

# STOKE ASH & THWAITE

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I amaze myself.

Other days, I put my  
keys in the fridge.

April - May  
Newsletter  
2019

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# Editors Ramblings



Following our latest community meal which had added extras along with a few more new faces it was a very pleasing time spent with old and new friends.

We had Soup, Chicken and Beef and a choice of excellent sweets - food for all! May I ask you to spread the message around our two villages.

The next date is Thursday 28th March we may happen to have the issue out in time to remind you.

I'm still looking for your news item / story, I was told recently some people were not happy to write in as they expected as editor I would not print there story or view on matters.

Well I do print all comments IF YOU have an issue then I'm in the position to highlight it to all.

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The family wheeled Grandma out on the lawn, in her wheelchair, where the activities for her 100th birthday were taking place. Grandma couldn't speak very well, but she would write notes when she needed to communicate.

After a short time out on the lawn, Grandma started leaning off to the right, so some family members grabbed her, straightened her up, and stuffed pillows on her right. A short time later, she started leaning off to her left, so again the family grabbed her an...d stuffed pillows on her left. Soon she started leaning forward, so the family members again grabbed her, and then tied a pillowcase around her waist to hold her up.

A nephew who arrived late came up to Grandma and said,

'Hi, Grandma, you're looking good! How are they treating you?' Grandma took out her little notepad and slowly wrote a note to the nephew....

'Rascals won't let me fart

# South Hartismere Benefice

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Easter ...

I am very glad that one of the churches in our eight-parish benefice (Thornham Magna) is named after St Mary Magdalene. Mary Magdalene is one of my favourite biblical characters, but she has been pretty poorly treated over the centuries. For a long time, Mary was identified with the repentant prostitute described in the Bible as having washed Jesus's feet with her hair. There is nothing to support that connection (other than that it makes a good story) but that didn't prevent her name being associated for a long time with institutions for 'fallen women' - like the Magdalen Hospital founded in London in the 1750s, and numerous other Magdalene Asylums and Magdalene Laundries across the world.

My interest in Mary Magdalene is not, however, in her undeserved reputation, but in her role in the Easter story. Three of the four gospels (the Biblical books that tell the story of Jesus's life) name her as being in the small group of Jesus's followers who stood by the cross during the slow hours of his agonising death. Think of that scene, and of how appalling it must have been: watching a dear friend dying a terrifying death before your eyes.

But there is more to Mary's role than just a compassionate friend. The four gospels each tell in different ways the story of Jesus's resurrection. But they *all* agree that it was women who were the first to come to his tomb, that Sunday morning, and they all name Mary as having been there, whether with others or on her own. It was faithful Mary Magdalene who brought the message that Jesus was alive back to the fearful, disbelieving men.

Early critics of Christianity seized on the part played by women on the first Easter morning. You can't trust the Resurrection story, they said, because the central witnesses were only WOMEN (!!) Now, of course, we see things differently. It's the very fact that the first witnesses were women that makes their testimony so compelling: a contemporary chronicler, sitting down to invent a resurrection story, would be unlikely to give such a key role to women.

In our churches on every Easter Sunday, we join in the ancient acclamation: "Christ is Risen! He is risen, indeed!" As I repeat those words, I say a special thank you to Mary Magdalene - *the very first person who knew it was true.*

Because, if it is true, then it changes everything ...

*Alan Harding*

## Stoke Ash Church

### All Saints Church, Stoke Ash with Thwaite

#### APRIL SERVICE

Sunday 14th    9:00am    Holy Communion

#### MAY SERVICES

Sunday 12th    9:00am    Holy Communion

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*For all other services in the benefice please see the church notice board or the village hall notice board.*

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### MARCH 19 ORDER RESULTS

All prices include VAT	500ltrs.	1000ltrs.	2000ltrs.
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## Mr & Mrs Coe

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See article below for more information



### **Mr & Mrs. Coe, The Orchard, The Street, Stoke Ash IP23 7EW**

In consideration of recent plans submitted to the Mid Suffolk Planning Department, endorsed 100% by the Parish Council, we would like all to consider the support of the plans submitted.

