have even appeared in profusion outside my back door.



I love the way wild flowers choose to appear whenever conditions are right. Around here, yarrow appears everywhere, mallow, fumitory, poppies and fennel are common and there is a lovely patch of toadflax just as you enter Blyford from Holton in June.

In my previous village the soil was predominantly clay and primroses and cowslips adorned every ditch, joined by meadow sweet and wild roses later on.

All violets are edible, both leaves and flowers are rich in vitamins, but of course they also smell delightful and can be candied for decoration on cakes.

My research has also revealed that viola odorata is cleistogamous which means the bottom flowers do not open but instead set seed, which is why they can become invasive in a garden.

But I expect you all knew that!

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PARKING MANAGEMENT

Parking patrols in Suffolk will soon be managed by district and borough councils, in a bid to improve parking locally and drive down nuisance and unlawful parking in towns and villages across Suffolk.



Traditionally, roadside parking offences were a matter for the Police. However, parking has become a lower priority for them, so Suffolk County Council is transferring this responsibility to local district and borough councils under a process known as civil parking enforcement, or CPE.

Councils already manage public car parks in many towns and villages, so the changes make sense. Suffolk Constabulary is supportive of the move because the transfer of responsibilities will enable them to spend additional time on keeping communities safe and arresting and bringing offenders to justice. Moving the responsibility from the police to local councils requires that statutory notice is given in Parliament. The parliamentary order will be laid until 30 January. The change will bring many benefits, including:

- * greater priority given to parking management locally, to help keep traffic moving;
- * district and borough councils empowered to make local decisions to suit local circumstances;
- * irresponsible and nuisance parking being enforced – supporting pedestrians, vulnerable road users, public transport services, drivers and emergency services to use the network more safely;
- * fines associated with parking will be retained in Suffolk to support the cost of enforcement. Any surplus can be spent on local transport and environmental improvements;
- * new jobs created county-wide to support parking management, patrols and enforcement.

Councillor Andrew Reid, Suffolk County Council's Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Rural Affairs, said:

"Civil parking enforcement powers will soon sit with our district and borough councils across Suffolk. It is

essential in enabling our communities to have closer management of their local parking challenges.

"A lot of residents come to us with concerns that people parking in their towns and villages are becoming more inconsiderate, and something needs to be done about it - we agree, and as a result are committed to seeing these parking issues managed locally to ensure fair and safe parking for all.

"I very much welcome the cross-council collaborative working in order to deliver better parking for the residents and those visiting Suffolk. Our colleagues will continue working together to ensure CPE is successfully launched and I look forward to seeing the benefits locally that these changes will bring."

Suffolk's Police and Crime Commissioner, Tim Passmore, said:

"I am absolutely delighted to see progress being made at last. There has been quite a delay in getting this sorted, so it is great to finally have a date for implementation.

"The council-run parking teams will, without doubt, provide more effective parking enforcement than the police because it will be their main focus - we have seen this in Ipswich where parking enforcement was de-criminalised some years ago.

"Moving the responsibility for parking to local authorities will free up police time for them to deal with more urgent issues, which makes perfect sense and that is why I committed £190K from the Constabulary's reserves to help establish the scheme."

Alison Cackett

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BLYFORD CHURCH

2019 was a busy year for Blyford Church, we held a plant sale, jumble sale and had a stall at the Queens Head summer fete. We also received £100 from the Bike Ride coordinated by Sally McDonald. This enabled us to pay a large amount of the Diocesan Share and to keep our head above water. I would like to thank all the people that helped including Virginia, Sally and Phyllis who are the basis of our fund-raising committee. This year should be even better.

The services such as Mothering Sunday, Team Evensong, Harvest Festival and the Carol Service were well attended, thanks go to the small band of volunteers who help keep the church clean and place flowers in church (you know who you are). There is a Morning Worship on the 3rd Sunday in the month everyone welcome.

Sadly, we did have several funerals in church last year, Doris Chitty our Secretary for many years on the Parochial Church Council, and Pat Champion (Inder) who was also a strong supporter of the church. They will both be sorely missed.

