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RELIGION AS IT SHOULD BE, POLITICS AS IT COULD BE



In the early hours of Saturday 5th November 1605, a search party discovered a large quantity of explosives in the cellars under the Houses of Parliament, and with it one Guy Fawkes. It was one more event in a turbulent period of UK history that stretched through two centuries and saw two monarchs lose their heads, another forced into exile,

and countless other people hanged, beheaded and burned at the stake as Catholics and Protestants sought to exert power and control over one another.

Many will look at such events then and now and pronounce that religion is a bad thing or that it should be kept well away from politics. I disagree. Politics and religion should be able to mix if we believe that our God (or gods) cares about what happens in the world around us. The God who speaks through the Old Testament scriptures, which are common to Christians, Jews and Muslims, underlines the importance of love, justice and mercy as the basic building blocks of human life and interaction. Isn't that what politics should be about? Our problems don't come, it seems to me, from mixing religion and politics...but from people who seek to do so in such a way as to exert power and control over others, often violently.

The Jesus I read about in the Bible had no time for that. He talked about going the extra mile and turning the other cheek. He sought to inspire rather than control, and lived out a better way of living through both words and actions. Indeed, there's only one act of violence that we read about that was perpetrated by one of his followers, involving the apostle Peter slicing off someone's ear with his sword. What did Jesus do? He rebuked Peter and healed the wound!

So, if you enjoy a bonfire and/or fireworks this year, may you see them not as a memorial to hatred and division but as burning and sparkling with the hope that love, justice and mercy can bring to our world today. - Rev Steve Mann, *Brantham Methodist Church*

JANUARY MAGAZINE DEADLINE

To allow our printers and fantastic delivery volunteers some time off over Christmas, there is an early deadline for submissions for the January issue of the parish magazine. Please submit articles and other items to eb.pariah.magazine@gmail.com no later than **Tuesday 25th November**.

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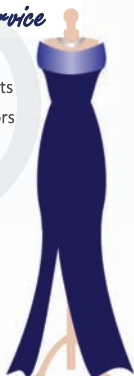
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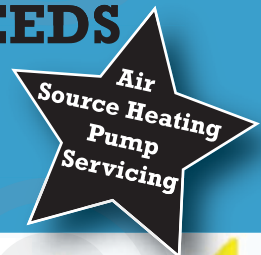


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Everyone is very welcome to come along and join in all the fun. We meet on the second Sunday of each month at 4.00pm in the meeting room at the back of St Mary's church (the same room as used by the toddler group - accessed by the door opposite the war memorial).

If you are new to the village, or if you have lived here for years but never been to one of our services before, you will be most welcome to come and see what all the fuss is about.

It's very informal. We have fun, sing songs, and learn about our Christian faith through activities and stories. You can be any age, with or without a family.

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We're a relaxed and fun play group that meets in the West End meeting room of St Mary's Church, East Bergholt (door opposite the war memorial) for informal play, tasty snack time, coffee, tea and chat.

For more information, please contact either

Liz Digby (07557 569192 - liz.digby@btopenworld.com)

or Gill Rattray (gillrattray@yahoo.co.uk)

September

5th, 12th, 19th, 26th

October

3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th

November

7th, 14th, 21st, 28th

December

5th

12th - Christmas party
(between 11am and 1pm)



ST MARY'S CHURCH LOTTERY FUNDING UPDATE

As I write, we are preparing for a very important meeting with all the organisations that must approve church plans to restore and reorganise St Mary's to secure its future, ahead of the next phase of the Lottery bid. We are at the stage of having to get approval in order to proceed with our bid. It is a tight schedule to make sure we meet both diocese and Lottery deadlines in conjunction with each other. We are very grateful to all those who have commented on the reorganisation plans and filled out our survey.

Later this month, we also have our quarterly review with our Lottery investment manager. So, by the time this parish magazine reaches local households, we hope to have survived the various "inquisitions" and to be able to progress our plans.

It is worth reiterating that we receive no money at all from the Church of England, apart from very occasional small grants. All our everyday financial needs (such as utility bills and insurance) are met by people worshipping at or visiting our beautiful church, together with funds raised by the Preservation Society specifically for the fabric of the building and repairs. - *Fiona Trott*

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Men's breakfast: 1st November 9.00am. With guest speaker Phil Bigley, trustee of Hostage International. To book your place, please email stmarysevents@gmail.com.

All Souls: 1st November 2.30pm. A reflective service to remember loved ones and give thanks for their lives. If you are not able to come to the service, there is still the opportunity to submit names (at the back of the church) of family and friends who you want remembered. These names will be included in the service.

Remembrance Sunday: 9th November 10.00am. Annual service of remembrance with members of the British Legion. A biography of a soldier from the village will be shared as part of the service, courtesy of Mark Ashmore.

Act of Remembrance: 11th November 10.50am. A short act of remembrance, incorporating the two-minute silence at 11.00am.

Christmas tree festival: 6th-7th December. If there is sufficient interest from local groups and organisations, St Mary's will host a Christmas tree festival. - *Fiona Trott*

ST MARY'S CHURCH PRESERVATION SOCIETY



Please join the Church Preservation Society for their AGM on Wednesday 12th November at 7.00pm in St Mary's Church. All welcome. - *Debbie Tuppen*

East Bergholt Parish Magazine **VACANCY FOR DISTRIBUTION COORDINATOR**

After six years our distribution coordinator is leaving for a well-earned retirement and we are now looking to replace her.

