

The Mallard

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June 2023

Excellent Support for the Coronation Event

Despite the weather's best efforts to put us off, over 100 people attended, at any one time, enjoying the live music acts that played throughout the day. Besides the music there was lots of entertainment for both adults and children and, refreshment wise, a barbecue and bar supplied by the Dabbling Duck, a cake stall supplied by the Cartshed Tearoom, a hog roast, a fish and chip van by Tropics Two and an ice cream van supplied by Paul Adcock.

Thanks go to Triston from Twisted Melon for organising all of the music along with Chris Coady on sound and Ricky, from RTG, who assembled the stage.

The entertainment for children and adults, included bouncy rides, Nerf darts and penalty shootout, which was great fun in the rain!



Hay bales donated by Lex Brun made a great picnic circle along with the fuel for the beacon which was later lit, at around 8pm.

East Anglian Air Ambulance also attended and, with the raffle that Massingham Stores had provided, helped to raise over £300; Chrissy Warnes, Dolly Harrison and Janice Bolt were instrumental in getting everyone to generously support it. Thank you all.

The event was funded and organised by the Great Massingham Parish Council with support from all the local businesses and the Village Hall trustees who provided space for parking.

Most importantly, thank you to all the community for helping and supporting on the day. We would all have wished for better weather but a good day was enjoyed by all.

Then...eventually... the rain stopped as the main headline act, 'Flashback Photograph', got the crowd dancing. Half way through their set the beacon was lit and a splendid rendition (ahem) of the national anthem sung by Mark Eldridge to celebrate the King's

Coronation. (see above, left. More pictures P. 9)

Report by Mark Eldridge.

Thank you to Mark and all others involved with the organisation of the event.



Pictures
courtesy
of Peter
James



Mallard News

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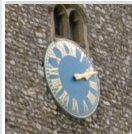
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MENU
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Community Lunch
Massingham Village Hall Bar,
Tuesday June 20th Arrive 12.30pm, eat at 1pm
 Chicken curry, rice, poppadoms and mango chutney.
 Dessert - lemon meringue pie.

Come & meet friends for a chat. The Bar will be open.
To book lunch please contact Deborah Lambert on 07493 406 501 or, email on mrsdl1965@gmail.com by Friday 16th June.



BINGO! We've done it!

We've raised enough to repair the Church clock!

Everyone is delighted we have reached this target and huge thanks go to Chrissie Warnes and her team of helpers for achieving this. *Chrissie says...*
Many thanks to all who donated prizes for the bingo in aid of the church clock repair fund. Also, thank you to Bob, Jo & family who set up the hall, to all the raffle sellers & ticket folders and, of course, to Julie for checking.
On the night we made £995.20 plus £240 in donations which was very kind, taking the total to £1,265.20. A big thank you to all who attended.
Peggy Janice and Chrissie

PLEASE SUPPORT
Two Events at the Village Hall to support local girl, little Ameera, who is currently undergoing cancer treatment.

Saturday, 3rd June,
Charity Football Match and BBQ

Kick off at 2pm
 and

Saturday 10th June
MUSIC QUIZ
7.30pm start
£5 entry. Prizes for the winning team.

Great Massingham Yard Sale.

Is there anyone out there who would be happy to organise the Annual Yard Sale?

Usually held the weekend before August bank holiday, it will be Sunday 20th August, this year.

I am happy to offer help but I need someone to organise.
Chrissie 01485 520173

Craft & Chat - June Dates

2pm at the Village Hall Bar
 5th June and 19th June

Contact Sue on 07802 670711
 or email: sukysu@aol.com

QUIZ NIGHT
Village Hall Bar
Every fourth
Thursday, 22nd
June, 7.30pm

STOP PRESS.....

Following the sad death of Irene Allen on Saturday, 20th May, the funeral will be on the 9th June, at Mintlyn Crematorium, at 4pm and afterwards at Great Massingham Village Hall. Family flowers only.
 Service will be available online, details at:
ElizabethIreneAllen@muchloved.com.

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Christopher.shelley@norfolk.police.uk

GREAT MASSINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL—May Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting was held, prior to the May Parish Council meeting, on the 15th May. A report on the annual activities of the Parish Council was received from The Chair, Peter James, and Dr Mike Jackson, as Chair of the Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group, provided a report on the annual progress of the NDP. Parishioners present then had an opportunity to question the Councillors.

