



The Mallard

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NEW HERITAGE ORCHARD TAKES ROOT AT BIODIVERSITY PROJECT

The meadow of cornfield annuals at the Biodiversity Project has been a summer feature for some years, whether viewed from its meandering path or glimpsed across the green from Weasenham Road. We have now decided it is time for a change, largely because maintaining such a meadow on a site with rich soil is not very sustainable and required too much intervention. Volunteers have recently planted six Norfolk heritage fruit trees on the site which have been underplanted with native primroses to be followed by further appropriate species. Some elements of the meadow will be

retained and it will be mown as appropriate through the year. The trees will be fully labelled in due course with information about their origin and fruiting season. We hope that the developing small orchard might be dedicated to the memory of Denys Winner. We are grateful to the Village Fund Initiative and Parish Council for supporting this development and to the East Anglian Apples and Orchards Project for supplying the trees.

Tim Baldwin

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*****URGENT UPDATE*****

Adam Tucker is now on TV on 5th April, so his appearance at the Village Hall has been postponed until 25th April.

Please keep your tickets for this date, but if you cannot make it, you will receive a full refund.

Many apologies for any inconvenience.

VILLAGE SPRING CLEAN SATURDAY 5th APRIL.

Meet at the Well, 10am

Wear hi-viz, gloves, boots or wellies.

Bring rakes and litter pickers.

(Some hi-viz, gloves and litter pickers available.)



Mallard News

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next issue**

**17th April
2025**

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SOCIAL CLUB BAR - OPENING HOURS

*****As from 1st May 2025*****

Monday 7pm to 10.30pm
Tuesday 7pm to 10.30pm
Wednesday 7pm to 10.30pm
Thursday 7pm to 10.30pm
Friday 7pm to 11.30pm
Saturday 4pm to 11.30pm
Sunday 12pm to 6pm

Memberships due as from 1st April

£12.50 per person for all adults over eighteen. Guest £2



SAVE THE DATE

MACMILLAN COFFEE AFTERNOON

at the Village Hall

20th September between 2-4pm,

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We would like to invite people both supporters and sceptics to an open morning on **Tuesday 15th April** from **10am until 12**, coffee& cake will be served.

This will give people the opportunity to see how we operate, where all donations are used together with money spent.

We look forward to showing everyone how we work.

Please do come along.

EASTER COFFEE MORNING & STALLS SUPPORT THE MINIATURE DONKEYS!

On Easter Saturday we will be holding a coffee morning with stalls in Harpley Village Hall in aid of the miniature donkeys.

If you have any items for the Raffle, Tombola Stall, paper back books, Bric a Brac etc, please leave in our greenhouse (pink house opposite the Dabbling Duck).

Come and make Easter Bonnets for the Donkeys.

Look forward to seeing you on the 19th April. *Jenny Borley*

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FILM NIGHTS

7 for 7.30pm at the Village Hall

MEMBERS NIGHT

Thursday 3rd April

'Small Things Like These'

Meal provided before film commences

Thursday 17th April

'Conclave'

£5 (plus a complementary drink)

ORGAN CONCERT

JUNE 8TH AT LITTLE MASSINGHAM

The highly accomplished conductor and organist Hilary Davan Wetton will be giving an hour long organ concert in Little Massingham Church on

Sunday, the 8th June at 4 pm.

Hilary will be playing an eclectic mixture of popular organ music.

Prosecco and nibbles will also be served.

Note the date in your diaries!

QUIZ NIGHT

AT GREAT MASSINGHAM VILLAGE HALL

Thursday 24th April to be held in the bar of the Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Entry is £2.00 per person or £4.00 for non-members.

Either come along as a team, maximum of six, or join a team on the night.

Upcoming Quizzes

Thursday 22nd May 2025 will be in the village hall. We are still seeking a quizmaster for this date. **Tuesday 17th June 2025** will see us return to the **Dabbling Duck**. The beneficiary for this month's quiz will be the Girl Guiding Association.

