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## From Tony

Oh dear! You'll probably start complaining before I get very far with this article. But the truth is: I rather like wood pigeons. Their colouring is extraordinary: subtle, various, and even exotic. Their call, telling me to "Get on, dear", is infectious, as well as being a good prompt. It's a call that cannot be ignored. True, their eyes glower, and their bill looks deadly, but, yes! I think they are handsome.

One reason why I like them is because, as a child, I never saw anything like them. I'm a townee, having spent my happy, early years in the marvellous, vibrant, busy city of Manchester. There, in suburban Chorlton-cum-Hardy, the only birds I saw were house sparrows – and there don't seem to be too many of them hereabouts – and blackbirds and starlings. At first, I confused blackbirds and starlings: well, they are both black and a bit bigger than sparrows. But then I spotted the differences, and really admired the blackbirds. Elegant, dignified, solitary, with that engrossing habit of putting the head to one side and then sticking the beak into the ground for a worm. There is, too, their glorious singing at dawn and dusk. Wonderful. So different from the squawky, sociable, nervy, spangled starlings. One moment there they all are, and then, with a flurry and a din, they are off! Silly things.

But I've changed my mind: Manchester for blackbirds, and Norfolk for starlings! How I love the noisy friendliness – it is friendliness, isn't it? - of the starlings: their clubbability, their mimicry, their here-today-gone-tomorrow.

At more reflective moments, though, I realise we need both of these birds. To sing like a blackbird, to natter like the starlings. To share our joy and delight with whoever may be listening, and to spend time chattering with friends and neighbours. It is, of course, what Jesus did. There were times when he was alone, quite solitary but contented, and times when he was surrounded by very many people. A healthy mix and balance. Something to emulate.

The Reverend Tony Lynn

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# Little Barningham

## Welcome to Little Barningham's June village page.

The Queen's coronation took place on June 2, 1953, at Westminster Abbey in London. All around the country Platinum Jubilee celebrations will begin on Thursday, June 2, 2022, and will continue over the weekend until June 5. There is lots happening around our local area so do take a look and join in the celebrations.

Little Barningham will be celebrating at the Community Sunday on 5 June, 10-12pm in the Village Hall.

Also, to mark the occasion a tree has been planted in the church grounds. It is a crab apple, Silver Falls. Barry, who keeps the church grounds looking wonderful all year round, planted the tree. Hopefully it will be there for many years and we may even be able to make some St Andrew's Crab Apple Jelly.



Back in 1977 the village celebrated the Queen's Silver Jubilee by having a tea party in the Village Hall. In attendance - Mr & Mrs Ford, Mr & Mrs Langrick, Mrs Thaxter, Mr & Mrs Hart, Mr & Mrs Smith, Mr L. Hannant, Mr & Mrs Squires, Mr & Mrs Bob Bix, Mrs Bix, Mr & Mrs Oxlade, Mr & Mrs Henderson, Mr & Mrs Flower, Mr & Mrs P. Daniels, Miss Riseborough & Eddie, Mr & Mrs Dennis, Mrs Dennis (Granny), Mr & Mrs Riches, Mrs Youngs, Mr Jack West, Mr Roper, Mrs Shreeve, Mr & Mrs Cooper, Mrs Spendlove, Mrs Prior and Mr & Mrs Rosenthal.

How many names do you recognise?



## St Andrew's Church, Little Barningham

Services at St Andrew's will be Sunday 12 June at 9.30am & 26 June at 9.30am. Do come and join.

## Community Sunday

The next Community Sunday will be on 5 June, 10 till 12 in the Village Hall. Come and join the Jubilee celebrations with a good coffee/tea and Jubilee cake!!



## Pop Up Pub

A date for your diary, the Little Barningham Pop Up Pub returns 19 August, 6pm till late. Venue - Church and church yard, chilli and puddings (vegetarian option will be available) and the infamous 'Nail Game' will return - let's see if Ben can hold onto his championship!!



