

The Mallard

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Please see page 9 about the Neighbourhood Development Survey.

It is really important that we all complete the Neighbourhood Development Plan survey form especially if we want our opinions considered. Two copies of the form have been delivered as part of the Mallard deliveries in Great Massingham. Extra copies of both the Mallard and the forms will be left at the shop, as usual.

Shortly, you should notice a large banner displayed near to the village well, announcing the survey. Next to this, there will be a lockable box for return of completed forms and also a separate holder containing extra copies, should you need them. **Please take part.**

FILM NIGHT

Thursday March 17th

7pm for 7.30pm at the Village Hall, Tickets £5

'Limbo'



A gorgeous tragi-comic take on the refugee experience. Highly rated and recently nominated for BAFTA award for 'Best British Film'.....

Toad Patrols are Underway in Massingham.

It is still early in the season so we welcome anyone who is interested and would like to help reduce road casualties of toads, during their migration, in the local area. If interested in helping Toadwatch in Massingham, contact:-



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Ptolemy McKinnon on 07941 183318

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During the last two years, more older people than ever were inactive but, hopefully, we are seeing the light at the end of this tunnel and it's feeling safer to get active again in our community.

Every Friday morning, at the Village Hall, I run a keep fit class from 9.30am to 10.30am.

It's designed specifically for older adults and is a gentle hour of exercise which can be done sitting, supported or standing. Everyone is very welcome, regardless of fitness level or any health conditions. Hope you can join us - keep active and have fun.

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17th March**

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Pop up Restaurant Massingham Village Hall Friday March 11th

Arrive from 7pm, eating at 7.30pm
A fundraising event for the hall and bar.

Menu £15

Slow cooked pork

Or, slow cooked aubergine with white beans and dill.

Both served with sautéed potatoes & roasted vegetables.

Followed by.....

Bakewell tart and cream
or, cheese and biscuits.



*Deadline to buy your meal tickets is Monday March 7th as we need to inform the caterer of numbers.
Tickets available from the Bar, cash or card payment.*

GREAT MASSINGHAM BOWLS CLUB EASTER PRIZE BINGO

Great Massingham Village Hall
at 7.30pm on 8th April
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CRAFT & CHAT February and March



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Great Massingham Parish Council - February Meeting

Brief report due to illness of the Clerk.

The meeting was held on the 7th February. The following are the main points discussed.

1. The Parish Council was pleased to co-opt Oliver Locke for the vacancy of Parish Councillor and is looking forward to welcoming him onto the Council.
2. The issues with the grass and verges on the village greens continues and contact to be made with Houghton Estate to request a site visit asap.
3. Cllr Moriarty advised that a fund of up to £200 was available from the Borough Council for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and this information was passed to the Village Hall committee, along with details of a local band.
4. The geese have returned in numbers and Cllr Cole is working daily to deter, joined by two residents. A request for further assistance was made and any residents interested should contact the clerk directly.
5. It was agreed to trial a 1m "no-mow" area around the edges of Scotsman's Pit and a survey for silt and water depth was approved. Concern was raised regarding the parking outside the school reducing visibility for vehicles and extended zig zags to be considered.

Members of the public are asked to report any potholes directly to highways using the link <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/roads/road-maintenance/potholes>

The next meeting is on Monday 14th March, at 7.30pm, in the Village Hall.



**Village Hall Meeting
to complete transfer to a
Charitable
Incorporated Organisation
7pm,
Tuesday 22nd March 2022,
at Great Massingham
Village Hall**

The public meeting will elect nominated Trustees from the organisations and clubs that use and support the Hall. We aim to have three elected trustees, three affiliated club nominations and four co-opted trustees.

The vote will be by ballot paper and each attendee will have three votes to award to the list of candidates that have put themselves forward. The process will be officiated by and the votes will be counted by an independent observer. See the February Mallard for more detail about Charitable Incorporated organisations.

Please come along and support your Village Hall.

Seeking a Native Mandarin Speaker...

I am looking for someone local who speaks standard Mandarin, and might be willing to give me some conversation practice. I have been studying Mandarin for a few years, hoping to use it when visiting family and in-laws in Beijing and Shanghai. However, what I really need now is an opportunity for natural conversation practice. Is there anyone in the village or nearby who might be interested in working with me on this?

