

The Mallard

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Village Bowls Alive and Bowling!

Massingham Bowls Club held The annual Derek Skipper Memorial Trophy competition on Saturday 30th July.

Thirty bowls players from Massingham, Houghton and Rougham took part with the final over eleven ends won by Colin Whitmore, Neal West and Allison Gagen. (pictured right) Well done to the winners and thank you to all who took part.

This has been a good season for The Bowls Club. Over seventy matches have been played.

Results, as we near the end of the season, are very good. Great Massingham teams are second in both the 1st and 2nd divisions of the 'Brewery League', 3rd and 5th in the Albert Victor League and are still in the Brewery Cups. The Great Massingham 'A' Team is also through to the final of the Albert Victor Subsidiary Cup competition. This is excellent news and so good to see so many people playing and enjoying the game.



Malcolm Hipkin

Be sure to remember....

Josette's Garden Fete Proceeds for MENCAP

3rd September from 11am to 2pm

At 18 Castle Acre Road, Great Massingham.

Fun for all the family

The Village's Famous Great Massingham Quiz Nights

are back! *See details on page 2*

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If you have anything to donate such as raffle or tombola prizes or other items, please contact **Chrissie on 01485 520 173.**

Please Come along and give your support. Everyone welcome

Please note: Raffle tickets will not be sold round the village but, in order not to miss people, anyone who cannot come, please contact Chrissie.



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QUIZ NIGHT DETAILS

Form a team, or just come along & join in on the night.

New Quiz masters or Mistresses are also needed! SEE YOU ON THE 22nd. SEPTEMBER
Contact Peter James if you can help

Mallard News

Trefoil Guild

After an interesting talk given by Mr Ashley from the charity 'Norfolk Ambulance and Rescue Service', at our July meeting, he was presented with a £100 cheque donation towards the work of the charity.

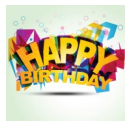


Our September meeting will be held on Tuesday 8th September, at the Village Hall, at 7pm.

The subject is Origami (paper folding)

Please join us. New members always welcome.

Happy 90th Birthday for Shirley!



A long standing member of the village, Shirley Rae, celebrated her 90th birthday at the end of July. Shirley and her friend, Mary Gilson, founded the local Trefoil Guild group many years ago.

Before that she set up an after school Monday Club. Young people from the village used to meet at her house and learn about and take part in various activities such as sport, cooking and crafts. From that day to this she has been affectionately known as 'Tawny'.

Huge Birthday wishes Tawny!

Great Massingham Playgroup



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Village Hall Glass Disposal End of the Bottle Banks

Sadly, because of increased fees for removing the glass at our bottle bank the Trustees at the Hall have made the decision to end the bottle bank because it is no longer viable. Thank you for all your support. Please now use your green bins for bottle disposal.

Creative Arts East... 21st September.... Village Hall

Third Wednesday of every month from 1 to 3 pm

A good time in the Village Hall at 'Our Day Out'

Arthur Allen and others Report: Eleven attended August's session at the Village Hall. As at all such events the activity was led by an experienced professional who entertained us and gently led us through the activity of the day. We all enjoyed trying something new, and the organiser got us moving and shaking at a pace we could manage. Most of those who came were getting on a bit, some a bit unsteady on their feet and others a bit forgetful but we had a lot of laughter and fun. The tea, cake and the chance to chat and meet others were all wonderful.

All (including carers) are welcome. Just turn up.

See you there on 21st September.

Irene Allen, Wendy Henderson, Sandy Marchant,
Arthur Allen, Joyce Thorogood

Please
join us

Community Lunch

Massingham Village Hall Bar, Tuesday September 6th

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Great Massingham Historical Society September meeting Friday 16th September at 7.30pm Village Hall

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display of Massingham Primary pupils
throughout the last 100 years.*

CRAFT & CHAT September 5th & 19th and October 3rd at 2pm, Village Hall Bar

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PC Chris Shelley 07900 407 106

Christopher.shelley@norfolk.police.uk



Ride on Mower Donations

Many thanks to everyone who has made a donation towards the ride-on mower for the churchyard. The donation box in the shop has raised £88.69 so far – thanks to Mark for letting us put the box there.

We have also received direct donations making a total of £1283.69 at the moment.

We are so grateful and having the mower will be

brilliant. Our aim is £2500 and that means we are just over halfway there already!

