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Adventure Playground Opening Sunday 2nd August



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★ Great Massingham Village Hall ★

Join us for a fun-filled afternoon for all the family!



Everyone is welcome!
Join our fun-filled family day, hosted and organised by GM Village Hall, to celebrate the opening of the new playground!

A considerable amount of money was granted to the Parish Council to pay for the works carried out and

the results are amazing. I'm sure we will be the envy of many other villages! Please come along and join in the fun with your family.

Cake donations needed/ gratefully received for refreshments stall.

Debs Lambert

Malcolm Prue Memorial Tournament

Will be taking place at the tennis courts alongside the new playpark celebrations.

This is the 2nd year the club will be holding this event to commemorate Malcolm Prue, a much respected and popular member of the club, renowned for his mighty net smashes! The tournament is fully subscribed and promises to showcase the club's talent, so please come and support and enjoy watching some exciting doubles matches.

Maggie Prue says she is looking forward to presenting the trophy to the winners.

Ali Ward



Bowls Club

Also battling it out on the day will be the Bowls A team vs B team which a source has compared to the Ipswich Norwich Derby; incredibly competitive!

Scotsman's Pit

This body of water at the northern end of our greens is a much-loved feature within our village. Over the years it has seen many changes.

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Closing date for next issue:

18th August

This Parish magazine is published every month for residents of Great and Little Massingham with support from the Great Massingham Parish Council, The Parochial Church Council and Great Massingham Village Hall Trustees

Highways issues

If residents want to report any highways issues, they can via <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/article/39652/Report-a-highways-problem>

This link covers potholes, overgrown hedges and trees, footpaths etc. A reference number is given once a report has been made and it is very easy then to follow up.

You can also log the issue on the FixMyStreet platform, which automatically flags the fault to the relevant local authority.

The more issues raised, the quicker a response is forthcoming.

Caroline Boyden
Parish Clerk

Vivien Arbenz, 1958 - 2026

The phone rang.....

.....at 01.40 in the morning of July 19th 2025. Many of you will recall that Vivien subsequently underwent a Tracheostomy, which meant that she was unable to speak, and food and drink were fed directly into her stomach. This was an additional burden on her systems as she was already Type 3c Diabetic as a result of having no pancreas.



I want to thank the kindness and thoughtfulness of those people within our Village who came forward with help at an incredibly difficult time. Just a month beforehand I underwent surgery which prohibited me from driving for the first of what was to be two months in hospital for Vivien. Living with a Tracheostomy for worst case scenarios is unthinkable and requires full time care.

Vivien, as determined as ever, survived for 50 weeks and sadly passed away on 30th June, and her funeral was a private ceremony on 21st July. Her Family, closest Friends and former Colleagues are joining together for a Celebration of her Life for a later date.

Thank you again to everyone who came forward with help, and for the cards and messages. Several people have asked about donations, and these can be made for the divided benefit of The Gissing Ward as well as Tracheostomy at NNUH using Just Giving:

Tribute to Vivien Arbenz, 1958 – 2026

<https://vivienarbenz.muchloved.com/>

Robin Arbenz



Village Consultation Survey

Parish Council land behind Doctors' Surgery

Great Massingham Parish Council is seeking residents' views on the future use of the Parish Council-owned land behind the Doctors' Surgery. Options discussed include retaining the land as it is, housing development, an Early Years building, or a scheme combining housing with an Early Years building. **No final decision has been made.**

This survey is for information gathering only for the Parish Council.

For further information and online form visit:

<https://tally.so/r/5Be5rQ>

Or scan the QR code

Or cut out and fill in below:



1. Do you support the Parish Council exploring this proposal to develop the land? Tick one:

- ☐ Strongly Support
- ☐ Support
- ☐ Oppose
- ☐ Strongly Oppose
- ☐ Not sure/neither support or oppose

2. If housing formed part of a future proposal, which types of housing would you support? Select all that apply

- ☐ Homes for families
- ☐ Bungalows
- ☐ Affordable homes
- ☐ Homes for older residents
- ☐ A mix of housing types
- ☐ No preference