On another note, although we are well supported for volunteers to help at fund raising events, we are still looking for assistance in a churchyard clear up and church cleaning please. Please contact me if you can spare a few hours or would like to discuss any possible help you can give.

Alison Cackett

PEAR TREE FUND RACE NIGHT

The race night was a major success again! From a huge game of heads and tails to a jockey with a hat and whip it was a night full of fun and laughter. Amazing prizes were won such as a lovely day at a Southwold beach hut and a family outing to Halesworth golf club.

It was so nice to see so many kind people digging deep into their pockets for the Pear Tree Fund.

We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who gave us their time and donated money to the cause. From £5 to £50 every penny will help those at the Pear Tree Fund to carry on their amazing work, supporting people with end of life care and helping to fund the new support centre.

As well as 10 exciting races a raffle was held raising over £200 thanks to so many people donating incredible prizes like a luxury fruit basket, a selection of books and a beautiful rose bush.

We would like to thank everyone who made the evening so special, our lovely betting ladies, and all our generous sponsors and the staff at Halesworth bookshop for helping to sell our tickets.

Overall the race night raised over £1600 which is incredible and will be able to help so many people when they need it.

Grace Booley aged 13



A frosty morning in Blyford

QUIZ NIGHT
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WHAT'S IN A NAME?

I am fascinated by place names and their history and origins. Being a city boy by birth and upbringing I've become accustomed to houses/flats just having numbers with the occasional letter following – 43, 149, 76C etc. So, on relocating to the countryside and sunny Suffolk half a decade ago, I looked forward to finding interesting place and property names steeped in history with stories to tell. The reality is, let's say, somewhat different, rather mixed. Concerning our villages – Blyford - ford over the River Blyth – fair enough. Holton, though, much more interesting. The final syllable seemingly represents Old English tun 'enclosure', 'settlement' but the first element has a wide variety of possible origins. In Suffolk it may be hola, the genitive plural of holh 'hollow' (in which case village in a hollow – nice!) but more probably a personal name Hola.

Moving on to dwelling place names within our villages and searching for histories behind the names I've been a little disappointed. Most seem obvious, unoriginal and unimaginative. For example there is a surfeit of variations on 'views of the Blyth' which does confuse many delivery/service personnel! On my cycles around our area I see many Hill Top and Meadow Views and yesterday to the East several Beach Views. It makes me wonder why more imagination is not put into naming the places where we live and spend so much of our time. After all it's personal and the name could be more meaningful. Maybe it just isn't considered an important thing or we just accept the name of a property when we move in?

I do like to see a bit of humour in this regard. When cycle commuting through North London I raised a twice daily smile as I cycled past, amidst roads of residential house and shops, 3 small adjacent properties named Harbour View, Coastguard Cottage and Sea View Cottage (two of which are valued now at £820k and £1.3 million respectively!!). It caused me and friends to jokingly rename (in our minds only) my house Ocean View – the nearest ocean being some considerable distance away (and that's if we regard the North Sea as part of the Atlantic Ocean). But back to Suffolk...

I pass myriad farms on my cyclical traverses. Many have simple descriptive monikers, describing current or past employ/production for example Dairy Farm (lots of those), Walnut Tree, Cherry Tree Farm...all well and good. But the one that really perplexes me is the proliferation of farms called Whitehouse Farm. Why such an obvious name especially when there are so many of them? And many are no longer white – I'd call them SOW (Suffolk Off White). Perhaps a runner up name in the very common name farm stakes is Valley – several of those close by and they're all in a...valley. I've even found a website offering help in naming your farm – "One way to find the right farm name idea is by looking at the kind of trees and plants on your farm. You can name your farm after a specific type of tree that grows wild on it, or the farms location. You can also consider the types of animals that grow on the farm or the types of plants that you are growing." Wow – that's a bit basic! Here's a selection I like - Heart and Soil Farm, From the Ground Up Farm, Make Believe Farm, Cultivating Community Farm, Black Cat Farmstead, Muddy Pumpkin Farms but you can guess where they all are – Trumpland. My suggestions for Suffolk would involve the ubiquitous pink animal - Flying Pig Farm, Globe

Trotter Farm, Pork Barrel Farm or even Pigs Might Fly Farm.

