

# The Mallard

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## Thank You to Our Knitters for a Wonderful Tribute

It's been a sad time this past month since hearing of the death of our beloved Queen. She was so special and is so sadly missed. Thank you to our 'local knitters' who very quickly replaced the previous Norfolk Day display on our post box with a beautiful one to record this sad event. The inscription reads : 'Queen Elizabeth II', 21<sup>st</sup> April 1926 to 8<sup>th</sup> September 2022. Rest in Peace.' This is an amazing tribute to recognise such a wonderful person and, sadly, the end of the Elizabethan Age. Please read Reverend Judith's message on page 16 as it sums up our sadness so well.

*Now for some good news.....*

## Thumbs Up from Audrie and Edie!

A big thankyou from the children of Ducklings Preschool to everyone who supported the renovation of the Preschool building.

Last year the village responded immediately when the call went out for urgent help. Some local funding was needed for an application by Preschool to the Borough Council CIL Fund. Preschool was successful in the bid and the insulation and cladding was carried out, during the summer break, to provide an amazing new-look building.



It's a big change from having to keep filling in the holes and cracks that kept appearing on the outside walls. (*see picture left*)

Partial rewiring has been carried out and a new heater installed, with replacement lighting and internal work yet to be done.

It is still an old building but the repairs and renovation means that Preschool can continue to provide education and care for the youngest members of the village.

Thanks also go to the Parish Council and Great Massingham Charities, Councillor Jim Moriarty and Norfolk County Council Early Years for their support.

***There is an Open Invitation for anyone to view the new-look building on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> October between 2-3pm.***



**Yard Sale Thanks from Chrissie** Thank you to everyone who had a yard sale and hope you all did well. More chose to have them in their yards this time, possibly because of the hot weather. It was good hearing visitors say how lovely our village is and so friendly. On a personal note, I thank all who donated items and supported my stall for Macmillan. "We made an amazing £638.16!"

**Thank you to you too, Chrissie!**

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## Massingham COMMUNITY Tree Nursery

sowing seeds for the future

### Massingham Community Tree Nursery

We all know how important trees are, helping to produce the air that we breathe and providing homes for wild-life, but did you know that, in hot

weather, the presence of trees can lower the temperature by between 10 and 20%?

There's a huge demand for native grown trees and hedging, so we plan to do our bit towards meeting the local need. Would you like to help?

We plan to grow trees and shrubs from local seed. Growing local means the trees will be suited to the area and will have more genetic diversity than commercially sourced trees, many of which are imported.

We're looking for a suitable site – around ¼ acre – but in the meantime we can make a start, collecting and processing seeds at home.

There's lots of ways to get involved, from planning and organisation to seed-collecting and processing, sowing, weeding, watering etc. In a year or two we'll have trees and hedging to plant.

We'll be seeking funding from Norfolk County Council  
**If you'd like to get involved or find out more, just e-mail:**  
[massinghamcommunitytreenursery@gmail.com](mailto:massinghamcommunitytreenursery@gmail.com)

**PLEASE HELP WITH THIS IMPORTANT PROJECT**

### Great Massingham Historical Society Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October at 7.30pm, at the Village Hall

We welcome Harry Ward, local resident who has grown up in our village, giving a talk about Kett's Rebellion, 1549.

This revolt, set in Norfolk, was mainly against land enclosures by the gentry. Please support.

*Do come and join us at the Village Hall ,  
 Members free. Guests £2.*



### Village Yard Sale

To all residents of Great Massingham who took part in the village yard sale.

St Mary's Church PCC would like to say a big **THANK YOU** for the £178.00 you raised towards the upkeep of our village church. It really is greatly appreciated.

*Remember there will always be a warm welcome to all.  
 Thank you from Great Massingham PCC*

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**CRAFT & CHAT**  
**October 3<sup>rd</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>**  
 at 2pm, Village Hall Bar



### **GREAT MASSINGHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN (NDP) OPINION SURVEY – the next steps**

Results from the Opinion Survey held in the spring were released last month and summarised in the September issue of *The Mallard*. There now follows a lengthy process of translating them into a planning vision for the Parish, a set of aims that will help to deliver the vision and planning policies that relate to the development and use of land. These will inform planning decisions made by the Borough Council for our area, along with other elements of its statutory development plan. Our NDP will form an important part of this plan once the document is completed and approved by residents in a referendum.

