

The Holton Post

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YOUR VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

VILLAGE HALL UPDATE

Unfortunately our update didn't make it to the last issue of Holton Post and so we will mention a few things which are a little out of date but do need bringing to your attention.

Since our last update we have been very fortunate to receive grants totalling £5,100 which have been gratefully received from the following:

Holton Parish Council

Blyford & Sotherton Parish Council

Spectra Packaging

Adnams Community Trust

Three Villages Fund

Cotman Housing

This has meant that we have been able to install the new PA system with hearing loop (many thanks to Jim Watts for doing this work) and the contractors for the lighting upgrade have been selected. In addition, a quote for the fitting of new external doors for the front entrance, the bar and kitchen has been accepted. As you can see a lot has been happening in the past few months.

Many thanks are due to John Mendham who has kindly arranged for a bottle bank to be situated in the car park of the Village Hall. This will be a great help to both hirers of the hall and local residents and will save an extra journey to Halesworth.

Some of you have perhaps already met our new cleaner, Samantha Pearson-Lee. We extend a warm welcome to Sam but as she has already been with us for a couple of months we hope she has happily settled into her new role. If any of you should see Sam hard at work do introduce yourself. I'm sure she would be pleased to meet you.

Again, this is rather old news but no doubt some of you may have seen the advertising feature in the September issue of Community News. Our thanks are due to Carolyn, the Editor, for all her help in putting it together. It was certainly very impressive and as a result we have had some bookings and a lot of interest shown in the hall.

It has been lovely to see a lot of you at our fund raising and new community events over the past few months. A report from Wendy is elsewhere in these pages but I know you would like to join the committee in thanking her and her gallant team for all their hard work which has resulted in a healthier bank balance and helped to engender a great community spirit in the village.

As usual we make an appeal for help. We do not have many members on the committee so if anyone would like to join please get in touch. However, if you don't want to commit to regular meetings we would be very grateful for any offers of occasional help; such as helping with refreshments/baking, running a raffle, helping to set up an event or just being an extra pair of hands when needed. Again, please contact any of those listed below who would be delighted to hear from you.

At this point I would like to thank Vivian Gregg for the great support shown in her letter in the last issue of Holton Post. We can only echo the sentiments expressed and ask you to please support your village hall. It would be so sad if it were to close. The pub has already closed; we don't want another part of our community to go the same way.

Hoping to see you soon.

Jim Watts – 835752

Philip Mills – 875932

Helen Fensom - 873575

HOLTON VILLAGE HALL ACTIVITIES

THURSDAY 5TH JANUARY

BINGO FROM 7.30.P.M.

SUNDAY 8TH JANUARY

HOLTON BIG BREAKFAST from 9.0.A.M.

THURSDAY 19TH JANUARY

BINGO FROM 7.30.P.M.

SATURDAY 21ST JANUARY

POP UP PUB from 7.p.m.

THURSDAY 2ND FEBRUARY

BINGO 7.30.P.M.

SUNDAY 5TH FEBRUARY

HOLTON BIG BREAKFAST from 9.a.m.

THURSDAY 16TH FEBRUARY

BINGO FROM 7.3.0.P.M.

SATURDAY 18TH FEBRUARY

POP UP PUB from 7.p.m.

HOLTON'S CHRISTMAS ILLUMINATIONS

It was great to see various householders making serious efforts to decorate the exterior of their houses this Christmas. I am not sure sightseers blocked the roads in Orchard Valley and The Street but everyone's display brightened up the village in celebration of the Season. I regret that I don't know every individual's name but you should know your efforts are greatly appreciated. Let's hope your electricity bills are not unduly inflated by all those lights.

We would particularly like to thank Bob Stephenson for once again providing the fine tree seen in the centre of the village, and we should also thank Bill and Max Ellis for erecting it in their garden. No public site has a convenient electricity supply.

A Happy New Year to you all.
Alison Cackett

SIZEWELL C STAGE 2 CONSULTATION EVENTS

Local residents had a chance recently to examine and question the latest plans for Sizewell C at a series of public exhibitions staged around the East Suffolk area. Whilst it may feel that this planned development does not directly affect us in Holton and Blyford, over 15 miles away, when you ponder we're talking about EDF Energy's proposals for a new nuclear power station on the Suffolk coast then it should certainly be of concern to all of us.