Any suggestions welcome. Sarah Bourne, Castle Acre Road. 07969 631443

Community Lunch

Massingham Village Hall Bar, Tuesday March 22nd

Arrive from 12.30pm, eat at 1pm



MENU: £8

Hunter's chicken or butternut and leek bake.

Both served with colcannon (mashed potato with cabbage) and veg.

Treacle tart and cream or Cheese & Biscuits. Tea & Coffee

Come & meet friends for a chat. The Bar will be open to buy drinks.

To order a lunch please write down your food choice and name on a piece of paper and post it in the village hall post box, next to the entrance. or, email Debs Lambert

with your order- mrsdl1965@gmail.com

Cut off day is Friday March 18th



Great Massingham TREFOIL GUILD

March Meeting

Thursday 10th February

For this meeting we have been invited to the Edinburgh Woollen Mill shop, in King's Lynn.

A chance for us all to look at what's on offer and replenish our wardrobes!

We are looking for new members

PLEASE JOIN US.

Want to know more details?

Please call Rita Gosling on

01485 520 730

Many thanks to Gert & Daisy

Gert and Daisy are taking a well-deserved break for the time being. On everyone's behalf I want to say a huge thank you to them both for their witty articles and staying power!

Gert and Daisy have been writing in the Mallard magazine since November 2010 and they always found something to report to us in their own 'individual, inimitable style'.

They will still be out and about with their notebook, looking for interesting things to note down, and listening to gossip, so beware!

Thank you both and have a good rest.

There might be some guest appearances in the future if time and enough 'gossip' allows!

Great Massingham Historical Society

Monday 21st March, 7:30 pm

At the Village Hall

**'Historical Society AGM
& Plans for the year ahead.'**

With Free film show;

"The Lost Railways of East Anglia."

All are welcome.

Great Massingham Food Bank Thanks....

Our community food bank at St.Mary's Church remains busy and well used.

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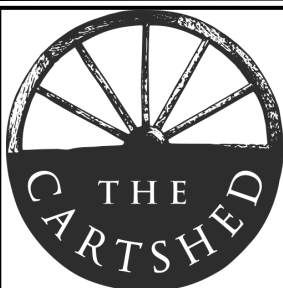
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Village Hall and Bar membership is now due.....

After suspending membership fees for the past two years, during the pandemic, the Directors of the Village Hall Bar are reinstating the formal Village Hall Bar membership procedure. Memberships are due from 1st April.

The fee is £10 per person for all adults over eighteen

For the background – please read on:

Question	Answer
<i>Why is there a membership fee for the Village Bar?</i>	The bar was set up as a men's social club. We have now moved on, but a membership fee is part of the requirement for it to function. The fee is only £10 per person per year.
<i>Where does the profit from the bar go?</i>	All profit goes to the Village Hall to help meet the running costs. Without the bar the Village Hall would not be financially viable.
<i>When my family visit can they drink in the bar with me if they're not members?</i>	Yes, members can bring in guests but, they must sign in the guest book.
<i>Are children allowed?</i>	Children are welcome but must be accompanied by an adult and we ask that they are well behaved.
<i>Do I get anything by becoming a member?</i>	Yes, you can hire the Village Hall for four hours, once during the year, with no charge.
<i>Is it only bottled beer, or do you use a brewery?</i>	We buy from a brewery and have a range of draught beers. Our prices compare favourably with other bars in the area. The brewery has short term promotions, and we can pass that saving on to our members. We also offer a wide range of bottled beers.
<i>What about wine?</i>	We consult our members on their choices & stock popular wines. Once again, at reasonable prices.
<i>What is there to do in the bar beside drink?</i>	You can play darts. There is a pool table, the sports bar has a television to show all popular sporting events. Membership entitles you to use the Snooker Room. There is a pétanque court available to members. There are many clubs associated with the bar which welcome your participation.
<i>Do you have hot food?</i>	We are expanding opportunities for food with an occasional pop-up restaurant and street food. We also run a monthly community lunch. Members are welcome to bring take away food into the bar as long as they buy a drink from the bar.
<i>Why was there no membership fee for the past two years?</i>	The Directors waived the membership fee whilst Covid has caused periods of lockdown.
<i>How do I join?</i>	Pop into the bar and pick up your membership card. Payment can be by cash or contactless. Speak to Debs, Pat or Marion and they'll be happy to sign you up.

