



The Mallard

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A GLIMPSE OF WHAT MAKES OUR VILLAGE SPECIAL

Taken by a parishioner on Sunday, 29th June, when the day began with glorious sunshine and our surroundings were at their best. We are truly blessed to have Scotsman Pit right on our doorstep. Days like these are a wonderful reminder of how much beauty the area holds and how lucky we are to enjoy it. It also pays tribute to the dedication of the volunteers who give their time and energy to care for and maintain the space. Their hard work ensures that Scotsman Pit remains a peaceful and welcoming place for everyone in the village to enjoy.

Also included is a photo from the Vintage Car meet in May — a lovely addition to the village calendar, drawing interest from enthusiasts and casual visitors alike.

Thank you to all who help make it what it is — and to both parishioners for your superb photography.

We would love to receive contributions to *The Mallard* — whether it's photos, short articles, or village news. For more details, please see page 10. **Sarah Harvey (Editor)**



Mallard News

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

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17th August**

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HARPLEY VILLAGE HALL

Coffee Mornings

9th August 10am - 12 midday,
Macmillan Coffee Morning 13th September 10am - 1pm

Regular Events

Chair Fit: Mondays 10.30 - 11.15am

Harpley Choir: Mondays 7.30pm

Pilates: Tuesdays 6.15 - 7.15pm

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WANTED SMALL ITEMS FOR SHOEBOXES

Small items are requested to fill shoeboxes for children in need through the charity Teams4U

(search "Teams4U" on Google for more information).

Items such as stationery, toiletries, gloves, hats, toys (don't have to be new but in good condition) would be gratefully received.

If not at home, please leave any donations in the greenhouse.

Jenny Borley - 01485 520542



CRAFT & CHAT

Until September 15th the Craft and Chat meetings will be at my house (The Old Oak, 14 Weasenham Road, Great Massingham).

Unfortunately we have not had enough people at the Village Hall for the last three sessions and we have to pay for the room hire there.

The first session will be on Monday the 4th August and then each fortnight until Monday September 15th.

Please contact me if you next more info. 07802 670711.

Sue Nash

VILLAGE HALL

Friday 1st August



Doors open 7 pm,
Eyes down for 7.30pm

At Great Massingham
Village Hall

DEMENTIA CHARITY COFFEE MORNING

At Gt Massingham Village Hall

**Saturday 2nd August
11 am - 2 pm**

Tea, Coffee & Cake,
Tombola, Raffle

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HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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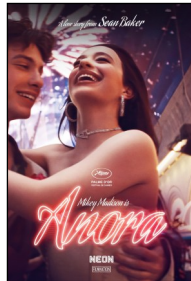


PAST TRADES

Friday 15th August
Meet at Village Well
Start 5.30pm

1½ Hour Walk by Ant Robinson
Finish at Village Hall for BBQ & Film

OPEN TO MEMBERS ONLY



FILM NIGHT
7 for 7.30pm at the
Village Hall
Thursday
21st August
'Anora'
Tickets £5
(plus a complementary
drink)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY
MASSINGHAM HISTORICAL
SOCIETY
PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION

in St Mary's Church,
13th & 14th September

MOBILE LIBRARY VISITS
1st, 29th August & 26th September
Outside 59 Station Rd 1.35 to 1.50 pm
Sunnyside 1.55 to 2.15 pm
Outside the Church 2.20 to 2.40 pm
Weasenhams Rd 2.45 to 2.55 pm

MACMILLAN COFFEE AFTERNOON

at the Village Hall
20th September between 2-4pm
Raffle, Tombola, Homemade Cakes and
much more!

CRAFT FAYRE AND TABLE TOP SALE

8th November 2025 - 10.00 am to 4.00pm

A chance to come and purchase your Christmas gifts
To avoid disappointment, book your table early, cost £10 per table.
Please email greatmassinghamvillagehall@gmail.com or call 07493 406 501
No outside caterers required



NEWS FROM THE HALL

As predicted, July was very busy, two big successes being the 'Quiz with free Curry Night' and the Summer Fete/Rumble in the Jumble. Both were incredibly well attended, made a healthy profit and, with the very flattering feedback, are bound to be

repeated. Grateful thanks to everyone who worked on it, donated so generously and, of course, those of you who came to support - hopefully you left with a bargain or two. The School Fayre provided great fun for the children and adults alike. Those who attended The Stacey Brown Memorial Football Day will know just what a fantastic day it was, the bonus being a very healthy £1,120 in aid of our Fire Station. The day began with The Massingham Wanderers under 13s team playing Shouldham under 13s, The Wanderers winning The u13 Stacey Brown Memorial cup 8-2! A crowd of between 300 to 400 watched an exciting adults' game, with the home team just losing out on a penalty shootout 4 - 2.