Please see next month's Mallard for more details.

Please do not hesitate to email me, robertcharlestaylor@live.com, or call me on 07908 244421 for further information.

COMMUNITY LUNCH

Tuesday 15th April, Village Hall Bar

Arrive 12.30pm, eat at 1pm

Chicken Curry, Rice AND Poppadums,
Chocolate Roulade

Menu £8.00

Come & meet friends for a chat.

The Bar will be open.

To book lunch please contact

Deborah Lambert on

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mrsdl1965@gmail.com



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From 2pm to 4pm

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Mon 14th & 28th April

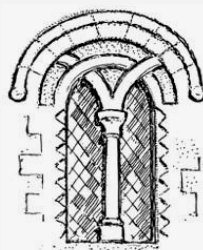
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NEWS FROM THE HALL

Hello all and welcome to April's News from the Hall. Firstly, just to clarify, Adam Tucker is not a Robbie Williams tribute act. It is actually Adam who is the singing voice of the young Robbie Williams in the hit film 'Better Man' You may also

remember him as a winner of a BBC Song Contest. We are so lucky to be able to book him and his band for 25th April. At only £12 a ticket, it promises to be a sellout, so make sure you have bought your tickets!

March was a busy month - not just the regular events but other bookings as well. Mick Fisher's evening was enjoyed by many. Good news is that the Darts Tournament is really taking off - 13 people so far and growing - and on the lookout for new members! Please make sure you take a moment to visit the bar and the hall soon to see all the refurbishment that has taken place so far. Once more funds have been raised, there will be additional improvements to make it even more attractive for holding events. Remember that the bar and the hall can be booked by anyone at very reasonable prices which can be tailored to your needs. And talking of the bar - opening hours are confirmed as 12 - 6 pm every Sunday. By the time you read this, the first 'Rock and Roll Bingo' will have taken place. There has already been a lot of interest in this event, so we will let you know how it went next month.

So, back to April's events booked so far - **The Film Club Members' Evening** is on **3rd April**. As usual, there is a meal served this evening for which you need to book and the film they will be showing is 'Small Things Like These' starring Cillian Murphy. The **monthly film night** is on **17th April** and the chosen film is 'Conclave', winner of four BAFTAS and nominated 8 times at The Oscars. **Bingo** is on the **4th** and the **Bowls' Club Bingo** on the **11th**. The **Sunday Auctions** are on **6th and 27th April**, so come along and bag a bargain or ten ... put **14th April** in your diary to come and join Creative Arts East to learn more about writing **Poetry** and join in **scriptwriting workshops**. The **Community Lunch** is booked for **15th April** - enjoy a great meal and good company for only £8.00! Please book your place for this through Debbie. **Sam J Cook - a brilliant soul singer** - is booked for **18th April**. This event is free to members but if you haven't gotten round to becoming a member - £12.50 for a year! - it will be £2.00. Just a little reminder: Social Club membership fees are due on 1st April - not a joke - but a great bargain! It all goes to maintaining/improving the bar and hall facilities and enabling subsidising of the drinks.

Gentlemen of Great Massingham - where are you? Please think about signing up to take part in the Murder Mystery Play. Even if you only want to say one line in the play, you will be most welcome. Come on all you good looking and charming gents out there—get in touch with Ann Bowen via bowen2030@btinternet.com - 07788817086 - 01485 520174.

So before you go off to pick your daffodils or hide your Easter eggs, a small taster of what's to come in May. We have been very fortunate to book Rowena Toledo, a professional vocalist, who has a fabulous repertoire of songs ranging from the 50s to present day hits. She will be in the bar on 10th May from 8.30 pm.