To help us with the evaluation of the Opinion Survey results and subsequent drafting of policies we are involving a professional planning consultant who has already made a start by holding a workshop with the NDP Steering Group. Later, we intend to hold a public consultation to discuss the outcome of the Opinion Survey and the progress we have made.

If, having examined the results of the Opinion Survey yourself  
(see <https://www.greatmassinghamndp.co.uk/surveys-consultations/>),  
and you wish to comment on them, please feel free to do so at any time or,  
in due course, during future public consultation.

*Mike Jackson on behalf of the Parish Council's NDP Steering Group*

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**MENU: £8**

### **Community Lunch** **Massingham Village Hall Bar, Tuesday October 4<sup>th</sup>**

*Arrive from 12.30pm, eat at 1pm*

Cottage Pie and Vegetables or Vegi option of Vegetable Cottage Pie  
Apple Crumble cake with cream or Cheese & Biscuits. Tea & Coffee

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

*To book your lunch please contact Deborah Lambert on 07493 406 501 or,  
email [mrsdl1965@gmail.com](mailto:mrsdl1965@gmail.com) by Friday September 30<sup>th</sup>*



### **SHORT MAT/CARPET BOWLS**

This season's short mat/carpet bowls should start in early October and run to mid-April. We will play at the Village Hall from 7pm - 9.30pm, on Wednesdays. We usually play one match per pair per evening and occasionally two.

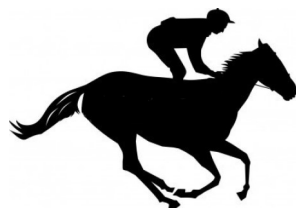
It costs £1 per match to play.

If you are new to the game you will be paired with a more experienced player who will teach you and explain the rules. There are plenty of spare bowls for newcomers who wish to play. It would be good to see some new players – why not give it a go?

If you would like to join us this year, please put your name on the form on the Village Hall noticeboard (in the Bar area) or call me on 01485 520476 or email on [cobby47@aol.com](mailto:cobby47@aol.com).

*Looking forward to welcoming you all* *Bob Nash*

**Bowls Club**  
**FILM HORSE  
RACE NIGHT**  
Massingham Village Hall  
29<sup>th</sup> October,  
7.30 pm.



## Mallard News

### Glass Disposal at the Village Hall – End of the Bottle Banks

Only three months ago, the Trustees put a piece in the Mallard asking you to support the Village Hall by taking advantage of the bottle disposal facilities at the Hall. This is because there was the opportunity to get funds for the Hall by way of recycled glass. Thank you all those who supported the Hall by bringing your bottles to the bottle bank.

Things have changed radically – the fees the Hall must pay to have the glass removed now have increased sharply. The contractors are facing higher fuel and labour charges which they are passing on to us.

This means the return we get from the recycled glass renders the bottle bank financially non-viable. Therefore, the Trustees will be arranging for the Bottle Banks to be removed soon.

*Thank you once again, to those of you who have supported the Hall bottle banks, please now return your empty bottles via your green bins.*



### Josette's Garden Fete

It couldn't have been a more perfect day.

The weather was just right for an outdoor event.

The food - cakes, tea, coffee and drinks for the children followed later with beefburgers, hot dogs and food for vegan requirements - was delicious.

As we ate our food we listened to music, watched the children in the games area, admired the skill of the circus performers and, finally, listened to the Big Heart and Soul Singers. There was chatter and laughter and greeting of friends old and new.

Thank you so much to all the people involved in raising a substantial amount of money - over £1,600 - for people who need support to enjoy the pleasures of life that some of us take for granted. Thank you all so much.

*Josette Simpson*

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## **Mallard – Massingham Bowls Club Report 2022**

The 2022 season has been something of a landmark season for Massingham Bowls Club, the first full post-covid season for us and many other clubs and organisations. Covid has left its legacy on the sport of bowls and a number of clubs have fallen by the wayside, partly due to covid but also other contributory factors, not least diminishing memberships. We, however, have been fortunate to have had an influx of local younger players which has enabled us to field four teams this season - the first time for many years.