## Parish Council

The Annual Parish Council meeting and Parish Council meeting took place on Thursday 19th May. Much was discussed with a very encouraging update of the 'gates' which will be placed at either end of the village on Matlaske Road. Hopefully they will be in place in 2 or 3 months. These will help both reduce the speed of cars along the road and denote the start and finish of the village. The cost of the gates has been fully funded by the Highways monies that Steffan Aquarone (local County Councillor) received for 2021. Thank you. For the full account of the meeting do take a look at the website: <https://littlebarninghampc.wixsite.com/littlebpc> to see the minutes.



I have a number of the door stickers as shown, if you would like one please let me know and I'll drop it in.

Also for families who live in Norfolk Coast, if you don't have access to a computer, you can apply through Digital Poverty Alliance for them to send you one from Currys – not as loan or rental, it's for your family, for good. To find out more do look on their website:

<https://digitalpovertyalliance.org/tech4families/>

## Local Eggs

Sally at Richmond Cottage has plenty of eggs, including duck and goose eggs. Please call Sally first on 577535.

## Mobile Library

The Mobile Library will be in the village on 9 June at 12.05pm, located by the entrance of Ferndale Farm in The Street. This is a great resource for the village, do support it.

## Facebook page

Just search Facebook for Little Barningham Community, do check it out. Do post anything that you think the residents of the village would be interested in.

## Book Exchange

The Book Exchange continues, do take a look. "Take a book and leave a book."

I'm always looking for something to include in the magazine so if you have anything you would like to share please contact me, details at the front of the magazine.

Do share the magazine with others and if you would prefer to receive it via email please contact me and I will put you onto the mailing list.

Take Care. **Caroline**



I am sure that many of you will remember Margaret and Geoffrey Foot of Little Barningham? Margaret has kindly put pen to paper with some of her recollections..... (Ed)

## **24 years in Little Barningham (Part 1)**

In 1988 my other half, Geoffrey, bought Laurel Farm. I hadn't seen it, but he assured me once the repairs were done, I'd love it. Mad. He didn't tell me it needed gutting and starting again with 3 acres of hogweed and bramble. My dream of sheep and hens seemed miles away. However, I loved it and it all ended with sheep, hens, goats, turkeys, ducks, dogs, a large and productive vegetable garden and flower beds. Dream came true. And when the barn became available, the courtyard resurfaced (it even had a dead car in the rubble) even better.

Our worry was that incomers might be total outsiders. Our first morning, when even without a front door, we came down to eggs, lettuce and jam on the kitchen bench. Ellie and Harry were just over the fence and their super boys were constant visitors, largely with a very small George teaching Geoffrey how to use tools. Pam and Mike were at Green Farm and without their machinery, advice and physical help much of it would never have happened.

Church was a central part of our lives. On our first Christmas a small ad hoc choir was formed rehearsing in the only habitable room in the house, crowded but it did have the piano. A story in itself, it grew and grew involving the then 7 church benefice into a good choir performing summer and Christmas concerts at Wolterton Hall raising money for charity (Courtesy and huge help from Robin and Laurel Walpole).

Geoffrey was a (Lay) Reader and rapidly recruited to take services.

Sunday school started. Main memory of this was a pantomime production of The Muddy Ducks in Itteringham Hall. All was going hopelessly until Laurel produced an enormous box of dressing up clothes. It was so funny. Then there was Doing Church Differently (DCD) ` a monthly service with food, fun and never in church. Houses, barn, outside. Most of the village seemed to come. Once a parishioner (Janet Harris's daughter) who had moved and had only a Registry Office wedding asked if she could come back to have a church blessing. Only the couple were expected, but the whole wedding party in full dress appeared. It was windy but the service had been set in the churchyard, except for the final hymn. This was in church as they wanted "One more step along the road we go"..... to the popping of champagne corks. My job was to play the organ being surrounded by flying corks.

This has now merged into Community Sunday we hear. All our activities had an amazing band of helpers and cooks.