This is a voluntary role. The main duties involve:

- Monthly sorting of the magazine delivery from the printers into piles of the correct numbers needed for each distributor, and printing labels for each distributor. This takes about two hours each month in East Bergholt parish church.
- Notifying the distribution team that the magazines are ready to collect.
- Coordination of distributors to ensure that all areas of the village are covered.
- Arrangements for holiday and sickness cover.
- Attending committee meetings (typically two or three per year).

If you think this role may be for you, please contact Marion (01206 298634, theralphs@gmail.com) or Barnaby (barnaby.page@gmail.com) for an informal chat.

Volunteer distributors also needed

We are also in need of people to join the distribution team, particularly to cover illness and holidays on an ad hoc basis. This takes about one hour per month on foot around the village. Please contact Marion (01206 298634, theralphs@gmail.com) if you are interested.



CONSTABLE CHURCHES MOTHERS' UNION



Mothers' Union is all about Faith, Fun and Fellowship, as reflected in our services, events and meetings last month.

Thank you to Maureen Stuttaford for playing the piano at our musical afternoon, where we shared our favourite hymns. On 11th October our branch supported a tea-and-cake afternoon at The Coddendam Centre to raise funds to buy gift vouchers for those currently resident at the Ipswich women's refuge.

On 18th October some of us attended the Mothers' Union healing service at St Felix's Church, Rendlesham. This service was livestreamed for those who could not attend in person and it will remain on the church's YouTube channel for a few more weeks.

This month we look forward to our meeting on 13th November, when Janet Seden will be talking to us about her life as a probation officer and other roles she has held. Our meetings begin at 2.00pm in St Mary's Church, East Bergholt; we welcome visitors and guests. - *Mothers' Union committee: Janet Ball, Jenny Chapman, Chris Jacobs, Grace Wallis and Wendy Withers*

NEWSPAPER NOTICE OF APPLICATION (Notice to be published)

Application for a New Premises Licence

Name of Applicant: East Coast Kitchen (The Larder) Ltd

Name of Premises: East Coast Kitchen

Postal Address of Premises (or description of premises):
Dunthorne Cottage, The Street, East Bergholt, Colchester CO7 6TB

This application may be viewed at: www.babergh.gov.uk

Proposed Application: Village Deli with Sale and Supply of Alcohol ON
& OFF the premises

Date until which representations may be made to the Licensing
Authority (28 days from day after application given to Authority):

Closing Date: **17 November 2025**

Representations must be made in writing to the attention of the
Licensing Team, Babergh District Council (as the Licensing Authority)
Endeavour House, 8 Russell Road, Ipswich, IP1 2BX, or by e-mail to

licensingteam@baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk

It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in
connection with an application and the maximum fine for which a
person is liable on summary conviction for the offence is unlimited.

Note: This must be published in a local newspaper circulating in the vicinity of the premises, on at least one
occasion, not more than 10 working days starting on the day after you gave the application to the Licensing
Authority. It may be prudent to verify circulation prior to placing your advertisement.

COMMUNITY CAFE

*Fridays at the Constable Hall,
Gandish Road, CO7 6TP*

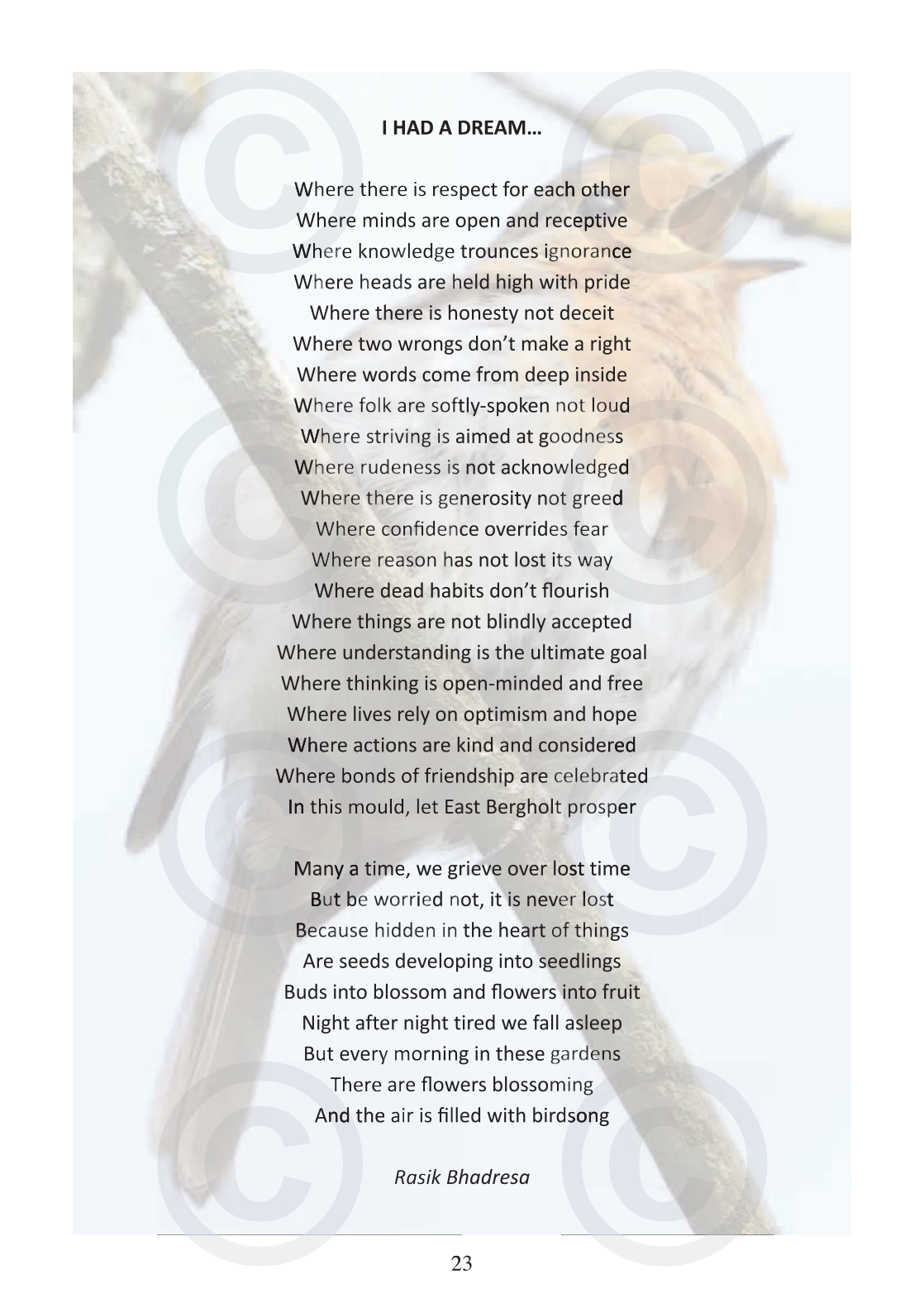
Everyone welcome!