We continue to achieve good results compared to some of our close rivals, some of whom have bigger and better resources. Our achievements this season were as follows:

*The Albert Victor A team led by Craig Whittred finished 4<sup>th</sup> in the First Division and won the Albert Victor Subsidiary Cup.*

*The Albert Victor B team led by Tony Williams managed a respectable 6<sup>th</sup> place in the Third Division.*

*The Brewery League A team led by Dave Jeffrey were runners-up in Division 1 and also runners-up in the Brewery League Cup competition.*

*The Brewery League B team led by Malcolm Hipkin and consisting of most of the new intake of younger players, finished top of Division 2 in their first season in the competition. They will be promoted to Division 1 where I am sure they will be challenging the A team next season.*

Although the warm summer was welcome, the extended heatwave was not conducive to maintaining the bowls green to the best of playing standards. Nevertheless, the green fared reasonably well and is now on the way to recovery, thanks to the work put in by Bruce Riches, Alan Petto and Peter Wadham. The autumn maintenance has begun with further improvement work, planned during the winter break. A big thank you to Bob Nash for his work on the flower beds around the green that has greatly enhanced the overall appearance of the green and the general surroundings at the Village Hall.

Usually Massingham hosts the Albert Victor League Presentation Night in the Village Hall but, as another after effect of covid, this will not take place this year. This decision was made in early March when the omicron variant cases were high and the majority of clubs were not in favour, at that time. Hopefully, it can resume next year as it brings welcome revenue both to the Bowls League and the Village Hall and Bar.

Malcolm Hipkin and Peter Wadham of Massingham Bowls Club continue as joint League Secretaries to the Albert Victor League, pending re-election next season.

The Derek Skipper Memorial Competition, organised by Malcolm Hipkin, took place at Massingham on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> July. The report was included in the September Mallard with Colin Whitmore, Alison Gagen and Neil West winning the trophy.

With the prospect of additional players next season, we may well consider entering another team in another league, if it is agreed at our AGM later this year. If any readers would like to join the bowls club we will be pleased to welcome any new players. Contact myself, Gary Whittred or Craig Whittred.

The winter indoor short-mat bowls sessions, on Wednesday evenings, continue to be well supported and obviously help with club bar trade. Thanks go again to Bob Nash for organising and running these competitions. (See page 3 for more details)

There will be a Race Night, on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30 pm. organised by Malcolm Hipkin, to help raise funds for the bowls club (See page 3). We hope to organise other events over the next few months so keep an eye out for news in the Mallard.

Massingham Bowls Club are pleased to represent the village in the various leagues and are grateful for the ongoing support from the Massingham Village Hall and Club. We all look forward to another successful season next year and I would like to thank the team captains and all members for their continuing support of the club throughout 2022.

***Peter Wadham – Secretary, Massingham Bowls Club – September 2022***

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St Mary's Summer Fun afternoons, which were held on Tuesdays throughout the school summer holidays, were a great success. Some afternoons attracted 30 plus children. The children played and Mums chatted (of course, the weather was on our side).

The final Tuesday afternoon, we were able to have a bouncy castle and some dinosaur/ unicorn hoppers which the children absolutely loved.

Face painting was on offer every week meaning we had a lot of super hero's, snakes, unicorns and butterflies along with many other characters. We can't thank Jasmine enough for providing this activity. She worked so hard. The queue was constant!

Thanks also to Angie, June, Margaret & Julian for their support. Hopefully, we can all come together again next summer. *Anna.*

***Thank you to you, Anna, for being chief organiser!***



### Great Massingham and District Trefoil Guild

Please join us on Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup>  
at 7pm, at the Village Hall,  
for a talk about  
**GARDENING**

*All welcome. Membership not  
restricted to ex- girl guides. Please come.*

**CORONATION CLUB**  
**25<sup>th</sup> October 2pm**  
**QUIZ NIGHT - 27<sup>th</sup> October 7pm**

***What a pity.....*** This clean bag containing an empty water bottle, an empty can of cider fizz and two empty Red Bull energy drinks was left on a post on the heath....



A pity the drinks didn't provide the energy to take the empties to a bin! Local refuse collection doesn't extend to the top of the heath.

**Help us to keep our  
community tidy & take  
your empties home.**

## PUMPKIN CARVING COMPETITION AT THE DABBING DUCK PUB

Bring your family's creation to the  
Dabbling Duck Pub by  
2pm on 31<sup>st</sup> October.