The May Parish Council meeting followed, at 7.30pm, with seven of the eight newly elected Parish Councillors in attendance – Robin Arbenz, Jon Cole, Mark Eldridge, Kim Frazer, Kevin Hobart, Peter James, Sue Nash, and Maria West. Alexis Brun was also re-elected but was not present. Six members of the public along with the newly elected Borough Councillor for the Massingham with Castle Acre Ward, Alistair Beales, were also present. Councillor Alistair Beales said that he was delighted to have been elected and looked forward to representing Great Massingham.

The meeting began with the election of Chair and Vice-Chair. Councillor Peter James was elected Chair and Councillor Maria West was elected Vice-Chair. These positions are elected annually.

Finance

The annual accounts for the year ending 31st March, 2023, were approved by the Parish Council. The Internal Audit will be carried during May by Mr Roger Canwell and his auditor's report will be presented to Council at the June meeting. Also, at this point the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) will be reviewed by the Parish Council and subsequently submitted to PKF Littlejohn LLP for external audit.

The end of year accounts will be available on the Parish Council website.

King's Coronation

Thank you to everyone who came and supported the 'King's Coronation Celebratory Event' on Saturday 6th May. Despite the weather we hope that you all enjoyed the entertainment and activities and had a great time to mark a once in a lifetime celebration. The Parish Council thanked Cllr Mark Eldridge for all his efforts in orchestrating the event as well as all who volunteered their time to help make it a resounding success.

Free 'Food for Thought' Advice Sessions and Lily Service

'Food for thought' - free advice sessions to help residents cook healthy and nutritional food on a budget, are returning to King's Lynn. The weekly sessions will be held this time at St Faith's Community Hub, Gayton Road, King's Lynn.

'Lily', a service owned and managed by the Borough Council, is organising another 10 weeks of interactive sessions, every Thursday from 9:30am to 11:30am. The free-to-attend drop-in sessions, also held at the Community Hub, are family-friendly, sociable and you get to taste food cooked by a professional chef! At the same time, you can pick up some saving tips about how to cook healthy and tasty food without breaking the bank.

For more information on these sessions or free transport available please either email asklily@west-norfolk.gov.uk or telephone Lily on 01553 616200.

'Time to Talk' sessions

The Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC), Mr Giles Orpen-Smellie, will be hosting online sessions that offer an opportunity for a 15 minute slot with the PCC, either via Microsoft Teams or telephone, to discuss any issues. See dates below. To book a slot please contact the PCC's office at opccn@norfolk.police.uk or call 01953 424455.

Friday 21st July 9.30-12.30

Friday 18th August 9.30-12.30

Friday 3rd November 9.30-12.30

Next Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held at the Village Hall on 12th June at 7.30pm. Members of the public are very welcome to join the meeting.

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GREAT MASSINGHAM INDOOR CARPET BOWLS

The 19th April saw the last few matches of the Indoor Bowls Season.

The Doubles winners were Mark Whitmore and Brian Francis with 35 points; in second place, just 2 points behind, was Dave Jeffrey and Dylan Fryett. In third place was Colin Whitmore and Harvey Howlett with 31 points.

The Singles competition was a very close affair with many matches having to have a deciding leg after both players ended up in a draw after 15 ends. The final was 'one of those' with Colin Whitmore coming out the eventual winner over Stuart Figura with Dylan and Jason Fryett joint 3rd.

Many thanks to everyone who brought along food on the last night and to Debbie for keeping all our Wednesday evenings available. Thanks also to Steve Baker who did not want to commit to playing this year but filled in on several occasions. He eventually played the rest of the season from Christmas onwards with Pat Jeffrey after her original partner dropped out.

*If you are interested in having a go next year (usually starts in early October)
just give me a ring on 01485 520476. Bob Nash*

Great Massingham Bowls Club BINGO Result from 31st March

The amazing sum of £1,286 was raised at our special prize Bingo to support the Bowls Club.

Many thanks to everyone who gave prizes and came along and supported on the night.

Alison Gagen



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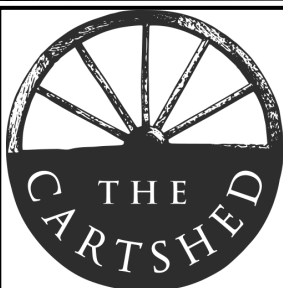


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Some History About the Mallard Magazine



The Mallard

Here are some facts about the Mallard magazine including when it was first published and how it has developed over the years. Below left is a copy of the front page of the very first issue, published in October 1991.