3. Which approach do you think the Parish Council should investigate further? Select one.

- ☐ A purpose-built Early Years Community Centre alongside housing development
- ☐ Housing development focused on local needs, including affordable housing and homes for older residents
- ☐ Housing development with the primary aim of generating funds for village projects and facilities
- ☐ An Early Years Community Centre without housing development
- ☐ Unsure
- ☐ Other: _____

4. When assessing proposals for the site, what should the Parish Council give most weight to? Select the 3 most important

- ☐ Securing a permanent building for Early Years Community Centre
- ☐ Delivering affordable or local-needs housing
- ☐ Balancing financial value with community benefit
- ☐ Achieving the highest financial value for the parish
- ☐ Ensuring the design fits the village
- ☐ Protecting the Doctors Surgery access
- ☐ Keeping the development modest in scale
- ☐ Minimising traffic, parking and access issues
- ☐ Other: _____

5. What would make a proposal acceptable or unacceptable to you?

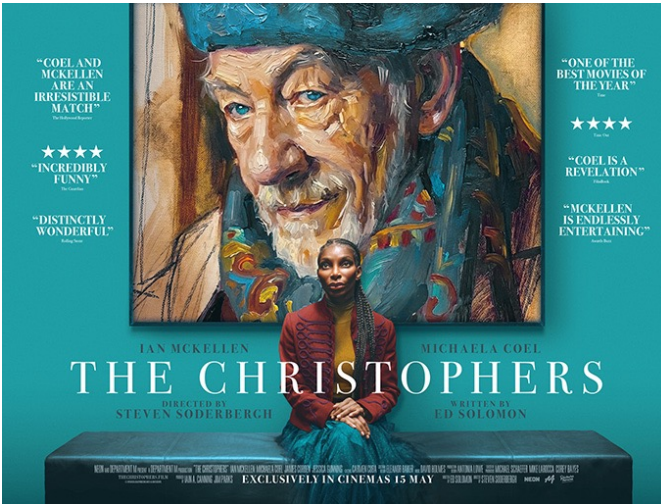
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One survey per adult resident (16+).

Surveys to be completed by: 15th August 2026
If filling out here, deliver to Village Hall or Pub
OR - The Parish Council will be at the Village Hall,
1-4pm on 2nd August 2026 to hear views and surveys
can also be completed in person there.



Film Night – The Christophers (2025) Thurs 20th August. 7pm.



Steven Soderbergh's *The Christophers* as a stylish, dark comedy featuring a standout "double act" performance from Ian McKellen and Michaela Coel. A brilliant, fast-paced 'emotional heist' as reviewed in *The Guardian*.

The children of a once famous artist hire a forger to complete some unfinished, long ago abandoned canvases so they'll have an inheritance when he dies.



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After you contact us, we will arrange to meet you in a trusted space where you feel safe, like the library or a local coffee shop, where we will provide you with help and information. We know some residents might struggle to get to a library so would be open to attending coffee mornings or events in the village if there was a demand.



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Pond Clean Up

A huge thank you to all the children and adults from Great Massingham who got stuck in on 23rd July to help clean up our much-loved Scotsman's Pond.

The best find of the day was a skateboard, discovered by Ruby!

The children also helped rescue a goose that had become trapped around the edge of the pond. A special thank you to Alfie and Finley for bravely venturing in to help with the rescue, under the close supervision of the adults present, and to Allishia and Maggie for taking the goose to East Winch Wildlife Centre for care.

A big well done as well to Rogan, Ralphy, Jenson, Jayden, Elijah, Layton, and Mia for all their hard work.

Together, everyone collected an incredible six full bin bags of litter. Every bag removed helps make the pond a cleaner, safer place for wildlife and for everyone who enjoys this special spot. Thank you all for your fantastic community spirit!



The team and the haul



Allishia holding 'MJ'
the rescued goose

**Jasmine Longhurst
and Gavin Cole
Fishing Wardens**

Nelson's Journey Skydive

A massive thank you to all who supported me on the day of my Skydive and for all you generous people who have donated! My total is £1270 for Nelson Journey, still can't believe it! Thank you.