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We now have 40 plot holders about to burst into Spring cultivation.

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In addition we pay £3 per head for membership of the
National Allotment Association (NSALG).

In the difficult times ahead, you would enjoy the pleasure and challenge of growing your own fruit and veg. We do have a small waiting list but why not contact our Secretary, Gill Goold, for details.

Gill has been our Association Secretary for ten years and has done a brilliant job; we shall miss her cheerful strength of character and knowledge. However, she is retiring this AGM (16th March) and hanging up her trowel.

***So, don't waste any time contacting her on
07508 242223 (see Useful Numbers at the back of The Mallard).***

Julian Thomson, Chairman

Biodiversity Project News A good turn-out of volunteers for our first working



party of the year made short work of cutting an edge to the path through the meadow in readiness for rotovating it this month. This was followed by clearing old growth from the wet and rough meadow areas between the green and pond. Volunteers have also helped to prepare an area to be sown as a wild flower meadow within the main area of tree planting at the Village Hall. *(more about this next issue)*

Visitors to the Biodiversity Project will find a new guide to what can currently be seen around the site with a focus on early spring flowers and tree catkins.

The most familiar catkins are the 'lamb's tails' to be seen on hazel but many other trees including oak, birch and alder have catkin flowers. The catkins are the male flowers which spread their pollen on the wind to be captured by the much smaller female flowers. These resemble a cluster of red feathery stars, which once pollinated will later develop into the nuts. Look for them along the twigs above the bunches of catkins.



This month's work party at Weasenham Road will be held on
Saturday 5th March at 10 am, when we will be cutting the hedge and continuing with
general tidying around the site. *Tim Baldwin*

DON'T DELAY!..... If you want your voice and opinions heard to help plan Great Massingham's future, then please complete and return your form, delivered with your copy of the Mallard. Everyone's views matter!



GREAT MASSINGHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

PLANNING GREAT MASSINGHAM'S FUTURE OPINION SURVEY OF RESIDENTS' VIEWS

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- What don't you like?
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To have your say

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- Copies also available at the Well and posted on our website (www.greatmassinghamndp.co.uk) with links from our Facebook page and village websites

You have a voice – please use it



Please visit our website for much more information on all these events and the latest news on new events being added to the programme, and, of course, to book online! www.westacretheatre.com

Here is a summary of 'What's on When'

- In partnership with the MISSADVENTURES THEATRE COMPANY **Theatre Workshops** designed to inspire and encourage young actors to learn new skills and make new friends: Term-time Saturdays to 2nd April.
- **Screen in the Studio: MOTHERING SUNDAY [15] 2021**
All-star line-up includes Odessa Young, Josh O'Connor, Colin Firth, Olivia Colman, and Glenda Jackson. Wed 2nd Mar at 2pm for £10 with optional dining for booking.
- **On Stage in the Studio:** Top Flight Productions present CHOICE GRENFELL – a wonderful tribute with some of the best of Joyce's hilarious songs and monologues. Sun 5th Mar at 3pm and 7:30pm for £16 adults; £10 for under 16s.
- **On Stage in the Studio:** Westacre Theatre Company presents KINDER-TRANSPORT Written by Diane Samuels, directed by Matt Grist 10,000 Jewish children were brutally separated from their families in Nazi-occupied Germany to be brought up with foster families in Britain. This modern classic play imagines the fate of one such child. Thu 10, Fri 11, Sat 12, Thu 17, Fri 18 March at 7:30pm, Sat 19 Mar at 3pm and 7:30pm for £16 adults and £10 for under 16s. Optional dining for advance booking.
- **On Stage in the Studio:** Westacre Theatre Company presents UNDER LOCK-DOWN IN MILK WOOD written and directed by Leah Spencer Sundays 13 and 20 March at 3pm for £16 adults; £12 for under 21s.
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an invitation to

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His Wonderful Life'

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Grimston Village Hall, Pott Row

James Stewart was an Oscar winning actor and a decorated war veteran. Hear from the man himself (as played by Greg Powles) about his life, movies and his time stationed in Norfolk during WW1.