This just proves how kind the people in Great Massingham (and visitors who may have donated in the shop box) are. Anyone wishing to donate can do so in the shop box or to Pip Brown, Keith Sillis or Bob Nash. (01485 520476) Many thanks for your support.

Bingo Night

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Coming in October... 'Elvis'

Parish Council News....

GREAT MASSINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL - AUGUST MEETING

Eight Parish Councillors attended the 8th August meeting along with three parishioners.

Village Greens - Norfolk County Council have completed the work to bund the verges to the greens leading to the junction opposite St Mary's Church. Bollards have also been installed on two of the corners of the triangular section. This work was necessary in order to deter parking along this stretch of the greens and to prevent further erosion of the verges. Following completion of the work, grass seed has been sown. However, given the extreme weather, further seed may need to be sown. Hopefully during the autumn winter, the verge will green up and blend in nicely with the surrounding area.

Scotsman's Pit - A number of concerns have been raised regarding the one metre no mow policy around the perimeter of Scotsman's Pit. The Parish Council is aware of the excessive growth around the pit, especially two specific areas along Station Road. The Chairman has met with the Council's grounds maintenance contractors, CGM Landscapes, in order to specifically ask them to tackle these two large areas of growth as a separate job. The Parish Council continues to monitor the no mow policy around the edge of the pit on a regular basis. The principle reasons behind the no mow decision, in liaison with FOSPGM, are to prevent further erosion around the edge of the pit. The full details can be read in the full minutes, for this meeting, on the Parish Council website. In brief, in the long term, the edge will be protected by aquatic based plants which gradually merge into the grass which will result in a natural transition zone between bank and pond, providing many benefits for fish and wildlife in and around the pond. As the proportion of restored bank increases there will be less need for a no mow zone.

Litter Bin Emptying – VOLUNTEERS DESPERATELY NEEDED. Anyone interested and willing to give up ten minutes or so of their time each week to empty a litter bin or two in the village, please contact the Clerk, details below.

Planning Applications Details - Please see full minutes on the Parish Council website.

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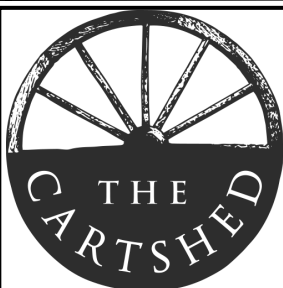
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Great Massingham and Harpley C of E Primary Schools Federation News

A big thank you to all our parents, carers and families, in both our schools, for their support during the last academic year. This is highly valued and we are looking forward to the year ahead, hopefully with Covid as a more-distant memory.

We also thank the staff of both schools who have worked tirelessly to provide our children with a broad, balanced and exciting curriculum. We have been able to share this with parents at our various 'finales' and these have been very special occasions. Our regular, weekly bulletins have also been a successful way of keeping parents up to date with all the school activities and progress.

In the August Mallard we said some of our goodbyes but we have one special goodbye to say now and that is to Mrs Ann Beardall. Ann took on her headship at Harpley 16 years ago. She then took Great Massingham under her wing 9 years ago, when the Federation was formed. She retired as Head Teacher in 2020 but remained on our staff as SENCO (Special Educational Needs Coordinator) for two days a week. Ann has been totally dedicated to the wellbeing and education of our Federation.

A farewell party took place at Harpley School, in June, to recognise Ann's outstanding contribution. Included below is a Thank You, to our two communities, from Ann.

I would like to thank everyone at Great Massingham and Harpley Schools for my retirement gift of a brand new ipad. It is something that I will take with me on the travels I have planned for retirement and, while it is not exactly a sentimental souvenir of the schools, it is exactly what I wanted! I don't need an object to remind me of my time at Harpley School and Great Massingham School because I have a treasure trove of wonderful memories to keep with me!

I know the schools will continue to flourish and thrive and I am immensely proud to have played a part in the development of two amazing school families.

My 16 years at Harpley and my 9 years at Massingham have meant so much to me. It has been an honour and a privilege to work with fantastic colleagues, families and children and to be part of such wonderful village communities. So although I may be a 'Townie' I will always feel like a Harpley and Massingham 'Village Girl' and both villages will always have a very special place in my heart.

Ann Beardall



June and July Results

June Draw

1st prize – Alison Johns
2nd prize – Deke Overson
3rd prize – Carol Walker

July Draw

1st prize – Cyril Gillett
2nd prize – Ann Bowen
3rd prize – Elaine Wingell

WHAT'S ON AT WESTACRE THEATRE?....

