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Acle: Beighton with Moulton: Freethorpe: Halvergate
with Tunstall: Limpenhoe, Southwood and Cantley:
Reedham: Wickhampton.

**FEBRUARY
2026
50P**



January Snow in Reedham - the field at the back is that proposed for development - see Parish Council report.

Photo: Kati Cowen

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I share my surname with an island which has an unusually high profile in the news at the moment – because the Trump administration wants to make it part of the USA.

Who owns a particular piece of this planet can be an important consideration; although what really matters is how they use the power that gives them to direct what happens there. We don't know what local government will look like in this region in five years' time: while the configuration is not irrelevant, the actual decisions on local policy will affect us more than the administrative area within which they are taken. When we admire a landscape, ownership of its individual compartments is generally irrelevant, unless there are what we perceive to be scars or inappropriate developments. I have walked in places where footpaths are maintained and there are tracts of open-access land; and I have walked where barricading fences obscure the view and signs tell me my presence isn't welcomed! In each case the land is owned by somebody; but the impact is very different.

Land and its ownership is a key concept in the Hebrew Bible (the Old Testament); yet those scriptures also promote the radical idea that the land really belongs to God – a perspective also reflected in the culture of some indigenous peoples. By the time of the New Testament we find a more familiar picture, with most people living in settlements, with most of the land beyond controlled by a smaller number of landowners. Jesus adopted the role of an itinerant preacher and claimed that he had nowhere to lay his head. In the stories he told, a landowner generally represents God; we are to identify with the tenants and workers: paying our dues, investing our talents, experiencing God's generosity.

Perhaps the main affinity I have with Greenland has little to do with who owns it: it is the birds, particularly the Pink-footed Geese, which breed there (and Iceland) but come to enliven our Norfolk winters. Although they have to adapt to changes in climate and land use, they pay no respect to human administrations or borders: generation after generation, they speak of the impermanence and arbitrary nature of our claims of ownership and control.

I am also connected with people in very different parts of the world by being a Christian, through networks like the Anglican Communion (brought to me through the USPG Prayer Diary). There are particular opportunities to engage across borders in January, with the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – which this year used material from the Armenian Orthodox Church – and in March, with the women-led World Day of Prayer, which on Friday 6th this year connects us with Nigeria. We can find we exist under very different regimes; we can learn

about their challenges, injustices and joys, so as to pray with them more 4. meaningfully; and we can celebrate the faith we have in common, which knows no boundaries, for we are all creatures on God's earth and citizens of heaven. In the love of God,

Martin Greenland

Parish Notes

We will be simplifying our pattern of services with effect from 8th Feb. Acle and Halvergate are unaffected. Beighton services will be at 10.30am on the 2nd & 4th Sundays in the month. Reedham services will be at 11.00am on 1st & 3rd Sundays. Freethorpe will hold a service of Holy Communion on the 4th Sunday each month. There will be occasional variations (e.g. on 26th April, when we hold our Joint Annual Parochial Church Meeting at Reedham) so do check in Outlook or the Calendar on abychurches.co.uk – see there also for occasional services at Limpenhoe, Cantley and Wickhampton.

Sunday	8am	9.30am	11am (or 10.30am)
1st		Halvergate	Acle (MW), Reedham (HC)
2nd	Acle		10.30am Beighton (MW or HC)
3rd		Halvergate (HC)	Acle (HC), Reedham (MP)
4th	Acle	Halvergate (MP)	Freethorpe (HC) Beighton (MP)
5th	Acle		Benefice Service (10.30am)

HC = Holy Communion; MP/MW = Morning Prayer / Worship

18th February is Ash Wednesday: Holy Communion will be at 10.30am at Acle; Evening Prayer 7.00pm at Reedham; both with the imposition of ashes.

Acle Churches Together will probably be running a weekly Lent study group, starting in the last week of February. For details see the weekly notice sheet or website.

The women-led World Day of Prayer this year focusses on Nigeria and will be on Friday 6th March. There will be services at Freethorpe (2.30pm) and Acle Methodist Churches.

Michelle Faccenda-Tait is joining our benefice, as we provide a base for her training to be a Lay Minister. Do make her welcome as she moves around our churches, encouraging her as she learns to take a leading role.

We commit to God's keeping:-

Laurence George Leeder, aged 75, on 18th December at All Saints', Brighton

Cantley Flower Show (not just flowers!)

