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Wickhampton



AUGUST 2026

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Just a few of the Flower Arrangements at Beighton All Saints'
Flower Festival



OUTLOOK



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When I push open the heavy door of a Church, somewhere in Norfolk, I think of John Betjeman. He was a poet, writer, broadcaster architectural conservationist, and Poet Laureate from 1972 until his death in 1984. He wrote poems about the thousands of old churches across the countryside; one, still in use in Canterbury, dates back as far as 597AD.

At this time of the year I walked, with a friend, the long paths of Norfolk, Weavers' Way, Peddars' Way, Angles' Way, Nar Valley Way etc. Often on these walks there was nowhere to sit; and on reaching a Church, sometimes in the middle of what seemed nowhere, the cool, quiet environment was welcoming. His poem *The Church Mouse* easily came to mind:

*"Here among long-discarded cassocks,
Damp stools, and half-split open hassocks,
Here where the vicar never looks
I nibble through old service books.
Lean and alone I spend my days
Behind this Church of England baize.
I share my dark forgotten room
With two oil-lamps and half a broom."*

Churches can be important places of refuge from the noise and relentless "busyness" of everyday life. I do not regularly unlock Halvergate Church, but sometimes when this task falls to me, I just sit and enjoy the silence and stillness. No candles to light or coffee cups to get out - just me and stillness, away from the pressure of things that need doing. It can transform my day.

Unlike many other countries, the UK's churches and chapels are the responsibility of local people, not the state or local government, and receive no regular public funding. There is a duty to keep them safe, and thus a temptation to keep them locked. But Church Insurance Companies, perhaps incongruously, recognise that there is less risk of vandalism if our Churches are open and accessible. So there is a practical as well as the intangible spiritual benefit, which Betjeman expresses so eloquently.

Pam Butcher, Treasurer and Secretary of Halvergate PCC

Access for Acle

As well as the Seaside Concert on Sunday 2nd August (see back cover), 'Stuff and Folly' - comedy with BBC scriptwriters will be in St. Edmund's HALL on Saturday 26 September from 2 to 5pm with refreshments. More details next month.

Reedham Belles (W.I.)

4.

The business part of our July meeting was very brief this month, as it was followed by our social evening. Members contributed to a lovely spread, Decibelles sang to us, we had a brief quiz and lots of chatter and laughter. We had a fun outing to sample the delights of Yarmouth's golden mile and a busy morning selling cakes and plants on the riverside. Many of our members greatly enjoyed the photography exhibition at Wickhampton church too.

In August we will be helping our team who have entered the county hat making competition and enjoying an informal lunch with fellow members. Our offshoot clubs continue as usual which include singing, walking and reading. Our next public meeting will be on Tuesday 4th August when Debbie Bradley will be talking to us about local suffragettes. This will be at Reedham Village Hall, 7pm for 7.30pm.

Marion Small reedhamwi@gmail.com

Coffee Morning

in aid of

Halvergate Church

Saturday August 8th

10-30am to 12-30pm

Pond House, The Street

Halvergate.

Stalls - Raffle

Reedham Church

The work on the church ceiling has over-run considerably because of various problems. We hope the building will be fully open again by August, but at present it does not look like it. Your patience is appreciated. Meanwhile, Church Services continue as planned, but in a reduced area. You may need to come round by the South (Priest's) door to get in. The building will remain closed outside Service times. Kati Cowen

Acle Evening WI

On a very warm July evening, Acle Evening WI welcomed back guest speaker Peter Lawrence, a

retired Royalty and Diplomatic Protection Officer with Scotland Yard. His fascinating talk, *Prince Albert's Great Legacy: The Crystal Palace*, explored the history and significance of this remarkable Victorian landmark.

Peter is an excellent speaker, his engaging presentation brought to life Prince Albert's vision for the Great Exhibition of 1851 and his ambition to create an area where art, science and industry could come together to educate and inspire the public. Today, this vision lives on in the world-renowned cultural quarter known as "Albertopolis", home to many internationally acclaimed institutions. Members enjoyed a hugely informative and entertaining evening. In August we take a break from our formal meetings and host a garden party in a members garden. We resume our meetings on 10th September when our guest speaker Sue Sursham will be talking about her travels on The Trans-Siberian Express. **Acle Evening WI meets on the second Thursday of the month at 7 for 7.30pm in the Church Rooms, Norwich Road, Acle.** New members are always welcome, please contact Frances Mobbs, President on 07780681865

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Meeting held on Monday 6th July 2026 in the Village Hall

There were 9 Councillors present, the Clerk, County Councillor Thomas, District Councillor Nurden and 1 member of the public.