And finally - don't forget if you want to advertise on the new about-to-be launched website, the first 6 months will be absolutely free! Please contact Helen Morrell at helenmorrell26@yahoo.co.uk. Wishing you all a very Happy Easter

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HISTORICAL SOCIETY HONOURS THE PART PLAYED BY RAF MASSINGHAM AND LITTLE MASSINGHAM MANOR IN THE SECOND WORLD WAR

Thursday 8th May this year will mark the 80th Anniversary of the end of the war against Germany. RAF Great Massingham played a vital role in the conflict and, at its peak, over 2000 personnel of Bomber Command were stationed here. It was therefore appropriate for the Massingham Historical Society to honour RAF Massingham's contribution to the war effort at its meeting in February.



The extensively illustrated presentation utilized records meticulously assembled by Sister Laurence Mary ("Laurie") in the 1960s after she moved to Little Massingham Manor with The Daughters of Jesus, a Roman Catholic religious order. During the War, the manor was home to Harry and Alice Dixon-Spain and was requisitioned as officers' living accommodation. Sister Laurence's work was prompted by the many RAF veterans who called in

to see their old quarters and described their experiences.

The evening's movingly choreographed account of RAF Massingham was co-presented by Jeanne Robinson, Jilly Hall, Sandy Francis, Malcolm Tibble and Jenny Borley. They told us of dangerous low flying raids on Germany and France starting in 1940 with vulnerable Bristol Blenheim bombers manned by only three crew and, towards the end of hostilities, with fast and effective De Havilland Mosquitos. We listened to a lyrical poem 'Massingham' written by Flight Lieutenant Anthony Richardson and numerous moving and personal accounts of what it was like to fly these dangerous operations. The loss of lives, some as young as 19, was unrelenting. As a finale, a roll of honour originally prepared by Sister Laurence listing over 600 airmen of RAF Massingham who lost their lives was unfurled. It extended almost the whole length of the village hall. And Massingham was but one of about 60 similar airfields in Norfolk alone! In a touching finale, we were reminded that "their acts of heroism and bravery must never stand still in time and we must always look back and remember them".

The day after the RAF presentation, the historical society met at Little Massingham Manor itself to launch a new edition of Sister Laurence's book on the history of the manor



revised by the society's curator Anthony Robinson. The book contains numerous photographs and touching details of life at the manor during the war and the difficulties the estate faced maintaining vital food production. Tea and cakes were laid-on by the manor's present owners Mr and Mrs Topham and the meeting was movingly addressed by Roger Nicholas Dixon-Spain who grew-up at Little Massingham Manor, was on a visit from Scotland and, by coincidence, celebrates his own 80th birthday this year. A cake was baked in his honour by Judy Goodings. Roger was visibly touched by this and the interest shown in the role his family and former home played in the war effort. All who attended these events came away with a much-heightened appreciation of the sacrifices and struggles that underpinned eventual victory 80 years ago. **Mike Jackson**



Jeanne Robinson & Roger Dixon-Spain

LITTLE MASSINGHAM MANOR: HISTORY REVISITED

In 2007 Sister Lawrence wrote the history of Little Massingham Manor. It was very well researched, and Laurie produced it via a photo-copier (the only means available to her). We have re-vamped the publication into a quality book. This was launched at a special event last month at the Manor, where Roger Dixon-Spain, grandson of the second family to reside there, was guest of honour. We have to thank the Topham's for their generosity in not

only allowing the use of the Studio, but suppling refreshments for all. They also gave Roger and Gilly a tour of the house and grounds. The book is available at £15 each.

Anthony Robinson

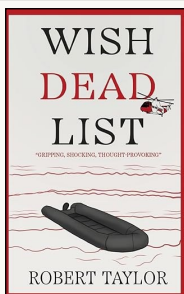
SCHOOL NEWS

Why have World Book Day when you can have World Book Week? The children at Great Massingham CofE Primary School enjoyed an entire week of reading based activities, and even got their families involved!

A challenge was set for the most extreme place to enjoy reading – motorcross bikes and roofs were some of them as well as hanging around the playground.