Nicola Fryett





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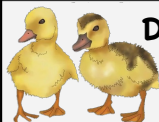
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Wednesday 5th August, 6.30pm

Meet St Andrew's Church, Congham

For more details:

Rosemary Mehers at

rosemarymehers@hotmail.com,

07720 971753

Or Rev'd Sue Martin at

revdsuemartin@gmail.com



Fakenham Choral Society is taking its Summer break and starting rehearsals **8th September** for our Christmas concert. If you enjoy singing and would like to join, please visit <https://www.fakenhamchoralsociety.org/join-us> particularly if tenor or bass.



GAYTON **COFFEE MORNING**

Saturday 8th August
10am – 12noon

St Nicholas Church, Gayton

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Save the date!

Macmillan **Coffee afternoon**

Saturday 19th September
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Scotsman's Pit

Photographs of **Scotsman's Pit** dating from 1910 show it to be very shallow and muddy, extending almost out to Station Road. Cattle drank from it as they were driven through on their way to market. Some older residents have commented that in the summer it was a "stinking mess"! Later photos show an abundance of both bankside bushes as well as reeds and other water plants, now sadly missing. Since then, the pit has shrunk in size and changed shape several times due to work being carried out on the greens, until it has reached its present shape today.



But it is not just an old marl pit (clay and limestone mix used as fertilizer) but possibly a fishpond for the priory as well as being the start of a water course through the village. Water enters through the culvert under Walcup's Lane, fed by springs above what is now Summerwood Estate, water then exits at the other end to continue its voyage through the parish. An underground pipe carries water on to Post Office Pit then on down the Weasenham Road before finally disappearing underground to reappear at Weasenham as part of the head waters of the River Wensum. There is another aquifer running much deeper as well which was the village water supply, serving both private wells plus the main village well.

Ponds need maintenance if they are to survive and flourish. Reeds and other growth in the pit had become excessive and needed to be reduced. Unfortunately, this was not carried out in a controlled manner, resulting in the pit becoming denuded of plants and aquatic life. Fishermen reported a large drop in both numbers and quality of fish caught, so what was to be done?

A group of volunteers, calling themselves **"The Friends of Scotsman's Pit Great Massingham" (FOSPGM)** formed with the permission of the Parish Council to try and improve things for everyone.

The first problem noted was that the pit edges were fast eroding (pictured right). Wind and water action, combined with no plant roots to help bind the soil, meant that the edges were fast falling into the water. This was not only a danger to anyone standing on the banks but was also fast filling up the pit with soil and debris.

Several methods of trying to combat this were tried. Edges were reinforced with stones from the pit, wooden hurdles, back filled with silt from the pit bed and brushwood bundles. All of these were partially successful when planted with marginal



Coir rolls

plants sourced from other parts of all the pits in the village, but finally, coir rolls, some eight feet long and composed of coconut fibre were found to be by far the most successful. Funding for this material has been provided by the Parish Council, the Village Fund Initiative and generous donations from villagers supporting care of the pit.

The main plants chosen were Sweet and Yellow Flags, Juncus Grass and Water Mint, all of which were readily available from the two main pits.

The stones along some sections have caused some controversy but the greens and pits are the property of Houghton Hall. Lord Cholmondeley was approached for help where the volunteers felt it beyond their capability, so this work was carried out by the owners. Given time, silt from the pit will part cover these stones and marginal planting will soften the edge.

So how serious was this erosion? In places, a spade could be slid under the bank at water level for its entire length! In dry weather, large cracks were appearing in the edge turf and most noticeably, over the winter of 2023-24, the pit grew by over six feet on its eastern edge. Soil and turf could be seen floating in the water.





A 'no mow' margin of one metre was requested and agreed to help stop this erosion and stabilise the banks. Since doing this, not only has erosion almost ceased, but the abundance of wildflowers and insect life has proved to be very popular with many admiring the wildlife now attracted. Both Dragon and Damselflies have reappeared, along with many beautiful butterflies and moths. Not only that, the fishermen report a large improvement in fish size and quality.

What next?

The pit is an important village feature, providing a green space for all to enjoy, a water source, wildlife

haven and a site for recreational fishing.

We have a new fishing warden, Mrs. Jasmine Longhurst, ably assisted by Gavin Cole. Fishing is free to residents and day tickets are available for visitors. Full details of this and more are on the Parish website. Around the margins of the pit FOSPGM have been creating gaps in the edge planting so that fishermen can enjoy their hobby. The team have always liaised with the anglers as to their needs as well as all who enjoy this tranquil location.