Massinghams' Monthly

Published for the residents of Great & Little Massingham with the support of the Parish Council, the Parochial Church Council and the Village Hall Management Committee.

Issue 1

Editorial Committee: R.Bickerton, Editor; S.Gagen, Treasurer; D.Fosgate, G.Fanneran. Enquiries: 5.Robey Rd. Tel. 520301

October 1991

Lighting up time?

Public meeting on proposed footpath lighting.

On 7th October there will be a Public Meeting in the Village Hall to study and discuss the Parish Council's Footpath Lighting Plan.

Following the survey early this year regarding the introduction of footpath lighting in the village, the Parish Council asked the Eastern Electricity Company to install three trial lights in the village. One has been placed by the Post Office, one by the church and the third was erected by the steps up to the Village Hall.

The response has generally been in favour of the type of lighting offered by the light outside the church. Should footpath lighting be introduced it would most probably be this type of light.

The Parish Council has drawn up a plan of proposed lighting to be installed from Walcup's Lane North of the village. Those residents who answered the questionnaire from this area were mostly in favour of the introduction of lighting. At the Public Meeting on 7th October there will be the opportunity to study the proposals in more detail and for residents to make their views known.

Any further introduction of lighting in the village will largely depend on subsequent demand.

New Monthly Newspaper.

This month sees the launch of a monthly paper for the residents of Great and Little Massingham. It will be delivered each month with the free paper, usually on the last Thursday. You will also be able to pick up a copy from the Post Office or Village Store.

The purpose of this paper is to provide a much needed communication service for the many organisations and clubs active in the villages. There will not be sufficient space for long articles but all clubs, societies and other community organisations will be able to give brief reports on past activities and announce forthcoming events.

"Massinghams' Monthly" is supported financially by the Parish Council, the Village Hall Management Committee and the Parochial Church Council. The Editorial Committee is made up of representatives of the above organisations. While all endeavours are made to ensure that errors of fact are avoided the Committee can accept no responsibility for incorrect information which appears in this paper.

The editor reserves the right to select the material for each month's issue.

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Note the different, original title of Massinghams' Monthly which, after three years, was changed to The Mallard.

At the beginning it was an A4 publication of one or two sheets and delivered each month with the free paper. Computers were not very advanced and not so readily available in 1991 and, for the first few years, it was produced using an Amstrad Word Processor, cutting and pasting and photocopying.

It was changed to an A5, eight page booklet, in June 1998. The size was increased to twelve pages in 2006 and to the current sixteen pages in 2008.

In 2011 colour was added to four pages and The Mallard was published on-line in full colour.

It has never missed an issue. A village website was then set up by the Mallard team in 2004 and upgraded again in 2018 to its current format.

In time, as computer technology progressed, more improvements were made to layout.

The first photographs were added in 2004 and there were two colour supplements in 2007.

Can You Help?

We need a new Editor as Bev Randall is retiring in September after 18.5 years.

Please register an interest in helping by emailing mallard.editor@btinternet.com

This is a very important role for our village.

Please volunteer.

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Andrew Bickerton
(October 1991 to May 1998)

M. Davies & G. Herring
(June 1998 to March 1999)

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Biodiversity Project News

The May working party morning concentrated on planting aquatics along the pond bank beside the wood. A mix of species was used including bogbean, water mint, water figwort and great spearwort, some of which have spread successfully at Scotsman's Pit. In addition, two field maples were added to the hedge behind the meadow and some musk mallow planted nearby for which thanks are due to Andrew Bickerton. Although mid-May, woolly hats seemed to be the order of the day!

Scotsman's Pit continued to deliver the unexpected, (no, not the hand grenade this time!) when Robin Arbenz found a handsome drake

Mandarin duck. It may have been a local escapee or from the wild population which has become established here, mainly in the Brecks in Norfolk. Mandarins were introduced to Britain but there are now thought to be more in the wild here than in their native Asia. Most of the British population is found in the south-east where they prefer tree lined waters as, perhaps surprisingly, they usually nest in tree holes. This bird certainly favoured the north end of the pond with its overhanging branches.