On researching, it is not totally straightforward changing the name of where you live so why bother? I've never tried it and know of no one who has. In East Suffolk, apart from first checking that a similar name does not already exist in the vicinity, one has to apply and it's £39 for the privilege but this does include East Suffolk notifying local and national property gazetteers, the Royal Mail, emergency services and the Ordnance Survey. Interestingly "where a property is known by a number, the council will not approve the deletion of the number in lieu of a name. Property numbers are issued primarily to aid the emergency and delivery services in locating a property within a road, a name only would not do this. However, there would be no objection to a name being used in addition to the number."

Or is renaming relatively unimportant in the whole scheme of things, life having many more complicated and current issues to concern ourselves with? Either way it's nice to see a name which has a story behind it and even better to see one with a jolt of humour. On a recent promenade walk at a nearby resort it was entertaining to clock the names of the beach huts – two in particular made me grin – West Hampster and best of all Plaiice and Ships! But my favourite Blyford name has to be Bummell End and it doesn't even exist any more!

My favourite ever (funny) signpost:



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The headline above is that of an article by Which? Magazine saying that "A surge in scam calls is making some people dread the trill of their landline". The regulator Ofcom has said that scams are now the biggest problem for landline users with one in four nuisance calls thought to be scams. Various methods are used to trick people particularly calls where you are pressured into action either over the phone or over the Internet.

If you are told that your broadband will be disconnected or that your bank account is under threat, or you are asked to open up your computer, don't respond. Hang up, wait for a few minutes and then call a person on a number you trust. Don't ring back straightaway as they could still be on the line. Once scammers have you on the phone they are after something, whether it's personal data to hack your account or to convince you to send them money. **BEWARE!**

MAY DAY HOLIDAY REMINDER

The first bank holiday in May this year is on Friday 8th May not the first Monday as usual in order to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of VE Day. Many calendars and diaries were printed wrongly as the decision to change the date was made too late for some.

BRIEF ENCOUNTERS

Having at least a mile to walk to school, I would always have my head down looking for the odd coin that might have been lost by someone – the reason my school reports are marked “often comes in late”.

Now I find myself doing the same thing in the fields of our countryside. For many years I have been interested in our island’s history and fortunate to experience being on archaeological ‘digs’ in London and Essex over the years, and also visiting such places as the ancient Roman city of Pompeii, Hadrian’s Wall in England and other wonderful places of historical interest. To go in to any museum is usually well worth a visit, but to find an article of interest yourself in the fields around us can be very exciting. To hold in your hand a Roman coin or an Anglo Saxon brooch for example, lost nearly two thousand years ago is indescribable.

I had considered buying a metal detector some years ago, but somehow it never happened until in recent years. To be out in the surrounding countryside and not knowing what you might find can be very exhilarating as you sweep your metal detector across the surface of the earth. When you do find an object of interest then your thoughts are that you are the first to hold the artefact since the last person lost it all those many years before.

Humans have always of course lost or sometimes buried their possessions since time began, and they are then just waiting for us to discover. My first ever Roman coin found in the Halesworth area made me perform the detectorist’s “dance”. Looking first to see if no one was about in case someone should think there was a madman roaming the countryside, I then raised my arms and legs with shouts of joy. From a distance it must look comical but you cannot help yourself I’m afraid.

I was, to be truthful, very nervous in the beginning asking for my first permission to detect. Most hard working farmers and land owners will usually give it if you ask them politely and promise to fill in the small holes you do dig.