(To be continued next month)

# Wickmere & Wolterton

I would like to start this edition with an explanation. Even though my name is on the bottom of the page, the monthly contributions are a collaboration of help from many. There is news, items needed to be shared, gossip and observations. I write the piece, but it is a group effort - so thank you to all who help. I hope this clarifies any misunderstandings?

## The Queens Platinum Jubilee celebrations

### Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June - There is to be a complimentary Afternoon Tea at the Village Hall at 3.30pm

You are invited to attend, there will be sandwiches, savouries and cakes - Wine and soft drinks provided.

Hopefully the weather will play fair over the extended Bank Holiday weekend?!

### God Bless The Queen.

Some sad news, Christopher Barker of Dairy Cottages has passed away after a short illness. He will be missed driving around in his beloved Morgan with his dashing black eye patch. His funeral was in Diss.

Many thanks, again, to Vic, now fully bionic, for speeding down the road and cutting the grass around the Village Hall, keeping it looking lovely. Great to see you out and about again.



Following on from last month. May 4<sup>th</sup> (Star Wars Day!!) It was so lovely to see the cattle out in the fields - they had obviously polished off the winter feed a bit sharpish - now they and the babies are out and enjoying the fresh grass and sunshine.

A polite note for all dog walkers - Please keep your dogs on leads, and please pick up after them?



Many congratulations to Jenni & Jordan. The arrival of a beautiful little boy on 30<sup>th</sup> April. Sending you all lots of love and best wishes - Also, many congrats to Jane and Ken another lovely grandchild to enjoy and love.

The birds have been busily filling their nests and feeding their young. They have been hoovering the food we put out for them. It's always fun watching the blackbird try and get just that extra piece of bread or seed, only to drop the lot and have to start all over again!! (Anyone a Monty Python fan - Mr Creosote?)

We had the same fun the other day - two male pheasants came into the garden. One was on the grass busily pecking up what the goldfinches had scattered - his mate had landed on the hedge and was fussily trying to see how he could get down and join in the feast? This went on for a little while, with much clucking, as if his mate on the floor was saying 'come on you big girl, JUMP!'

When he finally took the leap of faith, his mate wandered off out the gate, typical!! There are times when you have to stop and look and be privileged to witness these funny moments.

Lesley has mentioned that St Peter Mancroft is borrowing Wickmere's Coronation Dossal and Frontal (altar hanging fabric) for a Jubilee Exhibition of church raiment's. It is made from the fabric especially woven for the Queen's Coronation in a beautiful Madonna blue. The exhibition is 1<sup>st</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> June. It promises to be a spectacular collection of church fabrics from all over Norfolk. It's called In Raiment of Needlework - An Exhibition of Church Vestments & Needlework from across the centuries.



Thank you to Debs for her ongoing help with keeping the churchyard so tidy. I did wonder if she had acquired a new breed of sheep recently, as both sides of the churchyard was beautifully short, and almost had stripes in it!! On opening the Church this morning, I was reassured this wasn't so, the usual suspects were back and on duty quietly munching their way round .

**May 29<sup>th</sup> - A Group Service at Itteringham at 11am - Songs of Praise**





## Nature Notes



### Nature Notes from the Mill

photos courtesy of Matthew Bunkle

A blackbird has chosen a clever well-hidden spot to lay her eggs in our cart-shed. She has been nesting for about ten days now so we expect to see her feeding chicks very soon. Meanwhile the nest box for house martins outside the shed has been commandeered by blue tits who are busy feeding their fledglings. We have seen swallows, swifts and martins flying occasionally but none have stayed here to nest. A pair of rooks successfully hounded a buzzard away from their nest. The first cuckoo of the season is busy calling.

Myriads of insects fly over the mill pond and many types of fly and bee are in the air and on walls and windows. Amongst the most beautiful is the ruby wasp (*Chrysis ignita*) which has a bright emerald green thorax and ruby abdomen. Regrettably no photo to show you. It flies around walls looking for nests of others such as mason bees in which to lay its eggs.