The Trustees of the Village Hall had a productive AGM on 15th July, attended by a number of members of the public.

Moving on to August: Bingo is on 1st August, the monthly Auctions are on the 3rd and 10th. The Events Committee is putting on a Coffee Morning on 2nd, 11 am to 2 pm. Creative Arts East is back at 1 pm on the 6th. No Community Lunch this month, but when they return in September, look out for The Lunch Munch Bunch - new name, but same good food and great company. Awaiting confirmation are The Biodiversity Group's events - due to be held over the 15th/16th weekend and don't forget the Film Club's offering for August is Anora - a romantic comedy - which has received a number of prestigious awards - on the 21st. Updated information can be found on Facebook or the greatmassinghamvillagehall.co.uk website.

In case you are away on holiday and miss these exciting events, September will be equally as busy - so far the Film Club Dinner is on 4th and live music from DNA on the 8th as well as the annual Macmillan Fundraising event - 20th September, with more events to be confirmed.

And finally, please keep 8th November free to buy AND sell some early Christmas pressies. We will be running a Craft Fayre and Table Top Sale from 10 am to 4 pm. If you would like to book a table - £10 for the day - please get in touch with Debs. We are hoping to put together a working party to do a major clearing around the hall and would welcome any volunteers. Day and time to be confirmed. Many of you will have noticed that the outdoor gym is in a very bad state - in fact, it has been deemed as unsafe. Is there anyone who could help to remove it and/or buy it as scrap metal? Happy Holidays, everyone!

Children's Story Competition Launching End of October



We're excited to announce that a **Children's Short Story Competition** will be launching later this year! Full details will be revealed at the **end of October**, with the competition running through to the **Christmas break**. Budding young authors of all ages will be encouraged to get creative and share their stories — so start dreaming up your ideas now!

Further details and the winning prize to be announced soon.

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GREAT MASSINGHAM VILLAGE YARD SALES 2025

We are pleased to announce that the village yard sales will take place again on **Sunday 17th August 2025. Starting from 9am and finishing at 1pm.**

This very popular event is always well supported and draws interest from local residents and visitors to the village. As before residents are able to host their own yard sale at home or occupy a pitch on the village green.

This year we are looking to welcome entries from residents of both Harpley and Little Massingham to join the event by taking a pitch on the village green.

To take part we ask sellers for a modest **pitch fee of just £5**. The proceeds collected from the event will be donated to a local cause as yet to be identified. Entrants are asked to register with the event coordinator by 10th August. A map of the village identifying the location of yard sales including those on the green will be produced and sold via the village shop at £1 each.

Please note: This is a community event for residents only – no commercial traders or professional sellers, thank you.

Entries & enquiries please to event coordinator Graham Woodcock - **gjwoodcock@hotmail.co.uk** or call/text **07387007148**.

MASSINGHAM AND DISTRICT TREFOIL GUILD

In July, we had a very interesting and enlightening visit to Congham Church to see the embroidery work on the set of 40 hassocks: it is beautiful and varied - well worth a viewing! In September, we have another open meeting ...

**A presentation: Birds and Other Creatures from our Travels
by Geoff & Bev Randall**

11th September at 7pm, Great Massingham Village Hall

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Joan Woodard

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SOCIETY OF WILDLIFE ARTISTS: MASSINGHAM HEATH PROJECT

Saturday 16th August - Explore and Draw



Are you interested in nature? Do you enjoy art? As part of the Society of Artists' Massingham Heath Project there will be a fun packed

Explore and Draw day on Saturday 16th August based at the Village Hall. Come along to find out more about the flowers and wildlife with expert naturalists Nick Acheson and Tim Baldwin and have a go at drawing what you find with the help of artists from the Society of Wildlife Artists. There will be lots of free activities for everyone to enjoy with basic drawing materials provided. If you are an artist yourself, please join us and bring your own kit if preferred. If you don't want to draw, just come along to explore the natural world with us.

Moth Magic Come and see what moths make their home in the village with a moth trap session between 10.00-11.00 a.m.

Meadow Safari Discover amazing plants and insects on mini meadow safaris with expert naturalists and join the artists in drawing what you find **11.30 a.m. – 1.00p.m.** and **2.30 – 4.00 p.m.**

Watery World Explore and draw the wildlife of the water and pond edges with a pond dipping session (rainfall permitting!) **11.30 a.m. – 1.00p.m.** and **2.30 – 4.00 p.m.**

The **Explore and Draw** event will have its hub at **Great Massingham Village Hall**. The hall will be open from **09.45 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.** from where you can collect a map with the locations for the activities around the village. In the hall there will be an exhibition on the history of the heath and work created that week by the team of SWLA artists as part of the ambitious SWLA Massingham Heath Project.