Two main problems remain. Excessive waterfowl and silting up of the pit. Both geese and ducks are a problem. Feeding of the birds has always been enjoyed but too much food creates both pollution and an unsustainable colony, so is discouraged.

Geese in particular like short grass to feed on as well as a clear view both ways across the water's edge, so plant growth here helps to deter them.

The water depth is a maximum of 4 to 5 feet in places. Below this has been measured up to four feet of silt! The pit was last dredged in about 2000 and since then there has been a great deal of erosion taking place. By the end of this year, FOSPGM hope to have completed their efforts to stabilise the banks and then the possibility of perhaps dredging the top third of the pit can be considered, but advice on other possible solutions is also being sought.

Then, perhaps other fish can be introduced to both help with the aquatic balance and provide varied catches for anglers. Tench and Rudd are both possibilities but an authorised source, plus permission from Houghton Hall, will be needed before anything is done. Also, an improvement in water vegetation to provide cover, food and oxygen for the fish.

So, if you see a small group paddling in the pit on a Friday morning, do please stop and say hello. Even better, come and join us in our efforts!

Finally... This year has seen one of the driest spring seasons on record, followed by a summer heat wave. As a result, ground water levels have dropped quite significantly.

The pits in the village are all fed by natural springs. Scotsman's Pit is the first in the chain, which is why, although levels are very low, it still has the most water. The outflow from this is controlled to retain as much water here as possible. Post Office pit has a secondary source of water from springs to the west of the village, but these too are currently dry.

Once we get some rain again, Scotsman's Pit will be the first to refill, with the flow then starting again along the chain of pits through the village. Remember last summer, when the pits along the Weasenham Road were dried out completely? There was a plan to dredge one to improve water retention, but a sudden summer deluge refilled them all before this could be done! Plans are in place to once again try to dredge another pit here before we get some much-needed rain.





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All welcome, especially families



Meet at St Andrew's Church at 10am for a moth trap reveal and to hear about the local bat population. Parking available on Church Lane, PE32 2JT

Walk approx. 1 mile, down Church Lane to Hall Farm, past Lily pond looking out for plants and wildlife as we go; dragonflies, birds and plants, also pond dipping. A visit to the adjacent meadow to lookout for insects and grassland flowers will round off the event.

Blind local riding 100km for church and charity

Robert Taylor, a resident of Great Massingham, will be riding a 100km bike ride in September for charity. Robert, 66, is seriously visually impaired, only having a small amount of periphery vision remaining, registered as Severely Sight Impaired, or blind in old money. Robert had not ridden a bicycle in well over fifty years when he mounted Vision Norfolk's tandem in late May. From the first push down on the pedal, he said he loved it, regretting it had been missing from his life for so long.

It was thanks to Vision Norfolk, one of the charities they are supporting, advertising for blind stokers to put themselves forward for cycle rides with West Norfolk CTC. Robert answered the call and has never looked back.

"I was a bit on the wobbly side to start with but soon got the hang of it. The worst thing about it in the beginning was when Colin (his first pilot) told me that as the bloke on the back it was down to me to make the directional hand signals. I hadn't even contemplated taking my hands off the handlebars! We got there in the end."



Robert and pilot Michael Jay, pictured left, will be taking part in the annual Norfolk Churches Trust Charity Bike Ride on 12th September, raising funds for **Vision Norfolk and St Andrew's Church, Little Massingham**. They are aiming to complete 100km and visit 25 different churches in the process.