On the mill pond, only one duck seems to have retained a pair of ducklings and the heron is always stalking not only in the river but in the field also where we think the pheasant are nesting. A huge crayfish with only one claw was seen moving through the shallows recently and a large fish was disturbed from the muddy shallows. We wondered if this might be a jack pike since there are so few fish seen this year compared with other times.

Lis Downs

### Mannington update

Our now resident swans have 7 healthy cygnets (5 last year) which they bring constantly to moat edge near kitchen looking for feeding. Two little grebe chicks doing well this year (have failed in recent years) but oyster catchers still sitting firmly on her odd choice of Garden Urn as nest site.

## Some fun facts about the Queen

### 1. Queen Elizabeth II was born at 2.40am on 21 April 1926

To parents the Duke and Duchess of York, who later became King George VI and Queen Elizabeth (the Queen Mother).

### 2. She was crowned Queen on 2 June 1953

Watched by a TV audience of 20 million people.

### 3. She is the longest reigning monarch ever in Britain

Beating even **Queen Victoria** (her great-great-grandma!).

### 4. Her favourite dogs are corgis

She even invented a new breed of dog when her corgi mated with a dachshund belonging to her sister, Princess Margaret, creating the “dorgi”.

### 5. She's the only person in the UK allowed to drive without a licence

And the official car doesn't have a number plate!

### 6. The Queen has *two* birthdays

Her actual birthday – 21 April – and her official birthday, which is held on a Saturday in June – when the weather's better!

### 7. The Queen first sent an email in 1976

... and published her first Instagram post in 2019!

### 8. She owns an elephant, two giant turtles, a jaguar and a pair of sloths

Presents from other countries, all of which live in London Zoo.

### 9. Princess Elizabeth made her first radio broadcast in October 1940, during the Second World War.

### 10. Even the monarch can go undercover *sometimes*

On a recent low-key trip to Scotland, she met some American tourists while walking. When the tourists asked if she lived locally, she mentioned that she had a house nearby, and when asked if he'd ever met the Queen she simply pointed at her security and said, “No, but he has!”



## Jubilee Cake

As it's the jubilee weekend I thought about doing something slightly different for the children's craft. A cake beautifully decorated with the Union Jack that can be for your family or to share with others.



### Ingredients:

- **For The Sponge:**
- 220g unsalted butter softened
- 220g caster sugar
- 4 eggs beaten
- 220g self-raising flour sifted
- 1tsp vanilla extract
- 2tbsp milk (optional)
- **For The Filling:**
- 400ml clotted cream
- 100ml double cream
- Blueberry jam
- Raspberry jam
- 200g raspberries
- 100g blueberries

### Equipment:

- 3 x 20cm round cake tins. Greased and lined

### Method

- Pre-heat the oven to 180°C/350°F/Gas Mark 4.
- Cream together the butter and sugar until light and fluffy and gradually beat in the eggs. Add the vanilla essence and lightly fold in the flour.
- Loosen the mixture with the milk if needed – the mixture should drop easily from the spoon. Divide the mixture evenly between the tins and level.
- Bake for 25-30mins until risen and lightly browned. A skewer inserted in the middle should come out clean. Transfer to a wire rack to cool.
- Combine the clotted and double cream in a bowl. Gently whisk by hand until it forms soft peaks.
- Take one sponge and spread it generously with blueberry jam. Follow this with a thick layer of cream. Be careful not to spread to the very edge of the cake otherwise it will spill out when you add the next layer!
- Place a second sponge layer on top of the first, gently pressing down until level.
- Spread the second layer generously with raspberry jam followed by the cream and the final layer of sponge.
- Spread the remainder of the cream on the top of the cake and decorate with the fresh berries in the shape of a Union Jack. If you prefer strawberries then use those instead of raspberries.

**Celebrate and enjoy!**

Huge thanks to all those who contributed to the SOCKS and T-SHIRT Lent Appeal for the Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital. Over seven – yes SEVEN – binbags filled with these items were delivered to The Chaplaincy at the Hospital.