I have had, quite rightly, to follow certain rules that detectorists must abide by. For example, first ask permission to detect, show your finds to those whose land you are on and declare immediately any finds that may be considered treasure trove to the local Coroner. There is always a possibility of a ‘pot of gold’ or course, but I personally never go out in the field thinking today’s the day that I will find one for I would come home very disappointed every time. History first, treasure second is my motto. Each find to me is ‘treasure’ and interesting in itself, which can add to our knowledge. An object found from history is for me a personal connection, with those who once existed before me, albeit hundreds of years ago. People who once lived, loved, or worked on the land surrounding our town or village. If history has taught me anything, it’s that I am just passing through and that nothing much is new that has not been done before.

Did you lose a coin recently? Don’t worry. It will probably turn up tomorrow, found by a metal detectorist, or by a detectorist a thousand years from now. Or perhaps a young boy or girl walking to school with their head down?

Richard Bond

HOLTON & BLYFORD VILLAGE HALL TOTE

December draw:

- 1st prize- £25 Belinda Greenwood
- 2nd prize - £10 John Nichols
- 3rd prize - £5 John and Jill Hewlett
- 4th prize - £5 Heather Blowers

January draw:

- 1st prize- £25 Beryl Farrington
- 2nd prize - £10 Joyce Rushbrook
- 3rd prize - £5 Cerys Bailey
- 4th prize - £5 Ann Murphy

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A CHALLENGE FOR LENT

Lent begins on the 26th February for 40 days! Would you or all the family consider putting 40p aside each day for Waveney Foodbank which covers Halesworth? The local foodbanks have more than doubled the number of clients in need over the past year! If 40 people gave 40p per day for 40 days that would amount to £640.00 towards the cost of running the Waveney Foodbank and the provisions they need in order to help the increasing number of people who are finding life a struggle.

Completed challenges can be given in around Easter time at your local church or organisation (such as the Volunteer Centre) or the foodbank which is open on Wednesday mornings from 10.45am until 12 noon in St Mary's Church, Halesworth.

This challenge has been put together by Revd Pam Bayliss for Halesworth and Beccles branches of Waveney Foodbank.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN THE ARTS?

The Arts Society Southwold's season continues on **Tuesday 10th March** with a lecture by Angela Smith on "Cordoba and beyond: Muslim art and architecture in Spain". Then on **Tuesday 14th April** Anne Anderson will be presenting "Nordic Spirit: Grieg, Ibsen and Munch".

These lectures will take place in Southwold Arts Centre, St Edmund's Hall, Cumberland Road, Southwold starting at 2pm. Visitors are welcome with a suggested donation of £5 payable on the door.

If you would like to know more about these events or about joining our society, please contact me on 01986 874000 or email tassouthwold@gmail.com
Anne Holland



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We have been providing care in Halesworth since 2014.

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If you are interested in joining our professional care team we offer:
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Contact Teresa on 01986800227 or
email:halesworth@firstchoicehomecare.co.uk

Laxfield Produce, Craft and Flea Market

Saturday 7th March
9.30am - 12 midday

Lots of stalls inside All Saint's Church and in the Royal Oak and outside on Church Plain

Looking forward to Spring now and the March market brings lots of stalls both indoors and out... the usual very mixed and very interesting offering of over 35 independent, local, stallholders. As well as gifts, crafts, vintage, artisan breads, cakes and savouries, find nice things for the garden this month with the welcome return of Sally's selection of lovely plants, bulbs and helpful advice.

There'll also be stands with garden ornaments, garden decorations with rustic appeal, and a supplier of specific bee-friendly plants.

Joy's Junk makes a welcome return following winter hibernation - all sorts of interesting things to be found on her stall. Also search out the locally hand-made jewellery, plus vegan and organic cosmetics and skincare, all made in the UK. Look for the large Fairtrade table supporting similar small ethical crafters and makers overseas.

The Market welcomes newcomers as customers or sellers, and one-off stalls help make the morning interesting, so if having a Spring clean and sort out, why not book a future slot for stall space with Catherine Cawood on 01986 798852?

Cake, tea and coffee will be available in the Church, and in the Royal Oak breakfasts, bacon butties and teas/coffees, beer and lunches will all be on offer, plus goodies for immediate consumption from the bakes stalls.