11.00am tea/coffee and a chat
12.30pm a two-course lunch for £6

Booking for lunch is essential.

For more details call 01206 298638
or 01206 298692.





I HAD A DREAM...

Where there is respect for each other
Where minds are open and receptive
Where knowledge trounces ignorance
Where heads are held high with pride
Where there is honesty not deceit
Where two wrongs don't make a right
Where words come from deep inside
Where folk are softly-spoken not loud
Where striving is aimed at goodness
Where rudeness is not acknowledged
Where there is generosity not greed
Where confidence overrides fear
Where reason has not lost its way
Where dead habits don't flourish
Where things are not blindly accepted
Where understanding is the ultimate goal
Where thinking is open-minded and free
Where lives rely on optimism and hope
Where actions are kind and considered
Where bonds of friendship are celebrated
In this mould, let East Bergholt prosper

Many a time, we grieve over lost time
But be worried not, it is never lost
Because hidden in the heart of things
Are seeds developing into seedlings
Buds into blossom and flowers into fruit
Night after night tired we fall asleep
But every morning in these gardens
There are flowers blossoming
And the air is filled with birdsong

Rasik Bhadresa



St Mary's, East Bergholt



St Michael's, Brantham



St Mary's, Bentley



St Mary's, Tattlingstone

November 2025

ST MARY'S, EAST BERGHOLT

Saturday 1st

14.30 All Souls Service

Sunday 2nd

08.00 BCP Service

[10.30 Connect Service](#)

Wednesday 5th

09.30 BCP Service

Sunday 9th

10.00 Remembrance Service

16.00 family@church

18.30 The Gathering (Contemporary Service)

Tuesday 11th

10.50 Act of Remembrance

Sunday 16th

08.00 BCP Service

10.00 Morning Worship with Communion

Sunday 23rd

10.00 Morning Worship

18.30 The Gathering (Contemporary Service)

Sunday 30th

[10.00 Benefice Communion Service](#)

ST MICHAEL'S, BRANTHAM

Sunday 2nd

[10.30 Connect Service \(at East Bergholt\)](#)

Sunday 9th

10.45 Remembrance Service

Sunday 16th

10.30 Morning Worship with Communion

Sunday 23rd

10.30 Morning Worship

16.00 Family at Church

Thursday 27th

18.00 All Souls Service

Sunday 30th

[10.00 Benefice Communion Service](#)
(at East Bergholt)

ST MARY'S, BENTLEY

Sunday 2nd

[10.30 Connect Service \(at East Bergholt\)](#)

17.00 All Souls Service

Sunday 9th

10.45 Remembrance Service at Memorial

Sunday 16th

10.00 Morning Worship

Sunday 23rd

10.00 Morning Worship with Communion

Sunday 30th

[10.00 Benefice Communion Service](#)
(at East Bergholt)

ST MARY'S, TATTINGSTONE

Sunday 2nd

[10.30 Connect Service \(at East Bergholt\)](#)