This is an open meeting & anyone can come - husbands, partners friends...

If you would like to come, please call, if possible, and leave a message so we can organise seating.

See you soon. Pat Watts 01485 609 052

Great Massingham Primary school
The winners of the January Draw 2022



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2nd prize – Dot Ford

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Message to Parishioners from Rev'd Sue Martin



Mad March hares, daffodils blowing in the wind, longer days and, if we are lucky, some warmth in the sun. Those are the things that spring to my mind about the month of March. In our house, at the edge of the village, we have already seen one or two large brown hares which we look forward to watching as they chase each other around the fields. We have snowdrops in the garden, daffodils in bud and I just long for the days when we can feel the warm sun on our faces. The changing seasons keep us in tune with the world, and I love them, all except winter! At church, we have seasons with four different colours, green, purple, red and white/gold. We are moving towards Easter (colour white/gold) which is late this year, 17th April. The date is calculated each year as the first Sunday after the Paschal full moon, which is the first full moon on or after 21st March. Before Easter we have the season of Lent (colour purple) This year Lent starts on 2nd March, which is Ash Wednesday, giving us Shrove Tuesday on March 1st, the time for pancakes!

Shrove Tuesday goes back to the Anglo-Saxon times and is the term used for confession before Lent. It was also the last opportunity to use up eggs, which may have been stored over the winter, until the hens started laying again in the Spring. Hence we have Pancake Day!

During Lent we also have Mothering Sunday, which this year is Sunday 27th March. A busy month!

During Lent we try to give up something and do a few different things which will make a difference to people's lives. Once again, I will be giving up chocolate and biscuits, an annual journey for me! In doing something that will make a difference, we have the Bishop's Lent Appeal 2022, in support of a Health Centre in Papua New Guinea. More info is available on the Church News page of the benefice website.

In 2015, I was fortunate to go to Papua New Guinea and New Britain Island and I have seen just how much the people need our support and help. They are wonderful people and live with so little but love so much. I hope you will be interested to find out more about Papua New Guinea and support if you can.

God Bless, have a great March 2022 and enjoy the pancakes!

Rev'd Sue Martin

Prayer:

Father, be with us as we emerge into the Spring and fill our hearts with sunshine, joy, and warmth. Guide us in all that we do during Lent, that we may be able to spare a little time to help those around us or far away in Papua New Guinea.

CHURCH NEWS

Great Massingham.....



Thinking ahead to September.....

It is hoped that during September there can be a Village Festival. It would be wonderful

to include all aspects of life in our village & involve as many organisations, clubs together with individuals as possible.

This could include music, a flower show, talent show, craft stalls & games....

The weekend proposed is 16/17 September to coincide with The Harvest Festival.

If you have any ideas &/or would like to be involved, you can contact:

Rev. Julian Thomson on 520721.

Benefice - Lent Study Group

The group will meet every Wednesday, during Lent, starting on the 9th March, at 7pm, at St Nicholas, Gayton.

Church Services

March

Date	Time	Service	Location
Wed. 2 nd March	9.30 am 6.30 pm	Holy Communion Meditation and Ashing	Harpley Grimston
Sunday 6 th March	8.30 am 9.30 am 9.30 am 10.30 am 3.00 pm	Holy Communion Family Service Holy Communion - Reverend Julian Thomson Holy Communion Evensong	Roydon Harpley Little Massingham Grimston Congham
Sunday 13 th March	8.30 am 9.30 am 10.30 am 10.30 am	Holy Communion Lay-led Morning Prayer Holy Communion Holy Communion - Reverend Judith Pollard	Congham Little Massingham Gayton Great Massingham
Wed. 16 th March	9.00 am	Holy Communion	Grimston
Sunday 20 th March	9.30 am 9.30 am 10.30 am	Sung Eucharist Family Holy Communion - Reverend Julian Thomson Morning Praise	Harpley Great Massingham Grimston
Sunday 27 th March Mothering Sunday	8.30 am 9.30 am 9.30 am 10.30 am 3.00 pm	Holy Communion Lay-Led Family Service With Mothering Sunday Posies Holy Communion - Reverend Judith Pollard Holy Communion Celtic Service	East Walton Great Massingham Little Massingham Gayton Gayton Thorpe
Sunday 3 rd April	8.30 am 9.30 am 9.30 am 10.30 am 3.00 pm	<i>Holy Communion</i> <i>Family Service</i> Holy Communion <i>Holy Communion</i> <i>Evensong</i>	Roydon Harpley Little Massingham Grimston Congham