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

- **Westacre Drive-in Cinema - SPEDERMAN:NO WAY HOME** - 2 Sept. 8pm, £25 per car.
- **On the Studio Stage - WAR OF THE WORLDS (ON A BUDGET)** - 3 Sept 7.30pm £12 adults £10 under 16's. Suitable for ages 12+
- **On the Studio Screen from NT live - MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING** - 8 Sept. - 7pm for £12 . Dining available for pre-booking.
- **VOCAL MASTERCLASS with Sadie Grist.** 10 Sept. 10.30am to 4.30pm for £25
- **On the Studio Stage with Whiting's on the Wall Production - VOICES OF NORFOLK** - 'The tide comes somehow across' 15 Sept. 7.30pm for £12.
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Biodiversity Project News - Open Day Report



It was good to welcome visitors to our Open Day and BioBlitz event on 23rd July. Despite the best efforts of the weather to dry everything up, the central part of the site still looked lush and green, even though the pond was almost dry!

There were refreshments, plant sales, and a raffle as well as a treasure hunt quiz and lots of information about the site and what can be found there.

The BioBlitz was focused on finding as many species as possible during the day with most attention being given to insects. Among 11 species of butterfly recorded, a highlight was seeing a silver-washed fritillary in the wood, as well as a good number of beetles which included 5 species of ladybird.



Moths had been caught in a neighbouring garden during the previous night and totalled 20 species including black arches (*below right*). More were added in the evening when some visitors returned for a moth session and bat walk, with 4 species of bat being seen well and identified using a bat detector to pick up the frequency of their sounds.



Also in July, we were visited by Olly Birkbeck and members of his Wild East team with Anna Hill, presenter of BBC Radio 4's *On Your Farm*. They recorded a programme about the heath project and came to see how local projects such as ours also help to boost biodiversity. The programme was broadcast on 7th August.

Pictured left are : Olly Birkbeck (right) with members of the Wild East team & Anna Hill of the BBC (centre).



This month we will be cutting the meadow. There will be a working party to rake off the cut and dried material (weather permitting) on Saturday 24th September at 10am, when any new volunteers will be welcome.

Tim Baldwin

Recognition for Norfolk Day.....

Norfolk Day was celebrated on the 27th July and you might have noticed the flags flying. What you might also have noticed was a new topper appeared on the Post Box. What an amazing one it is too! Well done to whoever crafted it. **Happy Norfolk Day!**



At St Mary's Church Great Massingham Every Tuesday, during August

Tuesday afternoons throughout August we really have had a summer of fun! These afternoons were very well attended with up to 30 children some weeks.



We had a wide selection of activities ranging from archery to arts and crafts with the water themed play being by far the favourite, especially with the very warm weather we have experienced! I want to especially say thank you to Jasmine for her wonderful face painting. She has had a continuous queue of children, each week, waiting to be transformed into all kinds of characters ranging from Unicorns to dinosaurs.



We really have enjoyed hosting these afternoons and loved seeing the children enjoy themselves. It also gave parents, grandparents and carers a chance to have a catch up and chat. With the lovely weather they were able to sit and watch their children play.

*It wouldn't have been possible without the helpers, Jenny, Angie, June, Maria & Julian.
A big thank you to you all. Anna*

GREAT MASSINGHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

OPINION SURVEY – residents’ priorities revealed

The NDP Opinion Survey, held in the spring, yielded 265 valid returns and generated 3,245 individual comments. This is a brief summary of the most commonly occurring responses to the survey’s four questions. The numbers shown below are the percentage of responses that mentioned a particular topic. Numerous other issues were raised but less often.

Most are included in a more complete summary posted on the NDP website (<https://www.greatmassinghamndp.co.uk/surveys-consultations/>).

Question 1. What do you value most about Great Massingham? (list up to 5 things)

The most valued feature (78%) was the range and quality of retail services (shop, post office, farm shop, Dabbling Duck) followed by a ready recognition of a strong community spirit (56%). Other highly valued assets include the Village Hall/Bar and activities there (52%), the surgery & pharmacy (52%), the village greens & ponds (40%) and the attractive village centre (37%). Also mentioned were the school (26%) and the countryside and views (25%).

Question 2. What would you wish to see improved? (list up to 5 things)

Highest concern was car parking (54%) especially on the greens, followed by concerns over road safety (37%) with most respondents asking for slower traffic. Worries over management of the ponds & greens (25%) included a wish to see more wilding, more seating, picnic benches and a re-location of the weekly fish and chip van. The fourth concern was lack of suitable homes for local people (21%). A further 12% wanted to limit holiday/2nd homes. Improving nature conservation and planting more trees was mentioned in 14% of returns.