Sunday 9th

10.50 Remembrance Service at Memorial

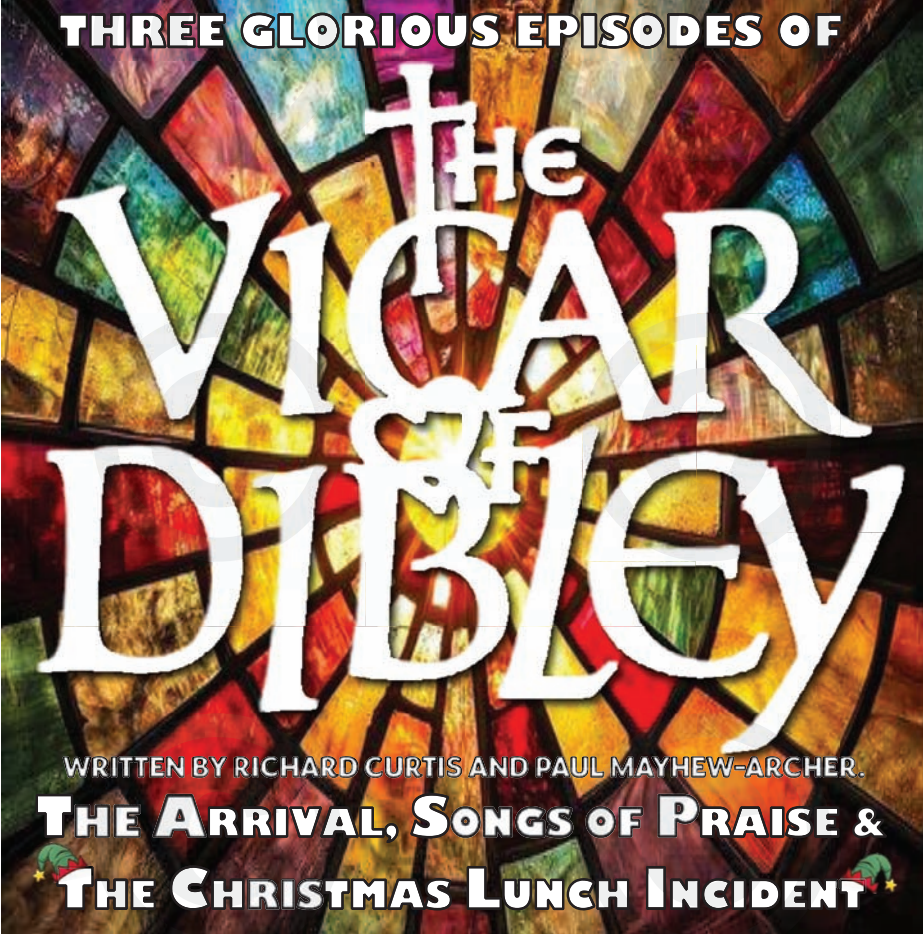
Sunday 30th

[10.00 Benefice Communion Service](#)
(at East Bergholt)

Owing to building work, there is disruption to the services at St Mary's, Tattlingstone during November

EAST BERGHOLT DRAMATIC SOCIETY
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A vibrant stained glass window with a central cross, featuring a mix of red, yellow, green, and blue panes. The title 'The Vicar Dibley' is overlaid in large white letters.

The VICAR DIBLEY

WRITTEN BY RICHARD CURTIS AND PAUL MAYHEW-ARCHER.

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Rev Steve Mann (minister)

8 Roundridge Road, Capel St Mary IP9 2UG

Tel: 01473 311178

Email: irmaminister@methodistic.org.uk

Marriages, baptisms and funerals can be arranged through the minister.

Sunday services (at 11.00am unless otherwise stated)

2 nd November	Rev Steve Mann with Holy Communion
9 th November	no service
16 th November	Alyson Ellis
23 rd November, 2.30pm	Rev Steve Mann with Holy Communion
30 th November	Luke Rokobuli

Coffee morning

Saturday 29th November, 10.30am-12.00 noon.

A prayer for reconciliation

Further to my article this month on the first page of the magazine, this is a prayer that was offered by the UK Methodist Church after the recent attack on a synagogue in Manchester. May we stand in solidarity with all those who suffer violence because of their faith or beliefs.

*Holy God, who breaks down the walls of division,
we cry out to you in solidarity with our Jewish sisters and brothers following the
abhorrent attack upon life and community in Greater Manchester.
We pray that those who have died may rest in your eternal peace and that you would
comfort those who mourn.
We pray for those in our communities who are afraid to walk the streets because of
their faith and traditions.
On this day held especially holy to the Jewish community, we pray that you would
guide our path and lead us through the wilderness.
Where there is enmity, we pray for peace; where there is division, healing; and where
there is hatred, a mending of broken bonds.*

*Holy God, bring reconciliation to our nation
that all might live justly and peacefully in the land.
Amen.*

- Steve Mann

ST MARK'S ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

St Mark's, Hawthorn Drive, Ipswich IP2 0QQ
Holy Family Church, Ipswich Road, Brantham CO11 1TB
Parish priest: Rev Fr Luke Goymour
The Presbytery, 180 Hawthorn Drive, Ipswich IP2 0QQ
Tel: 01473 684963 Email: revgoymour@gmail.com

Who is my neighbour and why should I love them?

The command to love one's neighbour as oneself comes originally from Leviticus in the Old Testament: "Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against anyone among your people but love your neighbour as yourself. I am the Lord."

We are called not only to love those who are like us, but anyone we encounter. And that includes that driver cutting you up on the motorway, or the person in the office who annoys you. Jesus said: "I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven." We live in difficult times, and we can choose to be either a source of love or a source of irritation and hate.

In John's Gospel, Jesus says: "A new commandment I give you: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are My disciples, if you love one another." As Christians can we live up to that challenge?

Weekday and Sunday masses and devotions

Please also consult noticeboards and the parish website at stmarksparish.org.uk.

Saturday	5.30pm St Mark's vigil mass with confessions from 5.00pm
Sunday	new mass times: 8.00am Holy Family, Brantham 11.15am St Mark's, Ipswich
Tuesday	10.00am Holy Family mass with Eucharistic Adoration at 9.20am
Wednesday	9.30am St Mark's
Friday	12.15pm St Mark's mass with Eucharistic Adoration from 11.40am

Father Luke's **Sunday sermons** are available at anchor.fm/fr-luke-goymour. The next **Alpha course** begins on 12th November; details are on the parish website. The St Mark's **nativity festival** will be held on Saturday 13th December 10.00am-1.00pm, and there will be a **carol concert** on Sunday 21st December 4.00pm-8.00pm.