I took the opportunity to view the exhibition when it visited Blythburgh and was able to talk to several of the EDF representatives present about various aspects of the scheme. They were not there to discuss/argue the merits of nuclear power or otherwise but to explain the building and infrastructure implications of the development. It is difficult to take in the scale of the whole thing, both in terms of time (over a decade's worth of construction) and the amount of resources and changes to the geographical infrastructure as we currently know and see it, which this will entail. Amongst other things these include building a temporary accommodation campus of some 2400 beds south of Eastbridge, various road improvements to both B1122 and the A12 and 2 rail options involving the extension of the Saxmundham – Leiston branch. And all this on top of the actual site development of the reactor itself and all the health, safety and environmental considerations that most of us no doubt have high on our agendas.

We are informed that:

- 25000 roles will be created during the construction period
- 900 new jobs will be a long-term legacy
- There will be 2 reactors capable of generating enough electricity to supply 6 million homes in Britain

The consultation lasts until 3 February 2017

Even if you missed the exhibitions it is easy to find out more and respond accordingly before that date and I encourage you to do just that!

Complete a questionnaire online www.sizewellc.co.uk
Email comments to info@sizewellc.co.uk

John Beckett

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The Church is temporarily closed and currently locked but if anyone wants to visit please contact Alison or Geoff Cackett, tel. 874442. There are no services at present.

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HOLTON SCHOOL NEWS

24 pupils from Red Kites along with Miss McGowan, Mrs Camp and Mrs Righton spent 5 days at Aylmerton on their residential trip. This was a most successful event with Mrs Righton saying it was the best residential she had been on in her career. All enjoyed many and varied activities from orienteering, night time walks (including spooky story telling), camp fires, seeing the seals at Horsey. They all arrived back on the Friday, happy, tired and a wealth of new experiences. A couple of weeks later the children invited their parents in for a presentation about the trip where they shared photos and told us all about it. On behalf of the governors I would like to thank all the staff involved for their willingness to organise a residential trip and to take such good care of the children entrusted to them.

In the last weeks of term KS1 put on their annual production – this year it was ‘Whoops a Daisy Angel’ performed by Osprey and Eagles who were all excellent in their roles. They held two performances which were well attended by family and friends who appreciated all the work put in by pupils and staff. Again many thanks to all staff who helped in any way from rehearsing to sorting out costumes. Many thanks too to parents who helped their children with their lines and learning the many songs which they all sang with great gusto.

On the last Friday of term Red Kites invited their parents in for a Brass performance which was ably led by Mr Flack – well done to them. Later that day the whole school along with Friends committee and governors enjoyed a great Christmas lunch – many thanks to Mrs Thomson and her staff for a lovely meal. This day was made more festive by children being



encouraged to wear a Christmas jumper (as well as uniform) or festive adornment and donate £1. Also that day a pupil choir led by a Year 6 pupil performed at Beech House for the residents staff which was much appreciated.

Over the Christmas holidays pupils have the opportunity to take part in a Christmas Reading Challenge when they are asked to read 1 book over the holidays. If successful the school has been promised a £250 donation by Mr Tony Goldson (County Councillor) which will go towards providing new books for the school library. Families have been asked if possible to send a photo of their child reading the book in their favourite place, or indeed an unusual place and they will be displayed in January. On return to school pupils will

be given to write a book review which will be shared with Mr Goldson. The books can be fiction or non-fiction – perhaps a new one they have received from Father Christmas – I am sure we will be impressed with the wide range of books our pupils have read.

Enrichment activities have continued this half term. I was most impressed when I dropped in to Miss McGowan’s art group – the quality of their work was amazing. They will also be preparing exhibits for Halesworth Art Exhibition in April next year. Mrs Righton’s “Strictly” entertained their parents at the end of their last session and it was most impressive – 10’s all round I am told! Miss Chittock’s sewing club have been making stockings while Miss Jackson’s Nature group have enjoyed creating dens and have come up with ideas for using our wooded area. In sport the group have been doing different sports including table tennis. Many thanks go to all staff who give up their time to run these activities which are enjoyed by all.

In a first for Holton pupils in Kestrels have had the opportunity to learn the Ukulele with Mr Ducker - 12 pupils have participated in this and more hope to start in January 2017.

For more information and photos about the school please visit the school website.

Alison Hyden

THANK YOU

Holton School pupils, staff and governors would like to thank Mr and Mrs Stephenson of Woodside Farm for kindly donating a magnificent tree which has had pride of place in the school hall over the festive period.