In June we have working parties on the morning of Saturday 17th June at 10 a.m. but also on the afternoon of Wednesday 14th at 2p.m. The mid-week date is an experiment, so if you'd like to help but Saturdays are not convenient do come along if you can.

Tim Baldwin

FILM NIGHT

Thursday June 15th

£5, at the Village Hall

7pm for 7.30pm

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Fabelmans'

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For help with transport

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Pétanque Court.....

Anyone is free to use the court at the village hall to play pétanque/boules.



There is a scoreboard near the court and a table to use for drinks - from the bar - on a warm evening. (The code to unlock the table is available from the bar staff.)

At the moment, the court is used regularly on a Thursday evening by a group of friends but is free at all other times.

Why not have a go?

If you want to learn how to play, you are welcome to come and watch/play on a Thursday evening before starting a group of your own.

Celebrating the Coronation on 6th May.....





Great Massingham Area Community Car Scheme

The World health Organisation tells us that the Covid Pandemic is over! That's great news but the consequences of that dreadful period of ill health and lock down has left its scars in many areas of our lives. Things aren't as they were.

For Community cars, we faced losing many volunteer drivers who for their own reasons decided not to return to driving and who can blame people for such decisions. So we don't have as many drivers now but, as with during the lockdown, we still aimed to ensure that passengers with medical appointments got taken to them. A big thank you to all who masked up and did their bit.

We are now back to offering the range of trips we used to, including those all important medical trips. This gave our committee an idea! Although there is a small charge for such things as shopping etc. health appointments can be difficult to fund by passengers who are in receipt of certain benefits. We set aside money last year and created our Medical Support Fund aimed at helping qualifying passengers to go for appointments, not worrying about the cost. We are now almost a year round and the scheme has been very successful. Of course, we continue to keep a weather eye on the funds and we are confident that we will run it for another year, and then, once again, take stock.

Back to driver shortage! If you are interested in volunteering for the scheme, please get in touch with me - Neil Steed 07854 114 635 or Neil.steed@btinternet.com



Great Massingham C of E Primary School 100 Club winners The winners of the April Draw 2023

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2 nd prize	Ali Ridgwell
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Here is a brief summary of 'What's on When' in June'.

Visit the website for more details such as costs, times and meal availability.

17 June	The film 'Living' will be screened at 2pm, £12. Pre-screening lunch available.
14 June	Dyad Productions present 'A Room of One's Own' at 7.30pm, £17.50.
15 June	On screen (NT Live) 'Fleabag (Encore 2023)' at 7pm, £12. Supper available.

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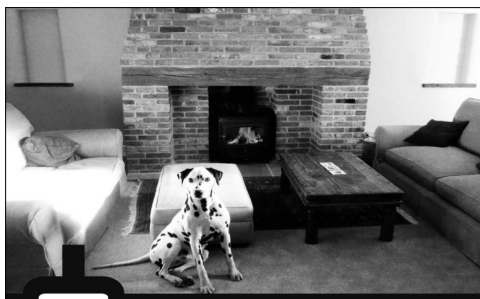
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Message for Parishioners from Rev'd Sue Martin



Welcome to June! Let's hope that when you receive the magazine the weather will be warm and sunny.

On June 21st, we have the Summer Equinox, the longest day in the year. From our house at the end of our village, we have a wonderful view of the sun setting in the west. I have measured its position through the year. It is amazing how much it changes, not just the time of sunset but the place where it sets in the western sky. There is nowhere better to watch the sun go down in the summer than on one of our beaches on the West Norfolk coast. A glorious sight as the rays reach out across the sea. But June is also a month of extreme activity for our children and young people in education. It's exam time! From GCSE's and A levels to college and university exams. A stressful time, the exams are really important and, as part of that, they bring a lot of pressure on our students. In our primary schools too, children have been completing the SAT's papers which, it seems, were especially hard this year.

After the exams, hopefully there is time for other activities such as Sports Days and, maybe, some outings to different places.

As Christians we believe that we should live life in all its fullness. The passage from John: Chapter 10 verse 10 says that 'Jesus came so that we may live life in all its fullness'. It is important to have time for more than just work. Time for sharing things together, for friendship, for caring and loving each other and time for all in our communities. Time for each other and time to love the world and creation around us, that really is what life is for. Our churches and their grounds across the ten parishes of our benefice, also always offer a peaceful place to go and reflect and take time.