Lionel & Sheila Coe have been at the center of our village life, so much so that Lionel was awarded for his services to the community a few years ago by the Mid Suffolk Council. In recent years Sheila Coe has had to have both hip and knee operations which has now required her to be less mobile and hence to be able to live in a bungalow rather than a house would be helpful in so many ways. To this end the Coe family put forward plans for alteration to their property and grounds, to accommodate a new Post Office building along with their desired bungalow. The last thing as a village is for us to put in jeopardy our Post Office, which sustains the village community and the services that Lionel and Sheila have given us over the years, for those people without transport being able to get their pensions and goods from our friendly Post Office.

**Please would you support us with your signature and name in getting the planners, who were not aware of all the facts, to reconsider their decision and so enable us to improve our village and Post Office?**

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# My Bronchial Boiler

My boiler's got bronchitis,  
It coughs, then has a sneezer,  
It rumbles then it makes a roar,  
The roar turns to a wheeze.

I called my local boiler man,  
Who came and scratched his head,  
'It could be one of many things but could be something else instead.  
Its pump could be the culprit,  
It could be this or that"  
His words did nothing to cheer me,  
I thanked him much for that!

He said, "just wait till winter's gone,  
The wheeze is bound to ease,  
But now just hope it doesn't stop,  
For if it does you'll freeze!"

*Regards Gordon*

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The Summary of Accounts for 2018 has been produced and will be presented at our AGM.

The date for the AGM has yet to be decided, usually in May. Then our Trustees confirm they are willing to serve for a further year and the Committee's Officers are elected/confirmed.

Our Caretaker/Booking Clerk Linda Munro is finishing on the 30th June. We thank her for all her help and work for many years. Brenda Lock is to be the new Caretaker from 1st May but the booking of the Hall will now be done through the Post Office. Our advert in this newsletter will be amended to cover this.

Our Bonus Ball Lottery Prize Winners since last publication were:-

Jan 12th	J.Langan.	£25
Jan 19th	P.Cook	£25
Jan 26th	P.Cook.	£25
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# Never mix your toasties

A rabbit walks into a pub and says to the barman, " Can I have a pint of beer, and a Ham and Cheese Toastie, please ? "

The barman is amazed, but gives the rabbit a pint of beer and a ham and cheese toastie..

The rabbit drinks the beer and eats the toastie. He then leaves.The following night the rabbit returns and again asks for a pint of beer, and a Ham and Cheese Toastie. The barman, now intrigued by the rabbit and the extra drinkers in the pub, (because word gets round), ...gives the rabbit the pint and the Toastie. The rabbit consumes them and leaves.

The next night, the pub is packed.

In walks the rabbit and says, 'A pint of beer and a Ham and Cheese Toastie, please barman.'

The crowd is hushed as the barman gives the rabbit his pint and toastie, and then burst into applause as the rabbit wolfs them down

The next night there is standing room only in the pub.

Coaches have been laid on for the crowds of patrons attending.

The barman is making more money in one week than he did all last year

In walks the rabbit and says, 'A pint of beer and a Ham and Cheese Toastie, please barman,

The barman says, 'I'm sorry rabbit, old mate, old mucker, but we are right out of them Ham and Cheese Toasties...'

The rabbit looks aghast.

The crowd has quietened to almost a whisper, when the barman clears his throat nervously and says, 'We do have a very nice Cheese and Onion Toastie.'

The rabbit looks him in the eye and says, 'Are you sure I will like it.'

The masses' bated breath is ear shatteringly silent..

The barman, with a roguish smile says, 'Do you think that I would let down one of my best friends. I know you'll love it.' 'Ok,' says the rabbit, 'I'll have a pint of beer and a Cheese and Onion Toastie.' The pub erupts with glee as the rabbit quaffs the beer and guzzles the toastie.

He then waves to the crowd and leaves....

NEVER TO RETURN!!!!!!

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One year later, in the now impoverished public house, the barman, (who has only served 4 drinks tonight, 3 of which were his), calls time.

When he is cleaning down the now empty bar, he sees a small white form, floating above the bar..

The barman says, 'Who are you?'

To which he is answered,

'I am the ghost of the rabbit that used to frequent your public house.'

The barman says, 'I remember you. You made me famous.