The children from both Great Massingham & Harpley CofE

Federated Primary schools got together for a science day, filled with experiments such as making clouds in jars and creating their own AI animals. It was lovely to see all the children so enthused and relishing in their learning.



COMING SOON – WISH DEAD LIST BY ROBERT TAYLOR

Thriller fans, take note!

Wish Dead List launches Tuesday, 1st April 2025.

Afghan refugee Rosina Ali joins a Home Security sting to catch modern-day slavers but lands in the sights of John Wells, a vengeful ex-Royal Marine. A death in Norfolk woods sparks a race to stop an assassination—could the Prime Minister be next?

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GREAT MASSINGHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Views and Green Spaces decisions – All are welcome to attend

A consultation will be held at Great Massingham Village Hall from 7.00pm to 8.30pm on Monday 2nd June.

The NDP Committee, as part of the final plan, must include proposals for views of the village that capture the essential character of Great Massingham which should be Safeguarded when considering future developments.

The Committee has sought initial proposals for views and green spaces from earlier consultation and interested groups in the village. Armed with these suggestions for important views, the Committee and involved villagers set off on a planned route around Massingham to assess these proposals on 1st March. This assessment delivered twelve sites for further consideration.

The process now moves on and the Committee are seeking your opinions on the views and spaces you value in the Village. To this end, you are invited to attend on the 2nd June at 7.00pm and participate.

The evening will follow the agenda below:-

- ☐ 7.00pm - Introduction and summary of the 1 st March Walk and the route taken.
- ☐ 7:10 - 8:00pm - Talk through each view and seek comments/discussion.
- ☐ 8:00 - 8:30pm - Ask everyone to look at the pictures of the views and fill in a survey.
- ☐ 8:30pm The formal meeting ends but further discussion can be held.

GREAT MASSINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Councillor Vacancy – Apply Now! The Parish Council is seeking to co-opt a new councillor to fill the vacancy left by Mick Wingell. This is a great opportunity to contribute to the community and help shape local decisions. Meetings take place on the third Monday of each month at 7:30 pm in the Village Hall. Co-option will occur at the meeting on 14th April, with applications due by 10th April. For details or to apply, visit the Parish Council website or contact Sarah Harvey (Clerk).

Parish Council Supports Overflow Parking Proposal: The Parish Council has reviewed the planning application for overflow parking behind The Dabbling Duck and agreed to support the proposal. This initiative will help to reduce parking on the village greens, ease congestion, and improve safety. To further enhance the development, the Council has recommended that a fire-resistant green hedge is planted for fire safety, privacy, and biodiversity benefits. The Borough Councillor has called in the application for consideration by the Planning Committee, ensuring a transparent decision-making process that takes public feedback into account. While some objections have been raised, the majority of the Council believes this is a much-needed solution for the village.

Please Clean Up After Your Dog Please can we ask once again that dog owners take responsibility for cleaning up after their dogs. Not clearing up after your dog is unacceptable behaviour. There are many dog waste bins throughout the village where dog waste can be disposed of. We would also urge anyone who witnesses a dog fouling incident and/or have information on owners who are not picking up after their dogs, to report this to the BCKLWN using their online report form. To report dog fouling you will need the location of the dog mess and the details of the dog owner (if known).

To read more of this month's Parish Council article please visit our website.

To contact the Clerk, Sarah Harvey you can telephone 01328 823391, email gmparishclerk@gmail.com or write to Byanoak, Leicester Road, South Creak, NR21 9PW. Visit the Parish Council website: www.greatmassingham-pc.info

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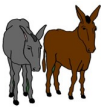
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April 2025