The sick and housebound

Please let Father Luke know of anyone who is ill at home, housebound or in hospital, so that they may receive appropriate pastoral care; he can be contacted on 01473 684963. If you or a family member are in hospital you can also contact the Catholic lay chaplain to Ipswich Hospital at hospitalchaplain@stmarksparish.org.uk. - Kathy Pollard

CLUBS, SOCIETIES AND ASSOCIATIONS

EAST BERGHOLT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY (founded 1895)

eastbergholthorticulturalsociety.onesuffolk.net
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The open garden morning to view the dahlia borders at Hill House proved very popular, and this year the weather was much nicer, allowing the many members who visited the chance to enjoy the magnificent display without the encumbrance of an umbrella. The display of the many varieties was stunning, providing a riot of colour and form. May we extend our thanks to Tessa Nutting for opening her garden, Rachel Lewis for helping Tessa with the borders, and all who attended.

May I remind you that our AGM will take place in the Lambe School at 7.00pm on Friday 14th November. The AGM will be followed by a Gardeners' Question Time featuring an expert panel of four renowned gardeners, and there is **the possibility** of recording the event and broadcasting it on Suffolk Sound.

The event will be open to members only, with numbers limited to the Lambe School's seating capacity. Details of the event and how to register your place will be published to our members nearer the date. In the meantime, please start thinking of questions you would like to submit.

The final event of 2025 is the ever-popular wreath-making class, which will be run on the afternoon of Saturday 29th November in the Lambe School; the event is charged at £10 per head and is **open to Society** members only.

This is a relaxed and informal opportunity to create **your own festive masterpiece** for your door, have a chat, drink tea and eat cake (and **maybe even have a mince pie** to get in the festive mood). Your creation is totally your own: Naomi will teach you what to do and then you will make your wreath independently - it is surprisingly easy, and amazing how different and how beautiful they all end up afterwards.

You'll need to bring the greenery, berries and other elements that you want to go into your wreath, as well as secateurs or snips and a sharp knife. We will provide bases, advice and instruction, ribbon for hanging the wreaths to decorate your door, and of course tea and cake.

Invitations will be sent out to our members nearer the time. Numbers will be limited, so it is really important to book. More details will be provided when the booking is made.

Finally, may I thank all our members and the committee for both using and manning the Society Store this year (especially Rebecca and Reuben, who volunteered to help run it as part of their Duke of Edinburgh's Award programme). The store is now closed for the winter, reopening in spring. We look forward to welcoming our members there. - Steve Feeney, chairman



East Bergholt Horticultural Society

Annual General Meeting

Friday 14th November at 7pm

Lambe School, Gaston Street, East Bergholt, CO7 6SD

followed by

Gardening Question Time

A panel of four renowned gardeners will take your questions:

- Catherine McMillan – horticulturist from Katies Garden Plants Centre in Woodbridge & Bridge Farm Plants in Monks Eleigh and author of Gardening for the Uncommitted
- Hannah Powell – horticulturist and proprietor of Perrywood Garden Centre in Sudbury
- Barbara Segall – garden writer, author and award winning horticulturist
- Chris Wiley – horticulturist, co-ordinator of Bury in Bloom and CEO of Sustainable Plant Store

Hosted by Rob Dunger – presenter and founder of Suffolk Sounds
The event will be recorded for broadcast on Suffolk Sounds



*****Please email to reserve a seat and for membership details*****

ebhs.horti@gmail.com

Gardening tips for November

I am writing this a day after Storm Amy. I hope you didn't suffer damage as some parts of the UK did. By the time you read this the clocks will have gone back, and November can be a gloomy month. Occasionally we can experience the first frosts. Have some fleece handy to protect delicate plants. Leaves are falling rapidly; the acorns this year...

It may be wet and windy and it's quite understandable you may not be tempted into your gardens as in previous months. However, if the weather is favourable, wrap up warm, for there are jobs to do. Most flowers are past their peak, but there's still some autumnal colour to enjoy. Pruning and tidying up the garden at this time of year is definitely not wasted - especially leaf-raking.

By now, your winter tubs and baskets should be looking good, and don't forget to deadhead the pansies and violas. It's a good idea to raise patio containers onto "feet" or

bricks to avoid them sitting in water. I hope you have planted your tulips. Make sure young trees and shrubs are securely tied to their stakes.

On your veg patch/allotment, net brassicas against those hungry pigeons. Spread vacant ground with compost/manure and lightly dig in. Worms and weather should do the rest. Hopefully lawns have had their last cut. You could get your machine serviced.

We are, of course, thinking about Christmas...it's not far off. There are lots of gifts in garden centres. Apart from leaf-raking and sweeping our gardens will be "sleeping", but the birds won't. They get hungry and thirsty in the cold weather. - *Janet Alcoe*

U3A

U3A
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Make the most of life once you're no longer in full-time work and come and explore new ideas, interests and skills with University of the Third Age. Across the country U3A members are meeting new people, learning, staying active, and having fun later in life. It's local, social, friendly, low-cost and open to all.

We have more than 40 interest groups including walking (from strollers to 5+ milers), theatre trips, garden visits, art appreciation, curry club, international dining, science group, languages, keep fit, pickleball, overseas travel, bridge, Sunday Singles lunch...there's something for everyone. If we don't have a group you are interested in, you are welcome to start one up. Membership costs only £15 a year.

Monthly coffee mornings are held on the first Friday of the month 10.00am-12.00 noon at the Lambe School, Gaston Street, East Bergholt CO7 6SD. Come along, meet some members, hear more about us and decide whether you'd like to join.