Robert Taylor

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Date	Time	Service	Location
2nd August 9 th Sunday after Trinity	8.30 am 10.00 am 10.30 am 10.30 am	Holy Communion Family Service Holy Communion Holy Communion	Roydon Harpley Grimston Gt. Massingham
5th August	9am	Holy Communion	Harpley
9th August 10 th Sunday after Trinity	8.30am 10.30am 10.30 am	Holy Communion Holy Communion Songs of Praise	Congham Gayton Gt Massingham
16th August 11 th Sunday after Trinity	8.30 am 10.00 am 10.30 am 10.30 am	Holy Communion Holy Communion Family Holy Communion Morning Praise	Ashwicken Harpley Gt. Massingham Grimston
19th August	9am	Holy Communion	Grimston
23rd August 12 th Sunday after Trinity	8.30am 10.30 am 10.30 am 3pm	Holy Communion Holy Communion Holy Communion Celtic Service	East Walton Gayton Lt. Massingham Gayton Thorpe
30th August	10.30am	Benefice Harvest	East Walton
Please check the website for any alterations to services. www.ggmbenefice.uk			

Community asked to support “Keep Magpie Going” appeal

Following one confirmed case of strangles on site, the The Magpie Centre West Norfolk RDA has had to close for approximately six weeks while it follows veterinary guidance and strict biosecurity measures. Although participants and volunteers are unable to attend during this time, the horses and ponies still need daily care. The charity must meet around £4,200 each week of essential running costs.

The Keep Magpie Going appeal is asking local people, schools, businesses and community groups to get involved. Every act of kindness, whether a **donation**, **fundraiser**, **sponsored challenge** or simply **sharing the appeal**, will help the charity through this difficult period.

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Bowls Club	Malcolm Hipkin	520 393
Cartshed Tearoom	Jemma Whitmore	520 272 (Option 3)
Church Contacts	Stephen Hudson Rev'd Josh Whitnall	07949 989 977 01485 750 075 rectorgmbenefice@gmail.com
Community Car Scheme	Office	520 823
Coronation Club	Jill Whitmore	520 609
County Councillor – Dersingham Div.	Lee Jarvis	lee.jarvis.cllr@norfolk.gov.uk
Dabbling Duck Pub	Mark Dobby	520 827
Doctors	Gt Massingham Surgery	520 521
The Film Night	Arthur Allen	07810 042 816
Fishing Warden	Jasmine Longhurst	jasminemlonghurst91@hotmail.co.uk
French Conversation Group	Arthur Allen	07810 042 816
Trefoil Guild	Rita Gostling	520 730
Massingham Historical Society	Jeanne Robinson	520 455
GM Stores & Post Office	Mark Eldridge	520 272 (Options 1 & 2)
Neighbourhood Plan	Jess Cunningham	gmndplan@yahoo.com
Parish Council (Clerk)	Caroline Boyden	clerk@greatmassingham-pc.gov.uk
Police, non-emergency	Norfolk Constabulary	101
Pre-School	Pip Grange	07807 185 746
School	Hillary Myhill	520 362
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Dates at a Glance

Date	Event	Time	Place
2 nd Aug	Family fun day to celebrate the opening of the new Adventure Playground	12pm	Playground
2 nd Aug	Malcolm Prue Tennis Tournament		Village Hall
7 th Aug	Bingo	7pm	Village Hall
9 th Aug	Auction	12pm	Village Hall
12 th Aug	Little Massingham Nature Walk	10am	St Andrews Church, Little Massingham
16 th Aug	Auction	12pm	Village Hall
19 th Aug	Creative Social	1pm	Village Hall
20 th Aug	Film Club	7pm	Village Hall
21 st Aug	Historical Society Village Walk & BBQ	7pm	Village Hall
25 th Aug	Coronation Club	2pm	Village Hall
29 th Aug	Pilgrims overnight stay		Village Hall



Creative Socials from **Creative Arts East** monthly sessions are called 'Creative Socials' and we change the activities every few months. Creative Socials are workshops for those aged 50+, all led by professional

artists and include activities such as crafts, singing, music-making, creative writing, dancing and more! Sessions are for anyone who would like to try something new, meet new people and have some fun!

Breaks for tea, coffee and cake are always included.

August 19th session is **Singing and Music Making with Samia Malik**. £5.

For those who may not be aware, a volunteer from **Olio** can be found at **Great Massingham Surgery carpark** on **Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays** from **9.30am**.

Olio collects surplus perishable food the previous evening from local supermarkets for distribution in the community – bread, cakes, salad etc. The choice varies each day depending on what is available.

This is NOT a food bank and everyone is welcome to benefit from free food and help minimise food waste. Pop along and see if there's anything to tempt you.

See Olioapp.com for further information.