Date	Time	Service	Location
Wednesday 2nd April	9.00 am	Holy Communion	Harpley
Sunday 6th April <i>5th Sunday of Lent</i>	8.30 am 9.30 am 10.30 am 10.30 am	Holy Communion Family Service Holy Communion Family Service	Roydon Harpley Grimston Gt Massingham
Sunday 13th April <i>Palm Sunday</i>	8.30 am 10.30 am 10.30 am 10.30 am 3.00 pm	Holy Communion Holy Communion Morning Prayer Holy Communion Donkey Service	Congham Gayton Lt Massingham Gt Massingham East Walton
 Do come and join Timmy and Jimmy as we walk from Abbey Farm to St Mary's Church, East Walton for a service on Palm Sunday 13th April at 3pm			
Wednesday 16th April	9.00 am	Holy Communion	Grimston
Thursday 17th April <i>Maundy Thursday</i>	10.30 am 6.30 pm	Holy Communion Agape Meal Service	Gt Massingham Gayton
Friday 18th April <i>Good Friday</i>	10.30 am 2.00 pm	Meditation for Good Friday Liturgy of the Cross	Grimston Lt Massingham
Saturday 19th April <i>Easter Eve</i>	6.00 pm	Easter Vigil	Ashwicken
Sunday 20th April <i>Easter Day</i>	9.00 am 10.30 am 10.30 am	Sung Eucharist Holy Communion Holy Communion	Harpley Grimston Gt Massingham
Sunday 27th April <i>2nd Sunday of Easter</i>	8.30 am 10.30 am 10.30 am 3.00 pm	Holy Communion Holy Communion Holy Communion Celtic Service	East Walton Gayton Lt Massingham Gayton Thorpe
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Walks Around the Parishes for 2025

As it was too wet and chilly to walk after the Harvest Service at Bawsey last September it was decided to kick off this year's diary of walks with a Spring Walk at Church Farm, Bawsey PE32 1EU. We hope to see some bluebells in the woods!

This will take place on Sunday 27th April at 3.00pm

For more details contact revdsuemartin@gmail.com or rosemarymeheers@hotmail.com

Message for Parishioners from Rev'd Sue Martin



Dear Friends,

One advantage in having a late Easter is there is a better chance that the weather may be good. I am not an expert on predictions but really hope the sun shines and we can be outside without coats and gloves.

Last month I spoke about a love of books, and I am delighted to tell you that my bookshelves are looking great, no longer squeezed tightly together, a successful spring clean project achieved. The bags of books seeking new homes, are on their way to Bircham Windmill Café for sale, monies then being donated to Harpley Church. A win win situation. It makes a renewal for book readers, for my shelves and for Harpley church!

Easter is a wonderful time for renewal. After all the events including Lent and Holy Week the resurrection of Jesus brings all that we can ever ask for! Hope, joy, love, and the promise of eternal life. It is the GOOD NEWS and makes being a Christian and sharing in that message of salvation totally awesome! **Alleluia, Christ is Risen!**

Come and join us at one of the many services in our ten churches, something for everyone, including an Easter Vigil at Ashwicken church. There are children's events including the Easter Craft Fair on April 9th at St Botolph's Church and Palm Sunday services with donkeys at East Walton and Massingham.

On March 15th we had a brilliant workshop called Walking in New Testament Sandals by Rev'd Dr Sue Woan. There is so much happening in our churches and our schools, which will continue, even without a permanent vicar. We have brilliant support from clergy colleagues and our ministry teams are amazing!!

Best wishes for a warm and sunny Easter and remember the good news, **Alleluia Christ is Risen!**

Rev'd Sue Martin, Assistant Priest

ADVENTURE TO VANCOUVER AND ALASKA

Tidewater Glaciers but no Bears!

Presentation by Rev'd Sue Martin

Wednesday 9th April at 7pm

St Botolph's Church Grimston

and

Wednesday 23rd April at 7pm

St Nicholas Gayton

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LENT STUDY GROUP - TOWARD THE SUNRISE

We are continuing our Lent Course which follows the disciples as they gradually become aware of the reality of the resurrection and what it meant for them.

This is held at 7pm at the home of Dickie and Rosemarie Bowers, Orchard House, on Thursdays, 3rd and 10th April.