Our next Flower Show is on Saturday 5th September 2026 in Cantley Village Hall. There will be the usual Flowers, Fruit and Veg as well as Handicraft, Cookery, Flower arranging and Photography. This year's Photography subjects are Fungi; High and dry; Windmills; Dogs; Babies and On the water. For children its Pets. The themed Flower Arrangement is 'A Game'.

Please put this date in your diary and we look forward to seeing you then.

Robert 07930 951505.

Reedham Belles (Reedham and District WI)

Sadly, the snowy weather led to us cancelling our monthly meeting in January, but we were able to deal with most business matters remotely. From a social perspective, an impromptu coffee morning was kindly organised by Gail once the snow had gone, which offered a welcome opportunity to catch up with each other after the busy festive season.

Our choir (now officially known as "Decibelles"!), film and book club continued to thrive, and our Twinkletoes walkers have a postponed trip to How Hill planned for this month (no doubt with rewarding post walk refreshments!). Amongst other things, we also have an outing to the Theatre Royal and lunch at Green Pastures to look forward to.

We start February with our usual monthly meeting on Tuesday 3rd at 7.00 for 7.30 p.m. in Reedham Village Hall, where we will be found eagerly waiting to hear about the exploits of one of our own intrepid members, Benita, in her quest to raise £100,000 no less! Prospective Belles members will always be welcomed at meetings and can attend their first few events free of charge with no obligation. We hope to see you there!

Marion Small reedhamwi@gmail.com

Wednesday Night Out

All are welcome to join the Wednesday Night Out members to an illustrated talk by Andrew Hayden entitled "Let there be Light "on February 4th at 7 30pm in Freethorpe Village Hall.

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Retreats during Lent

A time of retreat, even for an hour or two can help us feel restored.

The retreats are a time of quiet reflection and there is no requirement to share anything with the group about your time of reflection. It is just a time to listen to addresses by the Sisters and have some quiet time.

Lent Retreats

Praying with.....

This Lent we will be offering retreat sessions which will explore six different spiritualities where there will be an opportunity to learn about, reflect and pray in that particular style. The retreats will be led by the Sisters and refreshments will be available throughout the sessions.

The same retreat will be run twice each week. You can attend all six or just the ones you're interested in, as each one is a standalone retreat.

Praying with St Ignatius of Loyola

Friday 20th February - 10am - 12.30pm Saturday 21st February - 1pm - 3.30pm

Praying with St Francis of Assisi

Wednesday 25th February - 10am - 12.30pm Saturday 28th February - 1pm - 3.30pm

Praying with Julian of Norwich

Friday 6th March - 10am - 12.30pm Saturday 7th March - 1pm - 3.30pm

Praying with St Teresa of Avila

Wednesday 11th March - 10am - 12.30pm Saturday 14th March - 1pm - 3.30pm

Praying with Mary & Martha of Bethany

Friday 20th March - 10am - 12.30pm Saturday 21st March - 1pm - 3.30pm

Praying with the Desert Mothers & Fathers

Wednesday 25th March - 10am - 12.30pm Saturday 28th March - 1pm - 3.30pm

For full details of these retreats and for the full programme please visit our website

www.sistersofbethany.org.uk

If you are interested in coming to one of the retreats please book in advance as numbers are limited to 6 people per session.

No charges. Donations Accepted.

Bookings can be made by;

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FEBRUARY CALENDAR

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Reedham Charity: St Martin's Trust

Weekly

Tuesdays 9.30am Ecumenical Morning Prayer – Acle Methodist Church (except 24th)