A SPECIAL BAT EVENING

At St Andrew's Church Little Massingham
on **Saturday 9th August at 7.00 pm**

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SOCIETY OF WILDLIFE ARTISTS: MASSINGHAM HEATH PROJECT

Sunday 17th August - Explore and Draw

Drawing in the Wild 10.00 a.m. – 1.30 p.m.

Join SWLA Member artist Chris Wallbank for a drawing workshop during which you will move between several locations within the village. Participants will be guided through creating a concertina sketchbook covering a range of subjects. Materials will be provided. Suitable for ages 16+
Cost: £25 Limited to 15 places. Please book through a search on www.eventbrite.co.uk for Society of Wildlife Artists.

Art Trail on the Heath 2.00 – 4.30 p.m.

Follow the trail to meet around a dozen artists at work. Parking will be signed off Church Lane ½ mile north of the junction with Lynn Lane.
What 3 Words ///broadcast.forest.dancer.
All welcome.

Further details on www.swla.co.uk

Email: swlafriends@gmail.com

Harriet Mead, SWLA President



S.T.A.L.L. PROJECT

It was an exciting start to my 7th July day – the scheduled installation of the White Gateway posts on Lynn Lane.

Thanks to the Highways Division workers Bob and Luke, it went smoothly and quickly, finishing by 1pm with minimal traffic disruption – they were deserving of their appreciative gift of a box of “Heroes” chocolates on behalf of supporting residents.

Let us hope that the attached signs “Welcome to Great Massingham – Please drive carefully” will discourage the 60mph to a safer 30mph but that perhaps

is a battle for another day.

My thanks go to all who helped in this 18 month project with special appreciation to Sarah Harvey for dealing with bureaucracy.

Chris Eanor

CONTRIBUTE TO THE MALLARD

We are always excited to hear from the community and welcome your contributions on a variety of topics. Whether you have local information, upcoming events, or anything else you believe would interest others, we want to hear from you!

Here are some ideas for contributions:

Local Information and Events: Share details about upcoming local events, community gatherings, or important local news.

Special Interests: Write an article on a topic you're passionate about. This could be a hobby, a historical piece about the area, or insights into local wildlife.

Achievements and Milestones: Celebrate your successes! Whether it's a personal achievement or a community project, we want to highlight your accomplishments.

Creative Works: Submit your poems, short stories, or photographs. We love showcasing the creativity of our members.

We look forward to hearing from you and sharing your stories and insights with the community!

Sarah Harvey (Editor)

GREAT MASSINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

VJ Day Beacon Lighting – 80th Anniversary: Great Massingham will commemorate the **80th Anniversary of VJ Day** on **Friday 15th August at 8.00pm** by lighting the village beacon. This forms part of a national chain of beacons across the UK to mark the Allied victory over Japan and the end of WWII. All are warmly invited to attend.

Carp Pox Identified at Scotsman's Pit: Carp Pox has been observed at Scotsman's Pit. While visually concerning, it poses no risk to humans or other wildlife and typically improves naturally with warmer temperatures and reduced stress among fish. As a precaution, anglers are asked to: disinfect nets and equipment before using them elsewhere and dry all gear thoroughly in sunlight after disinfection. Your cooperation helps protect the health of the fish and the pond environment.

Playground Redevelopment Receives Strong Support: Thank you to all who completed the recent playground survey. Conducted in June, the results showed: 97% support for the redevelopment, 74% agreed inclusive facilities are needed and over one-third use the area with children under five. Local groups, including Ducklings Preschool, have welcomed the focus on younger children. The Parish Council will use this feedback to shape the next phase of the project.

Play Area Cleaning: In response to concerns, the Parish Council has arranged for deep cleaning of play equipment ahead of each school holiday, targeting bird droppings. As part of the redevelopment, the Council is also considering bird deterrent measures to help reduce mess and maintain hygiene.

Meeting Conduct Policy Adopted: The Council has adopted a Meeting Conduct Protocol Policy, ensuring meetings are respectful, inclusive, and legally compliant. It clarifies roles, supports orderly decision-making, and encourages public participation. The full policy can be viewed on the Parish Council website.

Support for Village Hall Car Park Project: The Council has awarded £1,000 to the Village Hall Committee to support the resurfacing of the car park, in line with its Grant Awarding Policy.

More Information: For this month's full article, visit the Parish Council website and go to the **News** page. **Next Meeting:** Monday 18th August 2025 at 7.30pm.