DISTRICT EYE VIEW

Firstly, a Happy New Year to you all and I hope you had a very merry Christmas. Mine was filled with friends and family as usual. A good time was had by all. But alas we must get back to work, my diary in January is already filled with various meeting and events.

I have Planning, Overview & Scrutiny and of course Health Scrutiny, both Suffolk wide and Waveney and Great Yarmouth. As well as meetings, we have the Local Government Review for the Parishing of Lowestoft and Oulton Broad, and the proposed Merger between Waveney and Suffolk Coastal District Councils. Lots to discuss and consider as usual, and if you want a chat about either of these matters don’t hesitate to contact me, or see me at the Library on the Second Saturday in every month between 10 and 11 am. I am keeping a close watch on my district which includes the villages north of Halesworth. Westhall, Spexhall, Holton, Blyford, Sotherton and Wangford with Henham, as you can see I have a large area to cover.

Don’t forget if you have an issue please let me know and I will do my best to resolve the situation. I am contactable by phone or email.

Regards
Cllr Alison Cackett

HOLTON HAS TALENT!

The village art group

Did you know we have a thriving art group in our village that is so popular it has a waiting list to join?!

Holton Art Group was the brainchild of two friends in the village, Pat Barclay and Denise Mahood who, during a casual conversation, discovered they shared an interest in art. Subsequent chats with friends and neighbours soon revealed they were not the only ones and the idea of setting up an art group in the village was born.

The Holton Art Group met at the Village Hall for the first time in January 2015. Starting with just six members, interest in the group soon grew and two years later is at full capacity with 16 members. Attended mainly by people in the village, the group is friendly and welcoming of new members – I know because I was lucky enough to join in May when my husband and I first moved to Holton.

Although people can use the sessions to work on their own paintings, Pat and Denise provide the group with a focus or theme each month. Recent examples have included



experimenting with different techniques such as painting without brushes, collage and ink with watercolour, in addition to providing still life compositions. Most people work in watercolour or acrylics and all are enthusiastic amateurs.

Two or three times a year Pat and Denise arrange for a tutor to join the group. In November we were delighted to welcome Sarah Johnson, a renowned local landscape artist who introduced us to experimental watercolour techniques using different washes to achieve a variety of interesting effects. Everyone was impressed by Sarah's ability to create such atmospheric landscapes (she made it look so easy!) and enjoyed attempting to create similar masterpieces!

The art group currently meets on the 4th Tuesday of the month from 2-5 pm at the Village Hall (except July, August and December) but from January the group will meet twice a month. The additional sessions will give people more time to work on their own projects in a group environment. Anyone interested in learning more about the group is welcome to call in during a group session or email holtonartgroup@gmail.com for more information.

The art group is just one example of local people sharing an interest and making use of our Village Hall.

Maggie Whymark

BLYFORD & SOTHERTON PARISH

COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 14TH NOVEMBER 2016.**

PRESENT: Councillors G Walker(Chair), R Parry, M Jackson, G Dunsire, J Beckett and Cllr A Cackett (WDC),

APOLOGIES – Cllr S Macdonald, B Martin, Cllr T Goldson (SCC)

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON: Monday 5th September 2016 -These were approved, all in favour.

COUNCILLORS REPORTS

HALESWORTH AREA MEETING – Cllr Walker

There were discussions regarding mud on the road from farm vehicles, Community Speed watch. It was agreed that the minutes from these meetings would be circulated in future.

LATITUDE – Cllr Parry

There was some discussion regarding the Policy used regarding the selling of Latitude tickets in Sotherton and whether this should be changed. It was agreed that the Policy would remain the same. ie. tickets only to be sold to permanent residents of the village.

PLANNING DECISIONS/APPLICATIONS

To Consider the Wenhaston with Mells Hamlet Neighbourhood Development Plan. There were no objections to this plan, however members were advised that they could submit their own comments to Wenhaston with Mells Parish Council if they so wished.

DC/16/4310/TEL – Removal of Public Telephone Box in Sotherton

DC/16/4345/TEL – Removal of Public Telephone Box in Blyford

Both these items were discussed. There were no objections to these applications, in fact it was thought that the removal would tidy up the area as they were in a poor condition and had not been maintained.

REPORTS

Cllr Cackett advised regarding Budget at WDC and the difficulties balancing it. She advised she was still working with Halesworth Councillors regarding the car parking charges for future years. She gave an update on the possible merger with Suffolk Coastal and the current situation regarding Devolution.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 9th January 2017

Alison Cackett

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HOLTON AND BLYFORD VILLAGE HALL Life and Events!