1<sup>st</sup> Prize Sunday Lunch for 6  
2<sup>nd</sup> Prize Takeaway Pizza for 6  
3<sup>rd</sup> Prize Sweetie Box for the family

THE DABBING DUCK

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find out what's involved.

*Andrew Bickerton*

## Biodiversity Project News



School Pond at the Biodiversity Project, like others in the village, became completely dry during August, a pattern of cracks appearing across the sun-baked silt. It was interesting to see how nature took advantage of the situation when a carpet of seedlings became established right across the bed of the pond. These were mostly of purple loosestrife which normally grows around the pond margin. Millions of seeds must have been lying in the silt, waiting for the right conditions to germinate. Now that water has returned to the pond,

it looks very different with greenery emerging from the shallow water across much of the pond surface. It will now be interesting to see how much of this survives. Purple Loosestrife is an adaptable plant but it

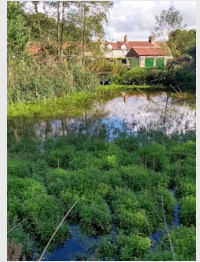


prefers damp ground and will not tolerate growing in more than a few inches of water for very long.

As at Post Office Pit, the Parish Council took advantage of the dry spell to have some of the silt removed from the dyke which carries the water from School Pond to the culvert running under Sandy Lane. This has been deepened to its original profile and will help to keep the water flowing through the system that links all of the ponds in the village.

Recent work party tasks have been to clear vegetation in order to keep the paths open and to cut and clear the meadow. The next work party will be on **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> October at 10 a.m.**

*Tim Baldwin*



# Bingo Night

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Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October

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24<sup>th</sup> October

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## FILM NIGHT

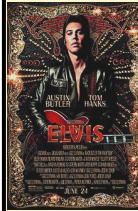
**Thursday October 20<sup>th</sup>**

7pm for 7.30pm

at the Village Hall, cost £5

**'Elvis'**

The film recounts the life & music of Elvis Presley (Austin Butler), seen through the prism of his complicated relationship with his manager, Colonel Tom Parker (Tom Hanks).



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*In November - 'Operation Mincemeat'*

*In December - Benediction*



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### **Massingham Village Fund Initiative**

I am pleased to report that the pub has raised a fantastic £1,277 during the quarter ending 31<sup>st</sup> August for this Village initiative. Half will go to the chosen charity (Retina UK) with the remainder to be distributed among the successful applicants for assistance from the Massingham Village Fund Initiative. A massive thank you to the Mallard for publicising this scheme. We received five applications and it was not a difficult decision to agree to offer funding to all five. They are:-

***The Friends of St Andrew's Church Little Massingham (FOSALM)***

***The Friends of Scotsman's Pit Great Massingham (FOSPGM)***

***St Mary's Foodbank***

***Great Massingham Biodiversity Project***

***Great Massingham Historical Society***

In addition to the above, I am also pleased to announce that The Cartshed Tearoom has agreed to join the VFI. As soon as they have it set up they will be inviting customers to round-up their bills to the next pound. They have agreed that they will offer support to the same organisations as the Dabbling Duck.

In addition, Mark Eldridge has agreed to place a collecting box within the shop for customers, if they wish, to drop their change and boost the fund even further. A massive thanks to Mark and his team for agreeing to join in this wonderful opportunity to support groups who enhance our lives within our community. More in the next issue with the opportunity for other groups to apply.

*Robert Taylor - Contact for the fund.*

### **Want a New Challenge?**

#### **An invite from Fakenham Choral Society**

Ever wanted to sing music by the world's greatest composers or listened to *Classic fM*, wistfully remembering your time in the school or church choir? If so, why not come and join Fakenham Choral Society?

We meet on Tuesdays, 7:30pm – 9:15pm, from September to June at the Salvation Army Hall in Fakenham and perform three concerts a year, often with orchestra and soloists. You don't have to read music to join, but useful if you can and we don't have formal auditions.

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***Look forward to seeing you!***

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### **Parish Council**

Due to the very sad death of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II and the period of official mourning, the September meeting was cancelled.