With very best wishes to all our young people in education and training. We say to them, once the hard work is completed, then enjoy what life has to offer in love and friendship.

Rev'd Sue Martin

Summer Fete St Mary's Church Great Massingham



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Church News

Summer Fete

As you can see from the poster left, we are holding our Summer Fete on Saturday 8th July. Please come and support. It will be held both on the village green and in the Church.

In the meantime we would appreciate your help with our Bric-a-Brac stall. If you have any items to donate for the stall they can be left in the back of the church in the box provided or call Margaret 01485 520135, for collection.

Church Clock

Thanks to a massive result with the bingo and tremendous thanks to Chrissie Warnes and helpers. (See page 2) We have reached our target to repair the clock in the tower!

An order has been placed with Cumbria Clock Company to do the repairs. They have serviced the clock for nearly twenty years and have already started this repair. We will keep you updated as to progress. *Stephen Hudson*

Church Services

June 2023

Date	Time	Service	Location
Sunday 4 th June	8.30 am 9.30 am 9.30 am 10.30 am	Holy Communion Family Service Holy Communion Holy Communion	Roydon Harpley Little Massingham Grimston
Wed. 7 th June	9.00 am	Holy Communion	Harpley
Sunday 11 th June	8.30 am 9.30 am 10.30 am 10.30 am	Holy Communion Morning Prayer Holy Communion Holy Communion	Ashwick Little Massingham Gayton Great Massingham
Sunday 18th	10.30 am	Group Holy Communion	Harpley
Wed. 21 st June	9.00 am	Holy Communion	Grimston
Sunday 25 th June	8.30 am 9.30 am 10.30 am 10.30 am 3.00 pm	Holy Communion Holy Communion Holy Communion Family Service Celtic Service	East Walton Little Massingham Gayton Great Massingham Gayton Thorpe
<i>Sunday 2nd July</i>	<i>8.30 am</i> <i>9.30 am</i> <i>9.30 am</i> <i>10.30 am</i>	<i>Holy Communion</i> <i>Family Service</i> <i>Songs of Praise</i> <i>Holy Communion</i>	<i>Roydon</i> <i>Harpley</i> <i>Little Massingham</i> <i>Grimston</i>

For more news please visit our benefice website at www.ggmbenefice.uk

Coffee and Cakes



Saturday 10th June,
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A warm welcome to all



Readings for Sunday Services

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for suggested readings
for our services

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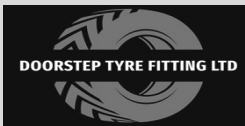
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Biodiversity Project	Tim Baldwin	520 813
Borough Council	Alistair Beales	To be confirmed
Bell Ringing	Dale Gagen	520 024
Bowls Club	Peter Wadham	520 796
Church Contacts	Revd Judith Pollard	01485 601 251
Community Car Scheme	Office	520 823
Coronation Club	Jill Whitmore	520 609
County Council	Stuart Graham Dark	07450 679 355
Dabbling Duck Pub	Mark Dobby	520 827
Doctors	Massingham Surgery	520 521
The Film Night	Arthur Allen	520 628
Fishing Warden	Paul Smith & Ken Perry	PC Clerk 01328 823391
Guide Trefoil Guild	Shirley Rae & Rita Gostling	520 259 & 520 730
Massingham Historical Society	Jeanne Robinson	520 455
Neighbourhood Plan	Mike Jackson	520 056
Parish Council	Peter James (Chair) & Sarah Harvey (Clerk)	Clerk 01328 823391
Pre-School	Pip Grange	07807 185 746
Police	Non-emergency	101
School	Kirsten Stibbon	520 362
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Date	Event	Time	Place
3 June	Charity Football match	2pm	Village Hall
5,19 June	Craft and Chat	2pm	Village Hall Bar
10 June	Music Quiz	7.30 pm	Village Hall
10 June	Coffee and Cakes	10 am	St Mary's Church
12 June	Parish Council Meeting	7.30 pm	Village Hall
14/17 June	Biodiversity Working Party	10am/2pm	Weasenham Road Pond
15 June	Film Night	7 for 7.30 pm	Village Hall
17 June	Historical Society - Rainham Visit	7.30 pm	West Rainham Control Tower
20 June	Community Lunch	1pm	Village Hall Bar
22 June	Quiz Night	7.30 pm	Village Hall