Both **Great Massingham** and **Little Massingham** services are shown in bold.

We hope that when Gt Massingham has no service on the 6th March they can join Little Massingham for their Holy Communion Service and, likewise, on the Sunday 20th when Little Massingham has no service, they will join Great Massingham at St Mary's with theirs.

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

From the Registers..

9th February 2022
Una Eileen Newton
We send our thoughts
and prayers to all her
family.



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

We will be holding a service on Friday 4th March, at 2pm, in Pott Row Methodist Church. *Please come.*

PAPUA NEW GUINEA TALK

Sunday 13th March, at 3pm, in St Nicholas Church Gayton, Rev'd Sue Martin is giving a talk on Papua New Guinea. *Please join us.*

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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 and Ken Perry	Sue Nash 07802 670 711
Guide Trefoil Guild	Shirley Rae & Rita Gosling	520 259 & 520 730
Massingham Historical Society	Peter James	521 706
Neighbourhood Plan	Mike Jackson	520 056
Parish Council	Sue Nash (Chair) & Sarah Harvey (Clerk)	Clerk 01328 823391
Pre-School	Pip Armitage	07807 185 746
Police	Non-emergency	101
School	Kirsten Stibbon	520 362
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FOSPGM.... We are all looking forward to a fantastic 2022



FOSPGM (Pronounced FOSGuM) have reflected on what was achieved in 2021 and as a team we achieved a lot of good things. The Parish Council have agreed and are supporting our plans for 2022. They are:

1) A professional survey to map the pit. The survey will show the depth of the water and the depth of the silt. From information received from fisherman, we believe the pit is currently 1/3 water and 2/3 rds. Silt. The survey will give us precise measurements, thus allowing us to make informed plans for the future.

2) An extension of the work that has been done to shore up the bank and stop further erosion. The bank edge

has considerable erosion and



FOSPGM's work has been undertaken to ensure a sustainable solution, that includes plants and roots to keep the bank in place. The erosion of the bank is extensive - in places the erosion has undercut the bank by c 2ft. This renders the Pit edge a high-risk area. Any collapse, no matter how small, adds to the silt! Also the unstable edge is a high-risk area to any vulnerable people and particularly motorised vehicles like disability vehicles and gardening appliances.



3) We have agreed that a one metre No-Mow area will be implemented around the entire Pit. This is to act as a security measure and an extended habitat area for wildlife. Last year, there was an astonishing explosion of flying insects and wild seeds that tempted the fish up from deep hibernation and provided a dramatic display of rare and beautiful wild birds.



Increased vegetation on the edge of the Pit should also deter the Geese, by not giving them a clear line of sight when leaving the water. All positive!



Thank you to you all for your support throughout 2021. I believe that Scotsman's Pit has a great future. Bob Bones

Some March 2022 'Dates at a Glance'

Date	Event	Time	Place
5 March	Biodiversity Working Party	10 am	Weasenham Road Pond
7/21 March	Craft & Chat	2 pm	Village Hall Bar
8 March	Mobile Library	From 12.35	As Timetabled
11 March	Pop Up Restaurant	7 for 7.30 pm	Village Hall
14 March	Parish Council Meeting	7.30 pm	Village Hall
17 March	Film Night	7 for 7.30 pm	Village Hall
21 March	Historical Society Meeting	7.30 pm	Village Hall
22 March	Community Lunch	12.30 for 1pm	Village Hall / Bar
22 March	VH Charitable Organisation mtg	7 pm	Village Hall