The Laxfield Produce, Craft and Flea Market welcomes you on the first Saturday morning of every month -

A fantastic community co-operative market run by lovely friendly people and Raising Funds for Laxfield Church!

MARKET FIELDS FARM SHOP

AT

HOLTON ROAD GARDEN CENTRE

• FROZEN VEGETABLES, FRUITS AND READY MEALS FROM FIELDFARE

• FRESHLY FROZEN FISH FROM LOWESTOFT

• LOCAL HOMEMADE CAKES

Special offers on Beers and Wines!

• FRESH FRUIT & VEGETABLES

• FRESH & FROZEN MEAT FROM CLARKE BUTCHERS, BRAMFIELD

SELECTION OF GIFTS AVAILABLE

OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK

EASY PARKING & LOADING

CHURCH SERVICES

MARCH

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| 1st March | 10.00am Team Eucharist at St Mary's Church, Halesworth |
| 8th March | 6.30pm Team Evensong at St Peter's Church |
| 15th March | 11.15am Iona Morning Worship |
| 22nd March | <u>MOTHERING SUNDAY</u> 11.15am Family Service with the distribution of posies of flowers plus refreshments afterwards |
| 29th March | 10.00am Team Eucharist at St Mary's Church, Huntingfield |

APRIL

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| 5th April | <u>PALM SUNDAY</u> 10.15am Palm Sunday Procession from Halesworth Library to St Mary's Church, Halesworth for the 10.30am Eucharist Service (times TBC) |
| 9th April | <u>MAUNDY THURSDAY</u> 7.00pm Eucharist at St Mary's Church, Halesworth |
| 10th April | <u>GOOD FRIDAY</u> 2.00pm Last Hour at the Cross (The Church will be open and heated from 12 noon onwards for quiet contemplation before the 2.00pm service) |
| 11th April | <u>EASTER EVE</u> 7.00pm Service at St Mary's Church, Halesworth (TBC please see Blyth Valley Times) |
| 12th April | <u>EASTER DAY</u> 11.15am Eucharist followed by refreshments |
| 19th April | 11.15am Iona Morning Worship |
| 26th April | 11.15am Eucharist |

Please check the latest "Team Times" or church noticeboard for full service details as these can change.

CHURCH NEWS AND EVENTS

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2020

RISE! Take up your mat and walk
Praying with Zimbabwe
Friday 6th March at 2.00pm
St Edmund's Catholic Church, Halesworth
Service followed by refreshments

LENT LUNCHES

Our Lent Lunches have already begun! But if you haven't yet joined us for a pared-down lunch of homemade soup & bread and drinks, do come along on one or all of the following Fridays:- 6th, 13th, 20th, and 27th March and 3rd April from 12 noon until 1.30pm in St Peter's Room. We are raising money for the Leprosy Mission, so no reduction in our £3.00 charge, but you do get plenty of soup! And plenty of lively conversation.

LENT BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

It is hoped to have two groups at least in the Team. One will be in Spexhall at Greenacres, Stone Street on Mondays running from 2nd March until the 6th April from 2.30pm until 4.30pm. If you are interested please let either Revd Jane Held (01986 781 760) or Revd David Sochon (01986 781 151) know. The other group will be meeting in Wenhaston (venue and time to be arranged). If you may be interested in this group please let Revd Alison Alder (01502 478 855) know.

RACE NIGHT

Well, what a fun evening was had by all on Saturday 8th February when over 90 people crammed into Holton and Blyford Village Hall for one of Dot Booley's Race Nights. Horses were auctioned, jockeys selected, races run, and prizes were given! And what prizes: a day's golfing for four, a hamper of spirits, bottles of wine, cash, a cake a month for six months, a beach hut for a day and more. What was all this excitement in aid of? The Pear Tree Centre is the beneficiary of £1600.00 plus, a fantastic result from a fantastic evening of fun. Well done, Dot and all your family and helpers!