I'm aware that so many benefit from your kindness at this time – those needing the food banks, those in Ukraine, those from Ukraine – so I'm particularly grateful that you donated the **SOCKS and T-SHIRTS**. A Very Big Thank You!



The Reverend Tony Lynn 01263-735524

### Church Services in June

Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> June

**SPECIAL GROUP SERVICE at SUSTEAD  
at 10AM**



**CELEBRATING  
THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE**

Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> June

Little Barningham	9:30am
Itteringham	11am Morning Prayer
Aldborough	11am

Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> June

Sustead	10am
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Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> June

Little Barningham	9:30am
Itteringham	11am

Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> July

Wickmere	9:30am
Aldborough	11am

## SUSTEAD

Tim and Ann Riviere moved to The Old Vicarage in Sustead in 1975. They were both very active contributors to the community, and without the Riviere family Sustead church would be a ruin today. They fundraised, repaired and administered.

On the 27th of April Ann Riviere joined Tim in the churchyard at Sustead. There was an amazing gathering of a large family and friends, and the weather was kind. Tony was great and it was so good to hear Jonathan remembering his mother. The flowers in the church were just what Ann would have wanted and this reading from the service was very appropriate.

### **A Bunch in Hand by Gertrude Jekyll, 1900**



One can hardly go wrong if a bunch of any one kind of flower is cut with long stalks and plenty of its own leafage, and especially if it is cut without carrying a basket. I cannot explain why it is but have always observed that no intentional arrangement of flowers in the ordinary way gives an effect so good as that of a bunch held easily in the hand as flower by flower is cut, and put in water without fresh arrangement. The only glimmer of reason I can see for it is that they are cut of uneven lengths, and that the natural way of carrying them in the hand is with the stalks fairly even, and that this gives just that freedom of top outline that is so much to be desired.

### **Sustead church celebration for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.**

Sustead has recently improved the interior of the church tower (in conjunction with the architect) and are planning to open it for 'tours'. We would like to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee by opening the tower. There is a lovely view from the top.

As we have a Group Jubilee Celebration service at 10.00 a.m. on 5<sup>th</sup> June, we hope to open the tower at approximately 11.00 onwards. Donations please!



# Gardening

The gardens and hedgerows are looking magnificent right now, filled with fresh shades of green and early summer flowers.

Iris' and Roses have been flowering a good couple of weeks sooner than in previous years due to the warm, dry spring we've had. I'm looking to buy a few new roses for my garden this year so will be visiting some of Norfolk's rose specialists for ideas before placing an order for bare root plants. Mannington Hall gardens is right on our doorstep and is known for its rose collection, so I shall definitely be popping along there armed with a notebook.

June heralds the start of seed sowing for biennial plants such as Wallflowers (*Erysimum*), which will flower next year. You often see bundles of wallflower at the greengrocers in the autumn, wrapped in newspaper. These are usually a variety known as 'Persian Carpet'. A mix of hot colours. If you want a single colour variety to complement tulips, you really are best to grow from seed. Some nice short forms are 'Blood Red' and 'Primrose Bedder'.

Jobs to do this month: dead head flowers to encourage more to form. Ensure pots are kept well watered.

Iris 'Jane Phillips' with biennial, summer sown  
Hesperis in the background



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# Itteringham

## Church News

Church Services this month:

- Sunday 12 June, Morning Service at 11.00 am.
- Sunday 26 June, Holy Communion, at 11.00 am.

A reminder that on Sunday 29 May, Group Service is at Itteringham, Songs of Praise, at 11.00 am. We hope you will come along and sing....., and stay for coffee and cake afterwards.

Charles and Dian have kindly donated a crab apple tree (malus courtarou) and this has now been planted in the churchyard in celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. We plan to have a celebration, including tea, coffee, cake, when the plaque marking the Jubilee is ready to put up. I will put the date and details on the church and parish notice boards, and in the shop, so do please keep a lookout and do come along.