The Clerk gave an update to the Council:

Village Hall Chair, Chris Bradbury, has been in touch with Norfolk County Council (NCC) regarding the poor use of the EV chargers at the Village Hall. NCC are now hoping to relocate the chargers elsewhere in the village and are looking for locations to host them.

Reedham Footpath no.5 (Low Common to Seven Mile House) will be closed 13 th July to 27 th November 2026. Works are being carried out by the Environment Agency to reconstruct the existing flood bank. The closure will start at the junction with Low Common and go east for a total of 800m. There is no diversion available.

County Cllr Thomas advised that electrical recycling is now available again at the recycling centres.

D. Cllr Nurden noted that the Pride 2026 flag will be raised at the Horizon Centre on 20th July at 11am.

Broadland Community Awards are now open; nominations can be made online and close on the 28th August.

Cllr Nurden also reported that a notice has been published on the Broadland District Council website of their intention to commence preparation of the Greater Norwich Local Plan 2045. A Call for Sites is open from the 15th June – 13th July 2026.

Cllr George gave a report on the June Parish Councillor Surgery. At the Surgery a member of the public asked a question regarding noise pollution at Village Hall events; although this is outside the Parish Council's remit, it was useful to be able to point them in the right direction. The next Surgery will be held later in July, date and venue to be advised.

The planting and maintenance of the eight planters on Riverside will be taken on by the Parish Council from September this year, Cllr George noted that several people are willing to take on planting, but regular watering may be an issue. The Clerk advised that the Broads Authority may be willing to allow the use of their water supply.

Anyone who can help with regular watering of the planters is welcome to contact the Clerk.: clerk@reedhamparishcouncil.gov.uk

Cllr Walton reported on speeding concerns on Station Road. The police carried out checks on 1st July, but no-one was recorded exceeding the limit. It was noted that 30 mph roundels could be painted on the road and that the existing signs are faded. Cllr Walton recommended speed checks at New Town, where the sensor has shown a high number of vehicles travelling above the limit. In June the speed sensor was located on Mill Road near the school collecting data from traffic travelling towards the school. The speed limit here is 30 mph. The 85th percentile was 27.2 mph; the average speed was 22 mph. The average vehicles per day was 318. This is comparable to the data collected at this location in September last year.

Time and Date of Next Meeting

7.

The next scheduled meeting of Reedham Parish Council is Monday 7th September at 7.30pm in the Village Hall Lounge. Further details will be published on the website, Facebook page and notice board by the Doctors' nearer the time. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

OVER FIFTIES CLUB AND LOTTERY

Where is the time going? I hope you are all managing to survive this heat, it is not good for the elderly so please try and keep as cool as you are able to. I know it makes my joints ache more than usual and I cannot wait for September when the weather is not too hot and not too cold.

We have had another successful month with a lovely buffet for the members with birthdays in June and at the end of this month we have Norfolk day and the July birthdays. So if you are able to find a prize for the raffle made in Norfolk e.g. jam etc it will be appreciated.

We have two vacancies for membership so if you would like to join please come to Reedham Village Hall at 1.30pm any Tuesday as we meet every week. Membership is £7.00 and the weekly subscription is £3.00 which covers refreshments, a free raffle and a flyer bingo for cash.

LOTTERY NEWS

We had a winner two weeks ago Heidi Lain won the jackpot which was £405.00. Heidi very kindly gave the club a donation of £50.00 which will go towards our September lunch at Acle Bridge. Thank you, Heidi, it is very much appreciated.

Until next month, take care and avoid the heat.

Angie Woolsey
Sec/Treasurer
MOB: 07585504199

Cantley Flower Show (not just flower!)

One month to go. Are you ready? Cantley Flower Show is on Sat 5th Sept at 2pm in Cantley Village Hall.

The programmes have been printed and are being distributed to Cantley, Limpenhoe and Southwood. If you are reading this then you are welcome to take part.

Full details are on our webpage at www.cantley.org/flowershow. You can either print out an entry form or enter online.