**The next meeting is on  
Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October.**

*Full report in next issue*



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- **On stage in the Studio** - Gulliver (14 October), One Million Tiny Plays about Britain (20,21,22,27,28,29) and Thumbelina (Norwich Puppet Theatre, November 5th)
- **On screen in the Studio** - Jack Absolute Flies Again (NT Live 6 Oct.), Top Gun Maverick (12 Oct. 2pm), The Railway Children (23 Oct. Live from railway Museum York), The Rocky Horror Picture Show (31 Oct.), The Seagull (NT Live 3 Nov.)

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## Message to Parishioners from Reverend Judith



As a nation we are still in deep shock at the sudden loss of our beloved Sovereign Lady, Queen Elizabeth II. One day she welcomed her fifteenth Prime Minister and, less than forty-eight hours later, she was no longer alive. She has been a constant, faithful stabilising force for good in our lives, our country and the world for **over 70 years**; now she is gone. The Queen's steadfast, faithful, stabilising presence as the devoted Monarch of all her subjects has resonated here in the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland, in the realms, the Commonwealth countries and throughout the world.

Death is a huge shock - even if it is expected. It is the finality of death, the emotional void left in its wake, which paralyses us with grief and shock. In time this gap will be filled with memories old and new and, emotionally, we may regain some equilibrium. But this is a long process of which we, as a nation, are just at the start.

The strange duality of this time means that we must also welcome as our new Sovereign Lord, King Charles III, who acceded to the throne immediately following the death of his beloved mother. It seems strange to be singing in the National Anthem 'God Save the King.'

As a country we are unrivalled in our ability for large-scale pageantry, for disciplined pomp and ceremonial wonder in the wake of huge national events. The death of our Sovereign and the accession to the throne of her beloved son, now our esteemed King Charles III, are just such times when we will proudly be holding our own on the world stage.

As Supreme Head of the Church of England: Defender of the Faith, Queen Elizabeth's personal Christian faith, her self-proclaimed 'anchor' was increasingly perceptible in her broadcasts - especially in times of national crisis such as Covid. She was a beacon of light in our dark times as a nation, steadfastly reassuring and upholding us. In the Covid crisis, with echoes of the indomitable wartime spirit during World War II, she said: "We will see our friends gain, we will see our families again, **we will meet again.**" She also had a great sense of fun and perfect comic timing, having recently co-starred with James Bond, and memorably, in her Platinum Jubilee celebrations, Paddington Bear.

As Christians we derive comfort from our hope-filled faith: the sadness of parting becomes the joy of heaven, our deep sadness and sense of loss always mitigated by the abiding hope of resurrection glory.

Jesus, on the night before His death, prayed to the Father: "I have glorified you on earth, having completed the work which you gave me to do." I think we would agree that nowhere is this more vividly personified for our time and for all time than in the life and work of our late Monarch. And for us our lives and good works here on earth will continue, inspired by her incomparable example. A prayer in her memory.....

*Our dear Sovereign Lady of blessed and glorious memory - **Queen Elizabeth II** - now reunited with her beloved Philip, her parents and all those saints who have gone before her. Rest eternal grant unto her O Lord and let light perpetual shine upon her. May she rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.*