## Itteringham May Fayre – thank you

Very many thanks to everyone who supported the May Fayre. The response was terrific. It was a lovely day. The sun shone and we had over 1500 people plus children through the gate. Entertainment for the children including Fun Force and donkeys, the Fairground Organ, a craft beer stall next to the picnic parlour, lots of other stalls, a very popular dog show, and food in the village hall. The Cake Stall, Tombola and Raffle did really well, many thanks for all the generous donations. We had some lovely comments from visitors saying how much they enjoyed the day. After expenses we raised over £8,000. This is an amazing result. I will let you know in next month's Parish News how we plan to spend the money.

Special thanks to Laura, Charles and Dian's daughter. Laura has worked tirelessly since the New Year organising the Fayre and we owe her a huge vote of thanks. That it was such a success is a testament to Laura's hard work. Thank you too to everyone else who helped in any way.

## Village Shop and café

**Shop opening hours** - from 9.00 am until 5.00 pm Monday to Saturday, and 9.00 am to 4.00 pm on Sundays. **The Post Office** is open Monday and Thursday from 9.00 am to 1.00 pm.

**Orders** - Do please call in or ring the Shop if you wish to place an order for bread, fresh vegetables, milk, fish, meat or other items (01263 587325). A reminder that orders for fresh fish need to be with the Shop by 12 noon on Wednesdays (please note C&A Seafoods will only deliver if the Shop places a minimum order for £30). Artisan bread from Bread Source is available on Friday and at the weekend. A list of the breads and pastries we can order is available in the Shop.

**Reminder - Itteringham Community Association AGM and membership** – The Shop AGM will be held on the Wednesday the 8 June at 7.00pm at the Village Hall followed by drinks. We do hope you will come. The meeting is open to everyone (although only members may vote on matters). If any members would like to stand for the Committee do please call me. If you would like to become a member of the ICA please do contact me or speak to Penny in the Post Office. For members – the ICA annual membership subscription is due at the end of May.

**Volunteers** – the Shop really needs volunteers to help daily managers at busy times - please see the advert on back page. To find out more about the role, please speak to Gil, Alison or one of the daily managers.

**100 Club** – May 100 Club winners

1<sup>st</sup> prize – Charles Skinner

2<sup>nd</sup> prize – Rob Morris

3<sup>rd</sup> prize – Chris Lawrence.

**Parish Notice Board** - please do look out for the latest Parish News. The next meeting is on 30th May at 7.30 in the village hall. Parish Council meetings are open meetings, and villagers are welcome to attend.

The next date for the visit by the mobile library (parked opposite the Rectory) is the 9 June 2022 at 11.20.

**Itteringham Book Club** – we recognised that “Outline” by Rachel Cusk was well written but on balance we did not find it particularly engaging or rewarding. This month’s book choice is “The Line of Beauty” by Alan Hollinghurst.

Please let me have any Itteringham news you would like to include in the Itteringham update.

Thank you and keep safe

Sandra



ITTERINGHAM MAY FAYRE 2022





## THE FALL OF SINGAPORE AND THE THAI/BURMA RAILWAY

The continuing story of the time Fred Hoskins spent as a prisoner of war of the Japanese, written in 1992 and told in his own words.

There seemed to be complete chaos. The overhead cables of tramcars were down, as were many buildings. A tram lay on its side. We sheltered behind sandbags in the Cable & Wireless offices, hot, dirty and apprehensive. Night fell and the mosquitoes came out for their evening meal. Everywhere men talked in whispers, waiting, wondering and fearful. Then came a rumour. We had capitulated! No! Don't believe it! Keep your weapons, it's a trick!

A straggle of men came past, then a Bren Gun carrier and on it a soldier with a guitar, who apparently had thrown his rifle away. There followed disbelief and then I realised I was still alive and apparently had now only to wait for the war to end and then go home. But what would the immediate future bring? I still had my freedom and time possibly to do something about it. I spoke to an Australian Captain whom I had met. Couldn't we get a boat and escape before it was too late?