Despite what has seemed like never ending road works and traffic lights we have continued to bring life – and funds – into the Village Hall!

We were thrilled to receive a grant of £3k from the Wind Turbine Group to update the lighting system – which should be happening just before Christmas.

We were also the lucky recipients of an Adnams Charity grant of £500 towards our sound system and hearing loop, Blyford and Sotherton Parish Council and Holton Parish Council also granted us £850 between them and so a huge thank you goes to them from the Village Hall Committee.

We have bids in for funding to update the main, side and kitchen doors to make the whole Hall more secure and up-to-date! The list of projects could get longer but we are trying to keep our feet firmly planted!

Alison, the Lettings Secretary reports an uplift in 2017 bookings. Bingo is now on the regulars list as it will be on every 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month from now on. Callers John and Jim are into their strides with the new machine and avoiding the non p.c. comments! Cake and tea/coffee are always available and a popular raffle rounds off the evening.

When I last reported, we were about to stage the Ballroom Dancing evening with Corinne and Gerry. We had a spirited evening with some wonderful dancing, the bar was open and enjoyed and then Cllr Tony Goldson and his wife, Teresa, did a “Strictly Dancing” challenge waltz – which was judged by those who sponsored them! A grand time was had by many “Lens” and some very serious and well-meaning comments were offered by fellow dancers to much hilarity! The sponsorship alone raised £125 for the Village Hall and a great night was had by all.

The follow up from this was Cotman Housing – for whom Teresa Goldson works – have very kindly given us a Community Grant for the Hall of £250. What a great night.

The following Saturday night was our Family Halloween Disco. The Children of the Village dragged their families along, every single one in costume. Steve, ably assisted by Sooty, put on the most wonderful children’s disco – everyone danced their hearts out, chocolate cakes, buns and squash went down in enormous quantities – just don’t ask about the chocolate! We were helped by George the Dragon who guarded the front door and welcomed all visitors. George was kindly brought to the Hall by Karen and Kevin Prime away from his normal position outside Edwards Café in the Halesworth’s Thoroughfare.

Karen Prime has very nobly taken on our Facebook information work to keep all those who are users up to date with the events.

A book jumble, two Big Breakfasts and Pop up Pubs have passed with good attendance and enthusiasm from our regulars – who are so valued by us who are trying to keep our Hall open and paying its way.

I must mention the wonderful Gathered Together live band we had at our Pop up Pubs. A group of good friends led by Bill Ellis who just make music together performed for the first time in November. I rudely called them Stage Virgins which may, or not, stick! Then again in December we were very lucky to have a re-run from them. They really are great, play easy music and are part of the whole good feeling that is now your village Hall.

We had our very first Craft Fair in November with a great mix of stalls selling everything from children’s books to candles via cards and decorations – oh and masses of cheese! It was so successful that the stall holders have asked for a re-run and so **Saturday April 8th 2017** is already on the calendar – please put it in yours.

A very Happy New Year from the Blyford and Holton Village Hall Committee.

Wendy Mendham

Holford and Blyford Village Hall Tote Winners

The result of the draw held on 8th November was as follows:

1st - No.18	L Garnham	£25
2nd - No.101	Barrie Cook	£10
3rd - No.149	Bernadette Antill	£5
4th - No.154	Jill Johnson	£5

The result of the draw held on 13th December was as follows:

1st - No.17	D Garnham	£25
2nd - No.135	Sue Shiers	£10
3rd - No.114	Fred Fisher	£5
4th - No.73	Phyllis Felton	£5

New members are always welcome. Please contact Helen Fensom on 01986 873575 for further details.

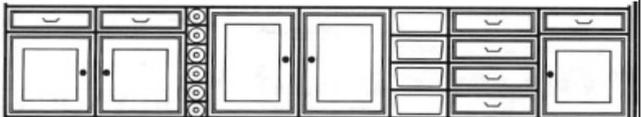


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HOLTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 9TH NOVEMBER 2016

PRESENT: Councillors D Davis, D Fosdike (Chair), M Hart, M Jones, N Kerridge, R Stephenson.

IN ATTENDANCE: A Cackett Clerk (outgoing), D Henry Clerk (incoming) and three members of the public

PUBLIC FORUM: 3 members of the public were present and provided councillors of their views and concerns in relation to: -

Flood and communication with landowner in relation to the formation of a barrier or diversion to prevent run off water exacerbating the flooding

Community interest in the Pits. This was deferred to late correspondence for discussion.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr G Cackett

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: No pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests were declared

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of 7th September 2016 were received and agreed as a true and accurate record with the following amendment, Councillor D Davis was present at 7th September meeting. Proposed Cllr Stephenson. Second Cllr Davis. Unanimously agreed.