You would come in every night and have a pint of beer and a Ham and Cheese Toastie. Masses came to see you and this place was famous.

'The rabbit says, 'Yes I know..' The barman said, 'I remember, on your last night we didn't have any Ham and Cheese Toasties. You had a Cheese and Onion one instead.'

The rabbit said, 'Yes, you promised me that I would love it..

The barman said, 'You never came back, what happened?'

'I DIED', said the rabbit.

'NO!' said the barman. 'What from?'

After a short pause, the rabbit said...

'Mixin-me-toasties.'

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"What's your Father's occupation.?" I was asked at School.

"He's a Magician, Miss". I said.

"How interesting. What's his Favourite Trick"..???

"He Saws People in Half Miss."

"Golly Gosh..! ...

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# Stoke Ash & Thwaite Parish Council

## – report on meeting held 17 January 2019

Parish Council Elections – the current four-year term of the parish council comes to an end this May 2019. Parish Council elections are due to be held on Thursday 2 May 2019. Any Stoke Ash & Thwaite parishioner, 18 years and over, is eligible to become a parish councillor – the main criteria being an interest in the wellbeing and future of the parish and many people involved with council work at parish level find their contributions to be very rewarding. The nomination process is dealt with by Mid Suffolk District Council and nomination forms can be obtained from Mid Suffolk Electoral Services at [election@baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk](mailto:election@baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk) or contact the parish clerk for a set.

**The deadline for return of the Nomination Papers to Mid Suffolk Electoral Services is 4pm on Wednesday 3 April 2019.**

The following links may be of interest to any parishioner considering becoming a parish councillor or please email the parish clerk if you think you would like to become a councillor and require further information:

<https://beacouncillor.co.uk/>

<https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/candidate-or-agent/local-elections-in-england>

Annual Parish Meetings – the dates for the Annual Parish Meetings this year are as follows:

**Thwaite – Thursday 23 May 2019, 8pm at The Old School Room**

**Stoke Ash – Thursday 30 May 2019, 8pm at The Village Hall**

It is hoped village groups and clubs will attend the meetings to report on their activities over the last year. **All Parishioners are welcome and encouraged to attend your Parish Meeting and to voice any concerns or comments you may have regarding your village.**

Play Equipment Stoke Ash – your parish council members are very pleased to report on the installation of the new equipment on the Stoke Ash VH green. The equipment was purchased with grant funding of £1,000 from Tesco Bags of Help and £3,000 from District Cllr Glen Horn's locality budget. Thanks were recorded to Cllr Horn and Tesco and to Parish Cllr Michael Fleming for all his work in sourcing and arranging the installation of the equipment.

**Date of next parish council meeting – Thursday 21 March 2019, 8pm at The Old School Room, Thwaite. Parishioners are very welcome to attend and may take part in the meeting during the public session.**

# Stoke Ash Gardening Club

In January we had a talk on “The realm of the Polar Bear” given by Chris Parfitt. It did not appear to be garden based. However there were slides showing plants and flowers on the Arctic islands where the Polar Bears were photographed. It was very interesting, with some very good slides showing the Polar Bears. This was followed by another talk on ”Garden Design” by a Karen Sanders on Monday 25th February in the Hall, Karen is based in Mendlesham and has been commissioned to design gardens in various locations. She described how she completed these from scratch. Starting with the borders, the paths and then planting the perennials’ and flowers.

In March on Monday 25th in the Hall at 7.30pm, Howard Norton is talking on the “Wonder of Delphiniums”. Then followed by Rodney Tibbs on Monday April 15th talking about “Restoring a Cottage Garden” same time. Then we start our visits the first one being a visit to “Wood Farm”, Gipping. Our Host is Emily Shelley. There is a charge of £7 per person which includes refreshments. Meet at the Village Hall at 6.30 pm. Hoping to see all our members and potential members at these meetings.