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

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Sunday 3rd August <i>7th Sunday after Trinity</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
Wednesday 6th August	9.00 am	Holy Communion	Harpley
Sunday 10th August <i>8th Sunday after Trinity</i>	8.30 am 10.30 am 10.30 am	Holy Communion Holy Communion Holy Communion	Congham Gayton Gt Massingham
Sunday 17th August <i>9th Sunday after Trinity</i>	9.30 am 10.30 am 10.30 am	Sung Eucharist Holy Communion Songs of Praise	Harpley Grimston Gt Massingham
Wednesday 20th August	9.00 am	Holy Communion	Grimston
Sunday 24th August <i>10th Sunday after Trinity</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
Sunday 31st August <i>11th Sunday after Trinity</i>	10.30 am	Group Holy Communion	Gayton
Wednesday 3rd September	9.00 am	Holy Communion	Harpley
Sunday 7th September <i>12th Sunday after Trinity</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
For more news and alterations to services please visit our benefice website at www.ggmbenefice.uk			



Walks Around the Parishes for 2025

These popular outings are excellent social events, giving you a chance to meet neighbours from across the Benefice. Please wear sturdy footwear—many paths are uneven or muddy. Why not join us sometime? Mark the dates in your diaries!

Wednesday 6th August at 6:30pm from St Andrew's, Congham PE31 1DT. An hour's walk returning to church for refreshments 7:30pm

Saturday 6th September at 3pm start at Abbey Farm, East Walton PE32 1PP

A walk of 3 or 4 miles 'on the wild side' ~ come along to see the progress of the re-wilding project at East Walton. Refreshments from 4:30pm

More details on the website or contact Rosemary Mehers rosemarymehers@hotmail.com or Rev'd Sue Martin revdsuemartin@gmail.com



NORFOLK CHURCHES TRUST ANNUAL BIKE, WALK & DRIVE

Norfolk Churches Trust Annual Bike, Walk & Drive event will take place on Saturday 13 September 2025.

Across our benefice our churches are open to people, they can record their visit to the church, and we can sometimes offer refreshments.

We are looking for a volunteer to help organise the event in our benefice. It's a beautiful place for cycling, walking, and driving too. You may be willing to take part or simply making sure that our churches have the forms ready for the visitors.

Please contact me if you can help.

Rev'd Sue Martin (revdsuemartin@gmail.com)

CHURCHYARD REGULATIONS: A GENTLE REMINDER

We would like to gently remind everyone of the importance of keeping our churchyard in line with diocesan regulations. Recently, we have received several comments regarding graves that still have Christmas decorations and other non-permitted items in place.

As many will know, the Church of England has clear rules concerning churchyard maintenance, which include restrictions on artificial flowers, seasonal ornaments, and other decorative items. These rules are in place to preserve the peaceful and respectful atmosphere of the churchyard for all.

If we were to receive an official visit from the Archdeacon, we would be required to remove all items that do not comply with these regulations. With that in mind, we kindly ask that families and visitors take a few moments to tidy their loved ones' graves and remove any out-of-season decorations or general waste. A little effort now may help prevent further action or formal complaints being escalated to the Diocese in Norwich.

We truly appreciate your understanding and cooperation in this matter.

Stephen Hudson (Churchwarden)

COFFEE AFTERNOON UPDATE

Our regular Wednesday afternoon coffee gathering will take place as usual on **24th July**, before taking a short summer break. This pause is simply to allow our hardworking team a well-deserved rest during the holiday season.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back on **Wednesday 3rd September**, when coffee, conversation, and our much-loved selection of delicious homemade cakes will return.

Thank you for your continued support — and enjoy the summer!

Stephen Hudson (Churchwarden)



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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
Fishing Warden	Connor Macleod	PC Clerk 01328 823391
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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
Parish Council	Sarah Harvey (Clerk)	01328 823391
Pre-School	Pip Grange	07807 185 746
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Date	Event	Time	Place
1 August	Bingo	7 for 7.30pm	Village Hall
2 August	Dementia Charity Coffee Morning	11.00am to 2.00pm	Village Hall
2 August	Mick Fisher (Country & Western)	7.00pm	Village Hall
3/10 August	Auctions	12 Midday to 4.00pm	Village Hall
4/18 August	Craft & Chat	2pm to 4pm	14 Weasenham Road
6 August	Creative Socials	1.00pm to 3.00pm	Village Hall
9 August	Bat Evening	7.00pm	St Andrew's Church
15 August	Historical Society Village Walk	5.30pm	Village Well
15 August	VJ Day - Beacon Lighting	8.00pm	Village Green
16/17 August	SWLA Explore and Draw	See pages 8 & 9	Various
18 August	Parish Council Meeting	7.30pm	Village Hall
21 August	Film Night	7 for 7.30pm	Village Hall