St Mary's Church Gt. Massingham



Sunday 13th April Palm Sunday

**Procession & Service
10.15am on the Green
for 10.30am in Church**

So they took
branches of palm trees
and went out to meet him,
shouting, "Hosanna!
Blessed is the one
who comes
in the name
of the Lord!"
John 12:13



We are pleased to announce
that Rodney from Miniature
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Bell Ringing	Dale Gagen	520 024
Bowls Club	Malcolm Hipkin	520 393
Cartshed Tearoom	Jemma Whitmore	520 272 (Option 3)
Church Contacts	Stephen Hudson	07949 989 977
Community Car Scheme	Office	520 823
Coronation Club	Jill Whitmore	520 609
County Councillor	Stuart Graham Dark	07450 679 355
Craft & Chat	Sue Nash	520 476 & 07802670711
Dabbling Duck Pub	Mark Dobby	520 827
Doctors	Massingham Surgery	520 521
The Film Night	Arthur Allen	07810 042816
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Massingham Historical Society	Jeanne Robinson	520 455
Massingham Stores & Post Office	Mark Eldridge	520 272 (Options 1 & 2)
Neighbourhood Plan	Jess Cunningham	gmndplan@yahoo.com
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SWLA MASSINGHAM HEATH PROJECT

The Society of Wildlife Artists' presentation at the Village Hall to launch the up-coming Massingham Heath Project was well attended by an enthusiastic audience. We heard well known Norfolk naturalist and Ambassador for NWT, Nick Acheson, speak about the decline in nature, the value of the heath project in allowing a little of it to come back and how this is something to celebrate. Olly Birkbeck spoke passionately about his restoration of the heath, his motivation for this and how it fits within the farming of the entire estate. Many commented on how much they appreci-

ated hearing this directly from Olly and learning of his vision for the future of farming and nature working together. Society President Harriet Mead explained the history of the SWLA, its aims and ambition for this project, the latest of several it has undertaken. Harriet outlined the ways in which the community can be involved and how we can support the artists whilst they are here. To follow the project there will be a book to showcase the artwork along with a narrative by Nick Acheson to document a year on the heath. In extending thanks to the village, Harriet writes....

'The SWLA is thrilled to start the Heath Project in May. Artists will be visiting at points throughout a full year, to spend time looking at the flora and fauna of the newly restored heath, and the wider context of the working farm. The talk on Saturday gave a glimpse of the lovely community in and around Massingham and I was delighted to see the enthusiasm from so many local people keen to help us with this ambitious project. Over thirty of our artists will be involved, with small groups or individuals pledging to visit through all four seasons to celebrate the diversity of plants and creatures that they find. I can't wait to see how the rich landscape will inspire them. Thank you for welcoming the SWLA to the village.' To be kept informed about the project please drop an email to swlafriends@gmail.com.

Tim Baldwin

Some April 2025 'Dates at a Glance'

Date	Event	Time	Place
3/17 Apr	Film Nights	7 for 7.30pm (See page 3)	Village Hall
4 Apr	Bingo	7 for 7.30pm	Village Hall
5 Apr	Village Spring Clean	10am	Village Well
11 Apr	Bowls Club Bingo	6.45pm	Village Hall
13 Apr	Palm Sunday Service	10.15am	Village Green
14/28 Apr	Craft & Chat	2pm to 4pm	Village Hall Bar
14 Apr	Parish Council Meeting	7.30 pm	Village Hall
15 Apr	Food Bank Open Morning	10 to 12 noon	St Mary's Church
15 Apr	Community Lunch	12.30 for 1.00pm	Village Hall Bar
18 Apr	Historical Society	7.30pm	Village Hall
18 Apr	Sam J Cook (Soul Singer)	8.00pm	Village Hall Bar
24 Apr	Quiz Night	7.30pm	Village Hall Bar
25 Apr	Adam Tucker Band	7.30pm	Village Hall