1.30pm Reedham Over Fifties Club – Reedham Village Hall

Saturdays 5.00pm Roman Catholic Mass – Acle Church

SUNDAY 1st Presentation of Christ in the Temple

9.30am Morning Prayer - Halvergate

11.00am Morning Worship - Acle

11.00am Holy Communion - Freethorpe

11.00am Morning Prayer – Reedham

Monday 2nd Mobile Library Day for Halvergate, Reedham and Freethorpe

Tuesday 3rd 7.30pm Reedham Belles (W.I.) – Reedham Village Hall

Wednesday 4th 7.15pm Acle & District RBL – Bure Room, Acle Recreation Centre

7.30pm Wednesday Night Out – Freethorpe Village Hall

Saturday 7th 9am to Noon Acle Village Market – Acle Church Hall

SUNDAY 8th 2nd Before Lent

8.00am Holy Communion – Acle

10.30am Holy Communion - Beighton

7.30pm Nomads Quiz – Reedham Ship

Saturday 14th OUTLOOK COPY DATE

4.30pm Pancake Party – Reedham Church

SUNDAY 15th Next Before Lent

9.30am Holy Communion – Halvergate

11.00am Holy Communion – Acle

11.00am Morning Prayer – Reedham

Wednesday 18th ASH WEDNESDAY

10.30am Holy Communion with Ashing – Acle

7.00pm Evening Prayer with Ashing – Reedham

7.30pm Cantley W.I. – Cantley Village Hall

Saturday 21st 9am – noon Breakfast Café – Limpenehoe Village Hall

11am – 1pm Jumble Sale – Reedham Village Hall

5.30pm Choral Evensong with ABY Choir – Ely Cathedral

SUNDAY 22nd 1st of Lent

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

Monday 23rd Mobile Library Day – Beighton, Limpenhoe and Cantley

Tuesday 24th Monthly Service – Swallowtail Place

Saturday 28 th	10.30am to 12.30pm All Saints' Drop-In – Beighton Church
	10.30am Reedham Gardening Club AGM – Glover Lounge, Reedham Village Hall
	2.00pm Dedication of RBL Standard – St Edmund's, Acle

Looking forward into MARCH :-

SUNDAY 1st 2nd of Lent

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

Monday 2nd 7.30pm Reedham Parish Council – Reedham Village Hall

Village Leaflet Deliveries

Many thanks to the volunteers who have helped to deliver advertising leaflets to Reedham households over the past year. This service informs people of forthcoming village events, e.g. Jumble Sales, the Autumn Show and Christmas church services, and is particularly useful to those who are unable to use Facebook. At present we have 12 regular volunteers but do need additional help to ensure all areas of the village are covered. We deliver just three or four times a year so if you can spare an hour to deliver to a specific area in the village please contact me. Your help would be very much appreciated. Thank you.

Wendy Gitsham

email: wendy.gitsham@btinternet.com or 07584 294566

Cantley & District W.I

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday 18th February at 7.30pm in Cantley Village Hall. Our speaker for the evening will be Liz Scott from Blickling. For more information contact Barbara on 07789845050. New members always very welcome.

Unfortunately the bad weather led to the cancellation of our January meeting. However, our next meeting will take place on Wednesday 4 February in the Bure room of Acle Recreation Centre starting at 7.15pm. We are a friendly bunch of men and women and offer the hand of friendship to everyone, but would particularly like to reach out to veterans.

We would like everyone to be aware of a very important event for the branch which is taking place on Saturday 28 February at 2pm in St Edmunds Church, Acle. The new branch standard will be dedicated and the old standard laid up in the church, supported by standard bearers and dignitaries from across Norfolk. This service is open to everyone. Light refreshments will be available in the Church Hall afterwards.

As always if you would like information about joining the Royal British Legion, please contact Jayne Smith on 07584 825749 or jaynesmith15@btinternet.com

OVER FIFTIES & LOTTERY

After our Christmas break, we re-opened on January 13th. Our member Alan Curtis, who passed away before Christmas, asked his family to donate the funeral donations to our club. We are truly humbled by his generosity - to feel he enjoyed the club so much to do this act of kindness. Alan enjoyed his Tuesday afternoons and our lunches and we are so thankful for this donation. Alan will never be forgotten; he was our man with the wonderful smile.

First day back was when our memberships were due and these have remained at £7.00; the weekly sub remains at £3.00. We also had two new members join us Liz and Dave Chaplin. Welcome to our club - we hope you enjoy your afternoons with us.

If you would like to join us just come along any Tuesday 1.30pm at Reedham Village Hall. Refreshments are included in your weekly subscription. Every month we have a buffet to celebrate members birthdays for that month. Come along and meet old friends and make new ones.

LOTTERY NEWS

On December 20th our lottery was won by Pam Black and Ken Fry. They each received £136.80 and both winners gave the club a donation for which we appreciate very much.

Our lottery is £1.00 per week and is open to non-members too. Just give me a ring.