The minutes of 7th October 2016 were received and agreed as a true and accurate record. Proposed Cllr Stephenson. Second Cllr Hart. Unanimously agreed.

PLAY AREA UPDATE

Members received and noted the following updates.

Researching potential grant possibilities, ongoing.

A site visit had been undertaken, information and catalogues of equipment received from WICKS. HAGS were due to undertake a site visit on 14th October 2016.

Once proposals for the type of potential play equipment available had been received consultation with children and young people would take place.

Fence Correspondence, Church View resident

The Chairman appraised members of a letter received from Church View resident. The content of the letter was given very careful consideration and after a lengthy discussion members **agreed;**

A formal and sincere apology for the loss of response to the original communication be made.

the deeds indicate the liability for the full upkeep of the fencing identified lies with the current owner.

the Parish Council were unable to offer any financial assistance with the repair or renewal of the fencing in question.

A precedence had not been set as the circumstances were not the same. The previous chain linked fence was erected to prevent a nuisance that was being caused solely by activities on the play area land. This fence was an additional fence within the boundary of the play area land and the original boundary fence still exists.

An offer be made to meet on-site with the resident to discuss further. Proposed Cllr Jones. Second Cllr Hart. Unanimously agreed

HOLTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Members received and noted the following updates. Correspondence received by the Chairman from the Chair of Governors of Holton St Peter Primary School read and discussed by members. The following was agreed:

To support any related funding application the Holton St Peters School makes to the 3 Village Fund (Wind turbine fund).

For the Parish Council to establish if the advisory 20mph limit could be made mandatory.

To support the school in establishing a VAS sign outside the school to act as a deterrent. Proposed Cllr Jones. Second Cllr Kerridge Unanimously agreed
Members agreed to a presentation from Holton St. Peters Primary School's Junior Road Safety Officers (JRSO)

RECENT FLOODING

Members of the public voiced their concerns in relation to the spring/summer flood and requested an update on the possibilities of diverting the fields run off water.

Alison Cackett, Parish Clerk, reported she had spoken with the land owner's son several months earlier about the possibility of diverting run off water from the field in question in a different direction. Mr Barham had indicated that he would prefer to meet with the parish council representatives.

A through clean of the ditches, gullies and drains had now been completed.

WEBSITE PROVIDER CHANGES

10.1 Members noted the termination and transfer date of the current website has been deferred until after the November meeting.

Members considered the Clerk's update and agree to Community Action Suffolk (CAS) as the website provider. Proposed Cllr Hart. Second Cllr Davis. Unanimously agreed

PLANNING DECISIONS/APPLICATIONS

Members considered the Pre-Submission Draft Plan for Wenhaston & Mells

Neighbourhood Development Plan (previously circulated). Action: no response or comment to be made at this stage.

CLERK'S TRAINING

Members consider and approved the Clerk's request to attend future training events Proposed Cllr Stephenson. Second Cllr Davis. Unanimously agreed

LATE MAIL

Members considered the insurance renewal and approved the 5 year agreement. Proposed Cllr Hart. Second Cllr Kerridge. Unanimously agreed

A verbal review of the history in relation to the pits becoming a community asset was discussed at length. Members agreed that this should be an agenda item for the next meeting.

Defibrillator: Following a decision members agree a further approach should be made to BT to adopt the

telephone kiosk and obtain funding to purchase and install a defibrillator. Proposed Cllr Jones. Second Cllr Hart. Unanimously agreed

REPORTS

Village Hall: Members received an update on ongoing planned activities, noting that they are being well attended.

Transport: There were concerns in relation to the difficulties in having to get a bus to the James Paget Hospital.

Suffolk County Council: No report

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

4th January 2017 7.30 pm Committee Room, Holton and Blyford Village Hall

The meeting closed at 21.00

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MOTORING

Our local dealerships have no new models to review this month although many 2017 models have minor facelifts. These include Volvo and Ford models. Volvo have two new models in the large vehicle bracket which I am hoping to review (the V90 and S90), the former replacing the faithful old V70, popular with antique dealers due to their impressive load lugging capabilities. Land Rover are due to release an updated Discovery, consequently I hope to be invited to evaluate one as soon as possible. But don't expect an enticing price tag! Whilst wondering what I might write about my thoughts drifted to my very early motoring years when I was a student and could barely afford to buy and run a vehicle. I had to drive 42 miles to work and was lucky enough to find an A35 van with a rear seat conversion with a genuine 24000 miles on the clock. It cost me the princely sum of £175, and £125 a year to insure it fully comprehensive.