Monthly lectures are held on the second Wednesday at 2.15pm in the Constable Hall, Gandish Road, East Bergholt CO7 6TP. Guests are welcome for a charge of £4. On 12th November, award-winning photographer Roger Hance will return to talk and show his British landscapes.

There is no lecture in December as we have our Christmas lunch at Hintlesham Golf Club, but they resume on 14th January, when Claire Driver will give a talk on smuggling in Essex. Please take a look at our website stourvalley.u3asite.uk for more information about us and contact details. - *Pat Chandler*

The highly popular East Bergholt & Barbizon Twinning...

QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 22nd November
7.00pm for 7.30pm start
Constable Hall

Teams of up to 8. £10 per person. (U18/student - £5)

***Ticket price
includes light
supper served
in the interval***

**Adult: £10pp
(U18/student: £5)**

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winning team**



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EAST BERGHOLT WI



In September our walking group took the train from Manningtree to Ipswich, where we walked through the town and stopped for a coffee at Christchurch Mansion before continuing our walk to Westerfield. There we enjoyed lunch at the Railway Inn before returning to Manningtree by train.

At our October meeting we were joined by the Colneis Singers as we celebrated our 107th birthday. The meeting began with the singers supporting us in the singing of Jerusalem, our WI song. After a few more songs we had a break to enjoy a meal provided by Gill Denny, our federation advisor and a great caterer. This was followed by a further variety of songs from the Colneis Singers taking us back to our younger days.

Our next meeting will be our Annual Meeting on 5th November at 7.30pm at the Constable Hall. For further information on the WI please contact our president Tina Hurley on 01206 298223 or Gill Ratray on 01206 298380, visit our website at eastbergholtwi.wordpress.com or check out our Facebook page. - Gill Ratray

EAST BERGHOLT COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Pensioners' Christmas Lunch

Please accept my apologies for the incorrect date in last month's magazine. The EBCC Pensioners' Christmas Lunch will be on **Sunday 7th December** at 12.30pm for 1.00pm, at the Constable Hall. To book your place please call Sandra Rowson on 01206 299109. - *Judith Adolphus*

MANNINGTREE DISTRICT & FRANKENBERG TWINNING
presents the film Balloon (12)



Saturday 15th November, 7.00pm

A suspenseful thriller with family values. The true story of two families trying to escape East Germany in 1979 in a homemade hot air balloon.

Constable Hall, East Bergholt
CO7 6TP. Doors open at 6.30pm.
Admission £5 (cash only) on the door. - *Pat Chandler*

HADLEIGH CHORAL SOCIETY



All are invited to join us at St Mary's Church, Hadleigh at 7.30pm on Saturday 22nd November for a truly unforgettable evening of very special music featuring masterpieces by Mozart and Haydn...with soaring harmonies and thrilling double choruses guaranteed not to disappoint!

Hadleigh Choral Society will be joined by professional soprano, alto, tenor and bass soloists and Colchester Symphony Orchestra as we perform Mozart's *Great Mass in C minor* and Haydn's *Te Deum*, with a bonus of the Mozart *Clarinet Concerto* featuring soloist Andy Cory on basset horn. Christopher Phelps will conduct the evening.

Tickets are £18 or free for those in full-time education, and are available online, at The Idler bookshop in Hadleigh, or through choir members. For more information visit www.hadleighchoralsociety.org.uk. - *Jayne Jones*.

NOVEMBER CONCERT IN EAST BERGHOLT



Sunday 23rd November, 4.00pm
at St Mary's Church, East Bergholt CO7 6TG

Charles Owen and Katya Apekiševa, piano duo

Debussy *Petite Suite*
Mozart *Sonata in C major K. 421*
Schubert *Fantasie in F minor*
Ravel *Mother Goose*

**Stour
Valley
Arts &
Music**

One of the most highly acclaimed piano duos performing today, Charles Owen and Katya Apekiševa are passionate advocates for the wide range of four-hands and two-piano repertoire. In parallel with their extensive solo careers, they have been performing together across the UK and around the world since 2001.

This concert has been generously supported by Jane Jewell.

Tickets: £18 - under-18s free with paying adults. Season tickets are available at £54 per person.

Booking: online at www.svam.org.uk or from svamtickets@btinternet.co.uk. Also available from 01206 298426, from Grier & Partners in East Bergholt, or on the door. - Birte Kelly

STOUR CHORAL SOCIETY AUTUMN CONCERT



The members of Stour Choral Society would like to invite you to a concert on Saturday 29th November, 2.30pm at Mistley Parish Church, New Road, Mistley CO11 1ER. We will be performing *Feel the Spirit* by John Rutter, *Fantasia on Christmas Carols* by Ralph Vaughan Williams, and a selection of seasonal songs and carols with audience participation. The musical director will be Susanna Rose, with accompanist Stephen Smith and soloist Anna Maria Rose (soprano).

Tickets (£15 adults, under-18s free) will be available six weeks before the concert date from Howells hardware store on Manningtree High Street, from choir members, by email from info@stourchoralsociety.co.uk, or by telephone from 07511 908213.

Do join us for this soul-stirring, vibrant introduction to Advent and the Christmas season. - Angela Clarke.

MANNINGTREE & DISTRICT PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY



Last month members enjoyed a packed programme including a talk by Daniel Bridges on abstract and minimalist photography, a field trip to Alresford Creek, a print competition (Open Mono), and a talk by Roy Essery about his experiences in Havana.

November sessions are as follows:

13th November: PDI competition - Open Colour.