Question 3. Is there anything else you would like to see change? (list up to 5 things)

Parking problems came to the fore (23%) followed by concerns for the greens (18%). These included the excessive number of ducks and geese, parking on the greens and a wish for more wildflowers, trees and un-mowed pond-margins. “.... *Scotsmen’s Pit is possibly the biggest asset the village has*” is one relevant quote. Lack of suitable housing for local people figured third (16%) along with growth in second or holiday homes (16%). A frequently expressed sentiment is “*We do not want to turn into a second Burnham Market!*”. Road safety was again an issue (12%), with many asking for a 20 mph speed limit

Question 4a. Please summarise your hopes for the future of the parish.

The most common hope (12%) was that the social mix would remain much as it is and 11% hoped for a modest increase in house numbers, often with caveats that any new homes cater for local needs (6%) and respect village attractiveness (11 %). Nine percent hoped for fewer second/holiday homes. The following quote sums things up appropriately: “*Great Massingham is a stunning place to live and I applaud the people who work hard to maintain it. I would hope that it can find a balance between extending housing possibilities and maintaining the village community*”.

Question 4b. Please summarise your fears for the future of the parish.

Issues raised varied widely. Highest were fears about the rising number of second/holiday homes (22%) Twelve percent of respondents said large scale housing developments would be unwelcome and others worried that this and related housing issues could damage the quality of village life (6%). Similarly, 3% feared that housing for local people will decline and that the school could close as a result, neatly summed up by the comment “*I fear we will become a holiday village & all community locals like myself and my family will be priced-out of the village, moving away so schools will be empty & closed down*”.

Clearly, a number of significant concerns for the future of the village were raised. These will inform the policies developed as part of the Neighbourhood Development Plan and help to guide everyday management of village affairs by, for example, the Parish Council. The NDP Steering Group thanks everyone who took part for their thoughtful and illuminating views.

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

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Message for Parishioners from Joy Smith



Dear Friends

As I sit down to write this letter it is over 30° outside and everywhere is looking dried up and all our gardens are suffering from the lack of water. Now they are talking about droughts and asking people to use less water. Without water, we would die. Water is essential for life on earth, not just human life but all life. Water is needed for drinking, cleaning, washing, and making crops grow. There is no substitute for this precious resource, yet we waste it, we pollute it and we even commodify it! Hopefully, it won't be too long before we get some rain.

A few weeks ago there was a burst water main and my friend in South Wootton was without water for several days, although they managed with the help of people bringing them bottled water. She said, "It makes you realise how much we rely on water but also how kind people were to ensure everyone had enough water".

One of my favourite bible readings is from John's gospel Chapter 4 verses 5 to 30 and it is about Jesus meeting a Samaritan woman at a well. The woman goes to the well in the heat of the day, most likely because she wanted to avoid running into others who would look on her as a tainted woman as she certainly had a past! She is surprised to encounter a man, and even more a Jewish man, who initiates a conversation with her. She was already vulnerable because of her past. However, when she meets this man, Jesus, she could immediately recognize his acceptance, so she is comfortable enough to offer him a drink of water. In turn, he offers her more, an invitation to get in touch with the thirst in her soul which she had tried to satisfy with multiple love affairs. He says, "Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give will never thirst; the water that I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." Filled with his acceptance and realizing she had found someone who could fulfil her deepest longings, she runs to others to spread the good news.

It is in essence what we all need, to be loved, accepted and to love in return.

In the past few years, we have had to think of others as well as ourselves, to help those who couldn't go out and, in many of our villages, the community rallied round to help one another. Hopefully, this will continue as we face a difficult winter, with rising fuel and food costs which will affect us all. But we can take heart from Jesus' words that he will always be with us walking beside us every step of the way and offering us the water that will become a spring of water welling up to eternal life in us. *Joy Smith, Reader.*

Would You Like to Sponsor a Shoebox?

I am presently doing shoe boxes for Christmas for Teams 4U. A donation of £3 will cover the cost to transport a box to a needy child. The boxes are the only present the children will receive. Also, any stationery items, small toys, etc. would be appreciated. Many Thanks. *Jenny Borley 01485 520542*

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NEXT VISITS

**20th September
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Grimston and District WI

In September, Hazel Gillingham is giving a talk about 'Mary Seacole – the other nurse of the Crimea'.