On the day of the Show we have a tombola, raffle and refreshments as well as displays of all the entries. Please come along and have an enjoyable afternoon.

Robert 07930951505.

Wednesday Night Out

All are welcome to join the members of WNO on Wednesday August 5th at 7 30pm in Freethorpe Village Hall when Simon Partridge will be there and giving "A Brief History of Bread"

Members £2 Guests £3 including refreshments

AUGUST CALENDAR

8.

Reedham Charity: Norfolk Wildlife Trust

Weekly

Tuesdays 9.30am Ecumenical Morning Prayer – Acle Methodist Church
(except 25th August)

1.30pm Reedham Over Fifties Club – Reedham Village Hall

Saturdays 5.00pm Roman Catholic Mass – Acle Church

Saturday 1st 9am – Noon Village Market – Acle Church Hall
7.00pm 'The Hazards of the Journey' –
Wickhampton Church

SUNDAY 2nd 9th after Trinity

9.30am Lammas Service - Tunstall

11.00am Morning Worship - Acle

11.00am Holy Communion – Reedham

2.30pm Seaside Concert – Acle Church

Monday 3rd 10am Reedham Churchyard Clear-up

Tuesday 4th 7.30pm Reedham Belles – Reedham Village Hall

Wednesday 5th 7.30pm Wednesday Night Out – Freethorpe Village Hall

7.30pm 'An Evening with Wally Webb', RBL event
at Acle Recreation Centre

SUNDAY 9th 10th after Trinity

8.00am Holy Communion – Acle

10.30am Holy Communion - Beighton

11.00am Morning Worship - Freethorpe

Monday 10th Mobile Library Day – Beighton, Limpenhoe and Cantley

Saturday 15th 9am – Noon Breakfast Café – Limpenhoe Village Hall

10am Reedham Jumble Sale – Reedham Village Hall

SUNDAY 16th 11th after Trinity

9.30am Holy Communion – Halvergate

11.00am Joint Holy Communion – Acle

11.00am Morning Prayer – Reedham

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11.00am – 4.00pm Teddy Bears at Wickhampton

Monday 17th Mobile Library Day – Halvergate, Reedham and Freethorpe

Saturday 22nd 10.30am – 12.30pm All Saints' Drop-In Café –
Beighton Church

SUNDAY 23rd 12th after Trinity

9.

8.00am Holy Communion – Acle
9.30am Matins – Halvergate
10.30am Morning Prayer - Beighton
11.00am Holy Communion – Freethorpe

Tuesday 25th 10.30am Monthly Service Swallowtail Place, Acle
Saturday 29th Freethorpe & District Flower Show

SUNDAY 30th 13th after Trinity

8.00am Holy Communion – Acle
10.30am Joint Holy Communion Service - Freethorpe

Looking forward into September:-

SUNDAY 6th 14th after Trinity

9.30am Morning Prayer – Halvergate
9.30am Holy Communion - Wickhampton
11.00am Morning Worship - Acle
11.00am Holy Communion – Reedham

Reedham Village Show Sunday Sept 6th

A quick reminder to you all. The show starts at 2:30. We receive entries from 8:30 in the morning but stop at 11 for the judges to decide the winners in each category. Nail biting stuff.

Please come along and have a look.

Freethorpe & District Flower Show –

Our 90th flower show is taking place on Saturday 29th August at Freethorpe Village Hall. This is a full week before the Reedham and Cantley shows so if you find that your flowers are in full bloom, your runner beans are long and straight, your tomatoes lovely and ripe, then you are welcome to use our show as a practice run. There's cakes and bakes to enter, handicrafts and photography as well as the horticultural classes. We would like to encourage more children to enter so if they have time on their hands over the holidays get them crafting as we would love to see their efforts. Full details and schedule of classes on our Facebook page.

Cheryl Nicholls

Cantley & District W.I.

As usual we will not be having a W.I. meeting in August. We are however looking forward to our summer outing in August - a visit to look round The Museum of The Broads followed by a boat trip when hopefully we will spot a kingfisher. All rounded off with a meal at Basecamp, Clippesby.

For more information contact our President, Carole Crimes, on 07796 127853, email carole-canary@live.co.uk

New members always very welcome.

Jane Crossley

Beighton Flower Festival – see front cover

10.