With the mileage I was doing it required servicing three times a year. Unable to afford servicing costs at the garage I had to do it myself, relying on the useful Haynes Manuel. Servicing consisted of changing the engine oil, gearbox and back axle oil and adjusting the valve tappets. The points in the distributor always needed adjusting or replacing and resetting. Drum brakes could be adjusted with confidence. Job done! But thinking back, I was self-taught and managed to service my cars for 12 years. Having purchased a professional socket set I even decoked the head on a Ford Anglia 105 E and changed the valve springs for a stiffer set which were designed to delay valve bounce. But I have to admit that there appeared be little improvement in performance. I would not have the confidence to undertake any of these jobs now and looking back, I am not sure I should have been so ambitious. A little learning is a dangerous thing!

Modern cars don't appear to lend themselves to home maintenance, but then service intervals are much longer and can be up to two years. So unless you have deep pockets as a student you just have to trust to luck that your car passes the MOT to keep on motoring.



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CHURCH SERVICES

JANUARY

1st Jan	10.30am Team Eucharist at St Mary's Church, Halesworth PLEASE NOTE TIME
8th Jan	11.15am Eucharist
15th Jan	11.15am Iona Morning Worship
22nd Jan	11.15am Eucharist
29th Jan	10.30am Team Eucharist at St Peter's Church, Holton PLEASE NOTE TIME

FEBRUARY

5th Feb	9.30am Team Eucharist at St Mary's Church, Halesworth 6.30pm Evening Prayer
12th Feb	11.15am Eucharist
19th Feb	11.15am Iona Morning Worship
26th Feb	11.15am Eucharist

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

CHURCH NEWS AND EVENTS

WE HAVE ALL DONE IT AGAIN!

Thank you to everyone who came and supported St Peter's Christmas Fair. We had a fabulous morning which raised nigh on £ 1400.00 for the on-going expenses of the Church. This is a great help toward maintaining a beautiful old building where all can come to worship God together.

A special thanks must go to Helen Knevet and Dot Booley for organising everything, including the refreshments, and to all the stall-holders for providing interesting and attractive stalls for our many visitors to browse among.

DOT'S FABULOUS COFFEE MORNING

Once again the Halesworth Community Nursing Care Fund has benefited from Dot Booley's pre-Christmas Coffee Morning held on the 15th December at her house. How everyone managed to squeeze in is a minor miracle, but they did, and to good effect as the morning raised well over £500.00, a £100.00 up on last year. Phew! All I can say is "Well done Dot".

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

As I am writing this before Christmas I can't comment on The Christingle Service or the Midnight Service, but I can say that the Church looked lovely for the Carol Service, so a very special thank you to our band of flower arrangers. The service was enjoyed by a good crowd who joined in singing carols and listening to the age-old story of the birth of Jesus from the familiar Bible verses, and we also heard poems and readings giving a different look at Christmas and all it means to so many. Thank you to Revd Jan Bunday who led the service, Jason Busby who played for us, the scratch choir and last but not least all our readers.

A collection was taken for the work of Embrace the Middle East.

EPIPHANY CELEBRATIONS AT POP-IN PARLOUR

Our first soup lunch of 2017 will be on 6th January or Twelfth Night, when we traditionally take down our Christmas decorations and when we celebrate the coming of the Three Kings or Magi. We will be serving soup, bread, cheese and pickle as usual but in honour of the day we will also be having one or two extra treats! Come along and join us between 12noon and 1.30pm for lunch and a chat.

ADVANCE NOTICE

Ash Wednesday, marking the beginning of Lent, will be on 1st March and will be marked by a service at St Mary's Church, Halesworth, details will be in Team Times. Lent Lunches at St Peter's Church will begin on Friday 3rd March.

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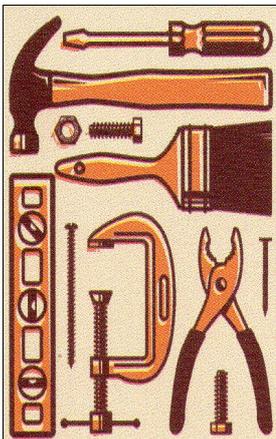
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