**Monday 19th September,
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Church Services September

Date	Time	Service	Location
Sunday 4 th September	8.30 am 9.30 am 9.30 am 10.30 am 6.00 pm	Holy Communion Family Service Holy Communion Holy Communion Evensong	Roydon Harpley Little Massingham Grimston Congham
Wed. 7 th September	9.00 am	Holy Communion	Harpley
Sunday 11 th September	8.30 am 9.30 am 10.30 am 10.30 am	Holy Communion Morning Prayer Holy Communion Holy Communion	Congham Little Massingham Gayton Great Massingham
Sunday 18 th September	9.30 am 9.30 am 10.30 am	Sung Eucharist Family Holy Communion Morning Praise	Harpley Great Massingham Grimston
Wed. 21 st September	9.00 am	Holy Communion	Grimston
Sunday 25 th September	8.30 am 9.30 am 9.30 am 10.30 am 3.00 pm	Holy Communion Family Service Holy Communion Holy Communion Celtic Service	Ashwicken Great Massingham Little Massingham Gayton Gayton Thorpe
Thurs. 29 th Sept.	6.00 pm	Michaelmass Service	Ashwicken
<i>Sunday 2nd October</i>	<i>8.30 am</i> <i>9.30 am</i> <i>9.30 am</i> <i>10.30 am</i> <i>6.00 pm</i>	<i>Holy Communion</i> <i>Family Service</i> <i>Holy Communion</i> <i>Holy Communion</i> <i>Evensong</i>	<i>Roydon</i> <i>Harpley</i> <i>Little Massingham</i> <i>Grimston</i> <i>Congham</i>

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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
Police	Non-emergency	101
School	Kirsten Stibbon	520 362
Tennis and Multi-Sports Club	Clare Parker	520 469
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Village Hall Playing Field's Unexpected Burst of Colour

In April last year we reported in *The Mallard* about the successful planting of over 400 native trees in the north east and south east corners of the playing field (Jubilee Field) and the invaluable contribution made by our primary school children to the work. Despite months of low rainfall, most of the trees (kindly given by The Woodland Trust) have 'taken' and thus appear to have a secure future.



Planting the trees was the first step of a rolling plan by the Village Hall Trustees to increase the visual appeal and usefulness of the playing field by increasing biodiversity, rather than having mostly underused, mowed grass across the entirety.

The plan includes creating a wildflower meadow. Originally intended for an area close to the playpark, the location has been moved to a 450 m² oval at the southeast corner.

Removing the grass sward began last autumn but cultivating the highly compacted soil proved to be much more challenging. Our difficulties were eventually overcome with local tractor power, kindly provided by Dudley Skipper and Ben Morton to whom grateful thanks are due. Their work allowed us to sow a mixture of cornfield annuals in April in the hope of prompt germination and a good show of colour by high summer. But, April, May, June and much of July passed with very little rain and no apparent germination! We became less and less hopeful but, in early August, the dust bowl desert unexpectedly burst into life and delivered a carpet of colourful corncockle, cornflowers, corn chamomile and corn marigold (*see picture above*).

If you have not seen it already, the new wildflower meadow should still be worth a look in early September. Later this autumn, the top growth will be cut down and, after Christmas, re-cultivated to encourage another crop of colour.

Anyone interested in helping with work like this, or with other efforts to enhance Great Massingham's wildlife, please contact the Village Hall Trustees or the Biodiversity Project. (See Useful Numbers p15).

Mike Jackson, Tim Baldwin (Biodiversity Project) and Phil Ward (Chair, Village Hall Trustees)

Some September 2022 'Dates at a Glance'

Date	Event	Time	Place
2 Sept	BINGO	7.30 pm	Village Hall
5 & 10 Sept	Craft & Chat	2 pm	Village Hall Bar
6 Sept	Community Lunch	1 pm	Village Hall Bar
8 Sept	Trefoil Guild	7 pm	Village Hall
12 Sept	Parish Council Meeting	7.30 pm	Village Hall
15 Sept	Film Night	7.30 pm	Village Hall
16 Sept	Historical Society	7.30 pm	Village Hall
21 Sept	Creative Arts East	1 to 3 pm	Village Hall
22 Sept	Quiz Night	7.30 pm	Village Hall Bar
24 Sept	Biodiversity Working Party	10 am	Weasenham Road Pond
30 Sept	Macmillan Coffee Morning	10 am to 12	Village Hall