27th November: talk by Ian Parker: *My Brief View of Kenya and Tanzania*.

Our club website has information about membership and activities together with competition results, photo albums and further club information. Our 2025-2026 programme is also on the website. Our public Manningtree Photographic Club Facebook page also features club news and activities.

This month's featured image by Pat Ainger was one of the winning images from the summer photo techniques competition - High Key.



We are a small group of photography enthusiasts with a wide range of photographic experience and knowledge. The club aims to provide a friendly environment for members to enjoy the development of their photographic skills through a variety of activities in the company of like-minded individuals.

If you have an interest in photography, at whatever level, you would be most welcome at M&DPS. We meet at Mistley Village Hall on the 2nd, 4th and 5th Thursdays of the month between September and May at 7.30pm.

For further information please contact our secretary Pat Ainger on 01206 231242, visit our website at e-voice.org.uk/manningtreeanddistrictphotographicsociety or email madps@post.com. - Katharine Showell

East Bergholt's
**CHRISTMAS
MARKET**

Saturday 6th December, 1-5pm

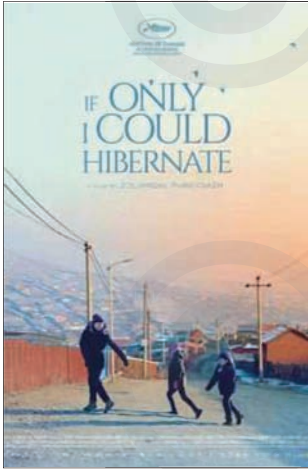
The village car park (behind The Red Lion)

Craft market and street food



EAST BERGHOLT CINEMA

at the Constable Hall, Gandish Road, East Bergholt
Films start at 8.00pm, doors and ticket desk open at 7.30pm



Friday 7th November

***If Only I Could Hibernate* (12A, 1 hr 38 mins)**

Ulzii, a teenager from a poor neighbourhood in the Mongolian capital Ulaanbaatar, is determined to win a science competition to get a scholarship. His illiterate mother finds a job in the countryside, leaving him and his brother and sister in the middle of winter. Ulzii wanders around at night looking for things to burn for heat while preparing for the national competition.

"A wonder, a carefully textured portrait of a young man dreaming of more for himself and his family." - *Variety*



Friday 5th December

***The Naked Gun* (15, 1 hr 25 mins)**

Only one man has the particular set of skills...to lead Police Squad and save the world! Lt Frank Drebin Jr (Liam Neeson) follows in his father's footsteps in *The Naked Gun*.

"Liam Neeson deadpans impeccably in outrageously amusing spoof reboot." - *The Guardian*

Tickets for all films are available in advance from Grier & Partners in East Bergholt or can be reserved with Noelleen on 01206 299774. We highly recommend that you buy a ticket in advance as seating capacity is limited. There is a bar at film showings, as well as tea and coffee and ice creams. - *The EB Cinema Team*

EAST BERGHOLT TENNIS CLUB



If you've been to the playing fields recently, you may have noticed we now have our new club facilities in place. Most of the works have been completed and we are getting ever closer to being able to open the facilities to our members.

We would like to say a big thank you to all the members and volunteers who are regularly supporting the maintenance and development of the facilities to ensure they will be fabulous for our club for many years to come.

The winter leagues started in late September and we're now well underway with our ladies', men's and mixed doubles matches. Matthew Watson, our head coach, is supporting our progress in the leagues, having introduced doubles team training sessions to ensure we are in the best position to improve on our performance.

Half-term saw several children attend kids' tennis camp, run by Matthew. It is a great way to both introduce and develop youth tennis. Contact Matthew on 07487 542501 for information about future camps.

Our autumn quiz night on 31st October was "spooktacular", with a Halloween theme, fancy dress and spooky questions. The evening was great fun and raised much-needed funds for the club.

As we are now in autumn, our winter membership rates have come into effect, and they apply through to 31st March 2026:

adults	£80
family	£110
couple	£140
junior	£20
parent	£36
student	£30

If you would like to join please visit our website at eastbergholttennis.co.uk for more information.

It's also possible to "pay and play" if you're not a member. Our website has full details on how to book a court. - *East Bergholt Tennis Club*

EAST BERGHOLT BOWLS CLUB

Not much to report on the bowls front this month. Finals weekend is over and the green has been "put to bed" by a team of willing volunteers. The social committee are going into action to keep events bubbling during the winter, with coffee mornings starting again on 8th November. Keep an eye out for the board outside the Lambe School, and pop in for a coffee, a piece of homemade cake and a catch-up with friends.



The move to the primary school for carpet bowls has been a great success, providing more room and more parking. Club nights started in October, and by the time you read this we will have played a couple of league games.

Carpet bowls is a good place to start if you are thinking of taking up the sport of bowls. You don't need any special shoes or clothing, and all the equipment is provided. The theory is similar to outdoor bowls: players try to bowl the wood from one end of the carpet to the other and get it near the white one, known as the cot. As the game is played on a carpet not so much effort is needed, but it's still a game of skill.

If you fancy having a go, join us in the primary school on a Monday evening at 7.30pm. Email me if you want more information. - *Terri Catchpole, terricatchpole@me.com*



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LOCAL ISSUES & OPINIONS

UPDATE FROM THE DISTRICT COUNCIL



Councillor Sallie Davies

Easier window installation for listed building owners: Babergh District Council has achieved a first for a rural area in the UK - a blanket grant of listed building consent, which means that owners of Grade II listed buildings will not have to make individual planning applications when installing double glazing.