"Not a chance, cobber! It is thousands of miles to Australia, and you'd have to go from island to island. You'd never make it!" In fact, although I didn't know it, the Japanese had already gone on beyond Singapore to Sumatra and Java, and those who tried to escape met with desperate ends.

We were told to stack our arms. At that time, I had a .38 Smith & Wesson revolver and a First World War Ross rifle but had used neither. I put my ammunition down a drain and discussed with Corporal WS what we should do with the MG sports car. Push it over the harbour wall? Finally, we decided to batter the engine with a hammer. As we did so, two Chinese came along and asked if they could have it. We generously agreed and they pushed it away. We had also acquired an Austin Seven and this we did push over the harbour wall.

It was then that the first triumphant Japanese soldiers started to appear, standing on the rear bumpers of cars as they drove past. We were careful to keep out of sight.

An order came from the Japanese that our unit was to go back through their lines to check the stock of food in a food depot. We were getting used to surprises so climbed aboard our temperamental lorry and with a Japanese guard who carried a rifle and bayonet, made our way past hordes of victorious Japanese. Customarily they wore rubber shoes which separated the big toe from the others, and which were invaluable in Jungle warfare as they could climb trees easily. Many of them were now sitting at the side of the road putting on Australian brown boots which they had looted. Their faces were burned brown by the tropical sun.

We negotiated the scene of carnage on the road and eventually arrived at a depot where we were put in a large garage behind vertical wooden rails so that we were in effect in a cage. Japanese soldiers came to look at us and then becoming bolder, started taking our watches and rings. I hid my wedding ring down my sock. Nearby was a brewery where Tiger beer was brewed, and the Japanese were getting steadily more drunk as the day wore on. We were taken out to do some counting of food stocks but then ordered back in the 'cage'. Drunken Japanese came into the cage offering bottles of beer and poured them over the men to whom they were offered. There was no drinking water or food, but somehow, I acquired a bottle of beer.

More again from Fred in the next issue....

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### Children's Gardening

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Mannington is also welcoming visitors over the Platinum Jubilee holiday (Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup>, Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> & Sunday 5<sup>th</sup>), and offering special 'Platinum Jubilee Afternoon Teas', as well as a Coronation & Jubilee display in the hall. We expect these to be popular so do book early!

# Aldborough and Thurgarton

[www.aldboroughparishchurch.org.uk](http://www.aldboroughparishchurch.org.uk)

Facebook: Aldborough Parish Church. Norfolk

## Church Services

Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> June 11am

Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> July 11am



## Rosie!



Rosie has started playing some new games.....

One is climbing on visitors laps (whether they want her to or not)



Another is playing hide and seek, but I'm not sure she has the right idea!!



## ITTINGHAM VILLAGE SHOP AND CAFE VOLUNTEER

Becoming a volunteer is a great way to meet new people, learn new skills and for some of our volunteers has led to paid employment (or "can be a route back to work"). We support all our volunteers to take Level 2 Food Safety and relevant allergen training.

### Role:

As a volunteer you would be expected to take an active role in all aspects of the working of the shop and cafe. You will be involved in serving in the shop and cafe, including making coffees and teas. There are also tasks relating to stock control. You will, at all times, be working with a paid shop manager who will train, guide and support you.

### Time commitment:

A volunteer shift is normally 3 to 4 hours per week, ideally on the same day of the week as agreed by you, but not essential, as we can be flexible.

### About the organisation:

The Itteringham Village Shop and Cafe is a community organisation. There has been a shop on this site since 1637. Since 1994, it has been run by local volunteers, and more recently by a mixture of paid staff and volunteers. Our volunteers are an important, essential and valued part of our enterprise.

### How to apply:

If you are interested in this role and would like to apply or would like more information, contact the Volunteer Hub at Merchants' Place –

E: [volhub@merchantsplace.co.uk](mailto:volhub@merchantsplace.co.uk)

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Wanted: plot of land locally to buy or lease suitable for planting a small orchard. Please call Tom on 587386 or email [thomas.goodliffe@gmail.com](mailto:thomas.goodliffe@gmail.com)



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