A HUGE thank you to all the lovely flower arrangers who suffered the hottest day of the year in this area (so far ...) in order to set up the most incredible displays for the Beighton church flower festival on 27-28 June. The temperature on Friday 26th, setting up day, was recorded in Lingwood was 37.7C. No-one in their right mind should have been out in it but everyone persevered and thank goodness they did. Saturday started quietly but soon picked up when the strawberry teas kicked in at 2pm. Sunday saw another good turnout in the afternoon and the end result was nearly £550 raised for church funds. Thanks to everyone who supported the event in whichever way, you know who you are.

Kate Ashcroft

Reedham Jumble Sale Saturday 15th August

Hopefully you have received a blue bag to fill with unwanted items such as clothing, books, bric-a-brac, white elephant goods, small household goods, shoes and bags. This will be collected from your

door/driveway on Thursday 13th August between 8am and 2pm or you can bring your donations to the Hall on the same day or on Saturday 15th in the morning between 8am and 10am. Come down and grab a bargain. All proceeds will go to the Village Hall. If you need help with lifting or have any queries please call 01493-701685

We are extremely grateful for your continued support for this event. Looking forward to the day. I am going to buy LOTS OF BARGAINS.

Reedham churchyard clear up

Owing to the heatwave, we cancelled July's scheduled clear up morning - it was just too hot to be sensible. The conservation group went ahead with the annual cut of the wildflower areas and the contract mowing has taken place for the month. It is now down to local volunteers to meet and have a general tidy up. I am aware that Tuesday is not a good day for some people because of the Over 50's group at Reedham Village Hall. Therefore the next churchyard clear up session will be on **Monday August 3rd. at 10am**. Come for as long or as little as you like. Please bring hand tools if you have some. Children are welcome, if they want to help pick up sticks and enjoy this very special space.

Mary Jones

Veterans Centre

Please note that the Veterans Central Drop-in, held on the 4th Tuesday of the month will now be held in the Peddars Suite, The George Hotel, Swaffham from 10am to noon.

August 25th: September 22nd : October 27th : November 24th : December 22nd

You are welcome to bring partners or carers.

Please spread the word to any military colleagues in the area.

More information? Contact: ops@veteranscentral.co.uk Mobile: 0771 3860040

Reedham Ringers

11.

Perhaps you missed hearing the ringing on Monday afternoon from Reedham tower recently? The ringers were enjoying their summer outing. On Monday 13th July, the band and a few friends visited Drayton, Weston Longville, Foxley and Reepham towers where we sampled the bells, explored the churches and made some new friends. Bell ringing is a particularly sociable sort of activity and when ringers get together they invariably find a welcoming pub, in our case, The Parson Woodforde at Weston, and later a tea room - The Dial House at Reepham.

If you have ever considered ringing church bells or are just interested in what we do, we can usually be found at St John the Baptist, Reedham at 4pm on a Monday afternoon. Why not come and meet us?

Mary Jones





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**SUNDAY 16 AUGUST 2026: 11am-4pm AT WICKHAMPTON CHURCH
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For more information:
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FUNDRAISING RESULTS

The talk by Michael Pollitt on 13 June - "In the Heart of Broadland" - a reflection on the remarkable legacy of global environmentalist Andrew Lees for both farming and wildlife in Andrew's home county of Norfolk and, particularly for the Halvergate Marshes - raised £250 for church funds. A big thank you to Michael and to everyone who attended.

The Photographic Exhibition held over the weekend of 10, 11 and 12 July 2026 was a great success! Over 50 photographs were on show, with landscapes, wonderful wildlife and a spooky close-up of the moon! The cream teas went down a treat with visitors over the 3 days, and the weather was just perfect. Thanks to everyone who exhibited, helped set up and break down, served all the cream teas, and bought so many pictures. Over £350 was raised for church funds. With no negative feedback, we plan to develop this idea in the future!

Breakfast cafe

*Limpenhoe Village
Hall*

15th August

19th September

Time: 9 to 12

Bookings:

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pb6falconhouse@hotmail.com

Bookings will be confirmed



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Above: Bishop of Thetford's visit to Beighton All Saints' - coffee after Communion

Below: Reedham Belles' trip to Great Yarmouth



Left: The Benefice (ABY) Choir singing Festal Evensong at Norwich Cathedral.

Below: The Photographic Exhibition at Wickhampton Church.



Below: Michael Pollitt speaking at Wickhampton Church on 'In the Heart of Broadland'.



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