I take this opportunity to wish all our members a happy & healthy 2026.
Angie Woolsey Sec/Treasurer
MOB: 07585504199

Extraordinary Meeting held on Sunday 11th January 2026 in the Village Hall Lounge
There were 8 Councillors present, the Clerk, and 58 members of the public.

This meeting was called by the Chairman Cllr Hale to consider rescinding or amending the resolution passed on Monday 1st December relating to a private meeting with Taylor Wimpey, following the receipt of new information.

Cllr Hale explained to the public that the reason for reconsidering the decision was the receipt of information that surveyors had been seen in the field of the potential development site. He also noted that comments on social media suggested some members of the public might view the private meeting as underhand, and he wished to address those concerns openly.

The Council heard views from the public during the public participation session, where concerns and opinions were expressed regarding the previously agreed private meeting with Taylor Wimpey. Public participation indicated that the private meeting with Taylor Wimpey should proceed.

The Council considered the resolution passed on Monday 1st December taking into account the information received and the views expressed during public participation. It was decided to continue with the meeting as originally planned.

Time and Date of Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting of the Parish Council is Monday 2nd March 2026 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.

(Note: Report of the PC Meeting of 12th January will be in the March Magazine. No meeting in February.)

Reedham Village Show/Gardening Club AGM

There will be a meeting to discuss Reedham Village Show at the AGM on Saturday 28th February, 10:30am in the Glover Lounge at the Village Hall. Anyone who has ideas for the future of the Show is most welcome to attend. The Show is for Reedham and surrounding villages.

Exhibits include cookery, photography, flowers, vegetables, fruit, flower arranging, handicrafts and a children's section.

The Show will be on **Sunday 6th September 2026**. Any queries ring 01493 701685.

As previously announced in the October Outlook and at last year's show this is the final year that we will be involved, therefore if anybody else would like to take over the helm, please attend the meeting or contact the above number.

Nomads Theatre Company MOTHER GOOSE PANTOMIME

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Our annual pantomime is at Reedham Village on Friday 30th January at 7:30pm and Saturday 31st January at 2:30pm and 7:30pm. Tickets are available to purchase on the door. Prices are £7 adults and £5 child/concessions. For any enquiries please call Kerri-Anne on 07824468242.

We also host monthly quiz night at The Ship in Reedham on the second Sunday of every month. Our next quizzes will take place on Sunday 8th February and Sunday 8th March at 7:30pm. Price is £2 per person with teams of up to 6 people and there is no need to book.

Benefice Choir at Ely Cathedral

The ABY Choir will be singing Evensong at Ely Cathedral on Saturday 21st February at 5.30pm. Why not have a day trip to this wonderful City and Cathedral and support your local choir at the same time? It should be a very special occasion to hear the service in this beautiful and ancient place.



Outlook Subscriptions and March edition Copy date.

I hope those of you who subscribe for paper copies of Outlook have found the envelopes helpful. Please can I remind those who haven't got their subscription back yet to do so. For those outside Reedham, the money needs to be handed to whoever delivers your magazine (unless the instructions on your envelope are different).

As February is a short month, we need to have text and Photos for inclusion in the March edition by the end of 14th February at the latest.

Many thanks,

Kati Cowen

Reedham Village Hall Jumble Sale**Saturday 21st February****11 – 1pm Admission £1**

You will have received a blue bag. We hope you can fill this with unwanted items such as clothing, books, bric-a- brac, white elephant goods, shoes, bags, small household and garden goods.

This will be collected from your door/driveway on Thursday 19th February between 8am and 2pm. Or you can bring your donations to the Village Hall on the same day or on Saturday 21st in the morning between 8 and 10am.

Any other villages needing us to collect please contact the number below.

Come down and grab a bargain. All proceeds to the Village Hall. If you need help with lifting or have any other queries please call 01493-701685.

You can drop off at 5a Church Road from the beginning of February.

Many thanks in advance for all your contributions. This is a wonderful event.

ART EXHIBITION & ART SALE

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1-4pm

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February -

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Breakfast cafe

Limpenhoe Village Hall

21st February
21st March
18th April

Time: 9 to 12

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Pat Bennett 07980 326347
pbalconhouse@hotmail.com
Bookings will be confirmed

Community Cafe in support of the Village Hall and Church

Right: The Christmas Cake auctioned at Acle Christmas Fayre which raised £75.



Below right: Acle Church in the snow.



Below Right:
Limpenhoe
Breakfast
Cafe in
December.