This gives a very clear signal that we take seriously the need to drive down carbon use. This initiative was led by Green Party councillors and could encourage more building owners to act. We are also working on a similar measure for solar panels on outbuildings next to listed buildings.

If you own a listed building and want to improve your windows to make the building warmer and more energy-efficient, go to the Babergh District Council website and you will find the relevant form and details there.

Asylum seekers and refugees: There has been a great deal of media coverage about housing asylum seekers in hotels and other types of accommodation. Asylum seekers are held initially in centres and then “dispersed” to longer-term accommodation while their claim is processed.

Let me clarify the situation in Babergh: there are no initial holding centres in Babergh, and there are currently no asylum seekers housed in hotels in Babergh.

Serco has the Home Office contract to find “dispersal” accommodation in the east of England, and seeks accommodation in the private sector for this purpose. Serco does not use council or housing association properties. It consults councils, the police and the health service when considering properties.

When Babergh is consulted on a possible property for Serco, it informs the district councillor for the area and feeds back to Serco any concerns raised by council departments, for example about community tensions, antisocial behaviour or lack of public transport and other services.

Ultimately the decision is made by Serco and the Home Office, but Babergh meets with Serco regularly to monitor placements, and the number of asylum seekers housed by the government in Babergh and Mid Suffolk is extremely small compared to other areas of the country. Rural areas are often not the best place to house asylum seekers.

Babergh has no duty to house homeless asylum seekers. Similarly, there are no benefits or homelessness assistance available for “irregular migrants” (people who have no right to stay in the UK).

The situation is different for refugees. A refugee is a successful asylum seeker; the Home Office is satisfied their case is genuine. A refugee is entitled to homelessness assistance.

Local government reorganisation: Suffolk County Council and the five district and town councils in Suffolk have now submitted their proposals to central government for how local government should be reorganised in Suffolk. A public consultation is expected to run from November to February, after which central government will make a final decision.

The Grange Country Park: The operators of The Grange Country Park have applied for permission to increase the number of holiday caravans on the site by 25. At the same time, they have applied to make 80 of the units permanent residential homes, and the parish council has agreed to this. The people living permanently in these caravans are mostly elderly and/or vulnerable. - *Sallie Davies, Babergh District Council councillor for East Bergholt, Sallie.davies@Babergh.gov.uk*

UPDATE FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

The RSPB have written to the Parish Council to say that they are looking for new tenants/purchasers to run the **RSPB centre at Flatford**. Although the centre is popular with the public and has more than 30 volunteers, it is no longer viable for the charity. The RSPB will keep running the centre until they conclude the tender process.

The Parish Council continues to address the ongoing **rabbit infestation** affecting the **Gandish Road playing fields**. The infestation, originating from the northern edge near the Pond Field, has now spread across the site, posing risks to both the football pitches and the cricket square. Up to £15,000 has been allocated for the reinstallation of rabbit-proof fencing along the section between the tennis courts and the road.

The proposed fencing will extend 300mm below ground to prevent burrowing and will be taller than the existing fence, helping both to deter rabbits and to reduce the number of footballs escaping into the hedge or neighbouring field.

The developers of the **St James Place estate** have updated their submission for phase 2 of the site (to the rear of the new Co-op shop). The changes retain a swimming pool and nursery plot in the application but remove a playing field, and add more houses to the approved plan. You can see the revised submission on Babergh’s planning portal (reference DC/25/01293). The Parish Council will discuss how to respond at a meeting, which the public are invited to attend to put their views forward.

We have been working closely with Babergh District Council on a joint **Conservation Area Appraisal**, and an initial report has been presented to the Parish Council. The aim of the report is to identify and conserve the village's most significant landscapes, many of which inspired John Constable's paintings.

The existing conservation area is limited to an L-shaped zone through the village centre, and notably excludes Flatford and other areas of natural and historical importance. The draft report proposes extending protection to areas including Flatford, Hadleigh Road, Gaston Street, and the Donkey Track, preserving historic buildings, trees, hedgerows, and open fields. A public consultation on this will be held in early 2026. - Nicki Reed

RURAL REPORT

A regular round-up of countryside and farming news

"If consumers want affordable food in the long run, it's time to stop asking how to keep prices low and start asking how to keep food supplies secure," says Mnoj Dora of Anglia Ruskin University. "That means fairer treatment of farmers, smarter use of resources and consumers willing to accept some short-term price volatility. Otherwise, the next bad year will not be the exception, it will be the rule."

The balance between food production and environmental schemes continues to be a major issue, particularly as just over half of farms in England reduced cropping for harvest 2025 to take part in such schemes. The recently released *AHDB Spring 2025 Planting and Variety Survey* shows how these incentives are shaping land use. According to the survey, 56.1% of English farmers have made a modest reduction to their cropped arable area to take part in agri-environment schemes.

Suffolk potato farmers are reporting damaging price falls. Chris Suckling of Holbrook on the Shotley Peninsula, and Russel Abbott of Tattingstone, Ipswich, say the price they are getting is so low it no longer covers their costs. Retail prices are three times higher than the price they received, they told the *East Anglian Daily Times*.

"Scientific evidence increasingly refutes the alarmist narrative that our farmland bird and insect populations are disappearing due to intensive agriculture," say Peter Button, Daniel Pearsall and Matt Ridley of Science for Sustainable Agriculture. "In fact, total bird and insect numbers in Britain have been stable for the past 30 years. Freshwater insects are thriving." - Brian Chester, brianrobertchester@gmail.com, 01572 757600

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