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY!

CAR BOOT SALE

Saturday 2nd May 10.00am

St Peter's Church Paddock

Bookings: £6 in advance £7.50 on the day

Tel: 01986 875 913 or 01986 835752

Refreshments, Barbecue, Raffle, Church Stall

In aid of St Peter's Church

St Peter's Room, Holton

A room within the church

Equipped with Tea and Coffee facilities.

Washing up area / toilet.

Suitable for small meetings/ music groups/ daytime and evening availability.

Bookings : 01986 835752

HALESWORTH DEMENTIA CARERS' FUND

Next matinee film at The CUT, Halesworth

Wednesday 18th March 2020

'Downton Abbey' at 2.45 pm for 3 pm start

£5 on the day.

USEFUL INFORMATION AND CONTACTS

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| <div style="text-align: center;"> <h3>REGULAR ACTIVITIES AT THE VILLAGE HALL</h3> </div> | |
| Weekly | |
| Yoga | Mondays 10-11.30am |
| Pop Chorus | Mondays 7.30 - 9.30pm |
| U3A Ukulele Group | Tuesday 10 - 12pm |
| Badminton Club | Tuesdays 7.30 - 9.30pm |
| Art Group | 2nd and 4th Tuesday, 2 - 5pm (except July, August and December) |
| Bingo | Fortnightly on Thursdays, 7.30 - 9.30pm |
| Deep Sound Yoga | Thursdays once a month 7 - 9pm, alternating with Bingo |
| Big Breakfast | First Sunday every month 9 - 11am |
| Pop Up Pub | Last Friday in the month 7.30 - 10.30pm |
| <p><i>The Village Hall is also available for private functions during the day and evening and is licensed for the sale of alcohol.</i></p> <p><i>To make a booking call: 07756 916577 or email: holtonandblyfordvillagehall@hotmail.com</i></p> | |

| HOLTON B&Bs | |
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| The Lord Nelson Inn | 01986 835734 info@thelordnelsonholton.co.uk |
| Valley Farm | 01986 874521 mail@valleyfarmholton.co.uk |

PLEASE NOTE OUR WEBSITE ADDRESS IS:
holton.onesuffolk.net/holton-post
 View our newsletter **IN COLOUR** there!

| LOCAL SERVICES | |
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| Foot Care Practitioner -Jane Parker, TCFPC dip. | 07732 048837 |
| Market Fields Farm Shop Holton Road Garden Centre Holton Road Cafe | 01986 872134 01986 872761 01986 873772 |
| Newspapers – Patrick’s | 01986 875229 |
| Private Hire – DRF Transport | 01986 872829 |
| The Hot Meal Service | 01986 835895 |
| Taxi – Ginge | 01986 874028 |
| OTHER USEFUL LOCAL NUMBERS | |
| Doctor’s Surgery | 01986 874618 |
| NHS (non-emergency) | 111 |
| Police (non-emergency) | 101 |
| East Suffolk Council | 01502 562111 |

Suffolk Libraries

MOBILE LIBRARY TIMETABLE

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| Greenbank | 1245-1300 |
| Lower Park Walk | 1410-1425 |
| Valley Close | 1430-1450 |

Calling on 27 March, 24 April

CASUALTIES & MINOR INJURIES

Cutlers Hill Surgery, Bungay Road, Halesworth
Tel: 01986 874618
Monday to Friday (not Bank Holidays) between 8.30am and 6pm

The Minor Injury unit provides treatment for less serious injuries **less than 48 hours old**. This is a nurse-led unit and is supported by the doctors who oversee the unit's work and are available for advice when needed. If your condition cannot be dealt with here then you will be referred to the nearest Accident and Emergency department (A&E) or to another appropriate service. The unit offers treatment to anyone with a minor injury - there is no age limit and you do not have to be a patient of the surgery to use the facility. It is a **walk-in service for Minor injuries only** and you do not need to make an appointment. Patients are seen in order of priority. Please report to the Receptionist at the surgery.