*Reverend Judith*

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## Church Services

October

| Date                               | Time                                                               | Service                                                                                              | Location                                                                                      |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup><br>October  | 8.30 am<br>9.30 am<br><b>9.30 am</b><br>10.30 am<br>6.00 pm        | Holy Communion<br>Family Service<br><b>Holy Communion</b><br>Holy Communion<br>Evensong              | Roydon<br>Harpley<br><b>Little Massingham</b><br>Grimston<br>Congham                          |
| Wed. 5 <sup>th</sup> Oct.          | 9.00 am                                                            | Holy Communion                                                                                       | Harpley                                                                                       |
| Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup><br>October  | 8.30 am<br><b>9.30 am</b><br>10.30 am<br><b>10.30 am</b>           | Holy Communion<br><b>Morning Prayer</b><br>Holy Communion<br><b>Holy Communion</b>                   | Congham<br><b>Little Massingham</b><br>Gayton<br><b>Great Massingham</b>                      |
| Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup><br>October | 9.30 am<br><b>9.30 am</b><br>10.30 am                              | Sung Eucharist<br><b>Family Holy Communion</b><br>Morning Praise                                     | Harpley<br><b>Great Massingham</b><br>Grimston                                                |
| Wed. 19 <sup>th</sup> Oct.         | 9.00 am                                                            | Holy Communion                                                                                       | Grimston                                                                                      |
| Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup><br>October | 8.30 am<br><b>9.30 am</b><br><b>9.30 am</b><br>10.30 am<br>3.00 pm | Holy Communion<br><b>Family Service</b><br><b>Holy Communion</b><br>Holy Communion<br>Celtic Service | East Walton<br><b>Great Massingham</b><br><b>Little Massingham</b><br>Gayton<br>Gayton Thorpe |
| Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup><br>October | 10.30 am<br><b>3.00 pm</b><br><b>3.00 pm</b>                       | Holy Communion<br>Celebration of Life<br><b>Celebration of Life</b>                                  | Congham<br>Gayton<br><b>Little Massingham</b>                                                 |
| Wed. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov.          | 9.00 am                                                            | Holy Communion                                                                                       | Harpley                                                                                       |
| Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> Nov.        | 8.30 am<br>9.30 am<br><b>9.30 am</b><br>10.30 am<br>3.00 pm        | Holy Communion<br>Family Service<br><b>Holy Communion</b><br>Holy Communion<br>Evensong              | Roydon<br>Harpley<br><b>Little Massingham</b><br>Grimston<br>Congham                          |

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### Eric Bottomley 25<sup>th</sup> August 1942 - 5<sup>th</sup> August 2022

We would like to express our gratitude for the kind messages and support we have received in recent weeks. The funeral service at St Andrew's and the gathering in the village hall were a memorable celebration of Eric's life and we were happy to be able to involve so many local people in making that happen.

We would especially like to thank the staff at the Cartshed who have subsequently received many compliments! We hope that the real sense of community that exists in the Massinghams will continue and flourish. *Margaret, Andrew, Rachel and families.*

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| Borough Council               | James (Jim) Moriarty                       | 07879 492400           |
| 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                     | Sue Nash 07802 670 711 |
| 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          |
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## Village Walk and BBQ is Huge Success!

Massingham Historical Society welcomed over 40 people to a Village Walk, locating past trades and traders during the last one hundred years.



The tour, led by Ant Robinson, identified 24 trades, which included 3 past post offices, 5 pubs, 3 bakers, carpenters and coffin maker, drapers and grocers, blacksmith, harness maker, wheelwright, tailor and breeches maker.

The tour ended with a delicious BBQ at the Village Hall very much enjoyed by all. The evening then continued with a PowerPoint presentation of Massingham at Work and Play and Photographic display of 'Past Trades and Traders'.



Thanks to  
Jilly Hall  
for the great  
pictures.

*Thank you, Ant, for such an interesting tour and to all who helped with the BBQ. Read about our October meeting on page 2. Harry Ward, who grew up in the village and now in his early twenties, is giving an interesting talk about Kett's Rebellion. Be sure not to miss it.*

### Some October 2022 'Dates at a Glance'

| Date         | Event                              | Time      | Place               |
|--------------|------------------------------------|-----------|---------------------|
| 3/17/31 Oct. | Craft & Chat                       | 2 pm      | Village Hall Bar    |
| 4 Oct.       | Community Lunch                    | 1 pm      | Village Hall Bar    |
| 5, 19 Oct.   | Creative Arts East                 | 1 to 3 pm | Village Hall        |
| 7/24 Oct.    | BINGO                              | 7.30 pm   | Village Hall        |
| 8 Oct.       | Currylicious Food Truck            | From 5 pm | Village Hall        |
| 10 Oct.      | Parish Council Meeting             | 7.30 pm   | Village Hall        |
| 13 Oct.      | Trefoil Guild                      | 7 pm      | Village Hall        |
| 20 Oct.      | Film Night                         | 7.30 pm   | Village Hall        |
| 21 Oct.      | Historical Society                 | 7.30 pm   | Village Hall        |
| 22 Oct.      | Biodiversity Working Party         | 10 am     | Weasenham Road Pond |
| 25 Oct.      | Coronation Club                    | 2 pm      | Village Hall        |
| 27 Oct.      | Quiz Night                         | 7.30 pm   | Village Hall Bar    |
| 29 Oct.      | Bowls Club 'Film Horse Race Night' | 7.30 pm   | Village Hall        |