## Stoke Ash Gardening Club

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*It was great to have Vicky Hutchinson from Age UK Suffolk at our Community lunch in January and she has just sent an email of thanks. Can I also say at this point that we are a little disappointed to know that she is being made redundant from her post at Age UK Suffolk due to lack of funding for this year.*



*What's going on with our County Council and Government, they keep talking about the increase of dementia and supporting the care of the elderly in their homes and about bed blocking of beds in hospital by the elderly and then they take away the support of people like Vicky who have been going round to the different clubs and homes to encourage us all to help each other! More action and less talk are needed and the example needs to come from the top, those in power filling their own nest eggs! Sorry about the rant but it really niggles me when you hear about all these large salaries that people in County Council and Government are earning and then they cut costs to services but pay themselves huge increases.*

**Vicky's piece:**

Thank you for inviting me to your lunch group, always enjoyable with such a lovely friendly atmosphere.

The January Lunch club had some entertainment provided by myself, Vicky Hutchinson from Age UK Suffolk, by way of a reminiscence clip of school days & sweets. This stirred lots of memories and got us all chatting and laughing reminiscing about our own school days!! On top of this I was able to bring old magazines and items from the 50's and 60's and it was good to share with some at the tables, who were suffering from memory problems, to see the old adverts etc. in the magazines that we used to read when we were young.

As we are all living so much longer which is good of course, unfortunately we hear of more and more people effected by dementia so to get them out of their homes, have some food and discussion is good for moral and not feeling left out. Lets put ourselves out to help each other and share with what we have got and share in a bit of happiness.

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The Judge sent me down for 20 years & said  
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I said "the wife will get me out before you know it"  
He said "how can you be so sure" ?  
I said "she's never let me finish a sentence yet" !

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A little girl was talking to her teacher about whales.

The teacher said it was physically impossible for a whale to swallow a human because even though it was a very large mammal, its throat was very small.

The little girl stated that Jonah was swallowed by a whale.

Irritated, the teacher reiterated that a whale could not swallow a human; it was physically impossible.

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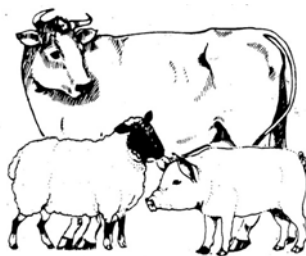
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# STOKE ASH WI

Our January speaker was Deborah, who came to tell us about the Lighthouse Women's Aid. This charity supports a women's refuge in Ipswich which opened in 1976. Deborah has been with the organisation for 3 years and told us about some of the work they do to support the women and families who come to them. The women are usually referred from out of the immediate area, as to keep them close to where the domestic abuse has been taking place would leave them open to danger, as they could bump into their abuser in the street or, if they have to go to local schools or work, they could be traced back to the refuge. Likewise, women and families from Suffolk would be taken care of outside of their home area for the same reasons.

The refuge was set up to offer a temporary, safe place for women to go while they consider their options to get themselves and their children into long-term, safe accommodation. There are professionals in the organisation to assist them in coping with the physical, emotional and practical issues they face. The charity is part-funded by national and local organisations and bodies, but they do also rely on donations from private individuals to keep them going.

For our February meeting we asked Clive Stevens, who spoke to us one evening last year, to tell us more about "Suffolk in World War II". This time, we went to Clive's converted barn where he could comfortably accommodate all the WI, and this time we were joined by friends and family members. He told us more about the work of the American servicemen and how they integrated with local people. He also showed us more of his slides, many of them showing pictures of local towns and villages. He had pictures of some of the unfortunate accidents that happened involving the US planes. One crashed in Brome, sadly killing 13 crew and 4 local council workers who were working on the road there. It's information like this that was so fascinating and now, driving through and past the places he spoke about, I find myself thinking more about what went on all those years ago and how their contribution to the war didn't just change national history, but very much affected local lives. I have a feeling there's a lot more we can find out from Clive and I'm sure we'll be hearing from him again.

If any ladies have been thinking of coming along but still haven't made it, please join us this year. You can come as a guest for an evening and, if you'd rather not come alone, contact the President, whose details are in the newsletter, who can put you in touch with someone who will bring you in and introduce you. There's a warm welcome waiting for you!

Our programme for meetings is published on the village website and on our dedicated WI page (<http://sefwi.org.uk/institutes/stoke-ash>).

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The female Judge said, sarcastically, "I'd certainly like to hear those extenuating circumstances." I did too, so I listened as the lady told her story.

"Your Honour, I had a mammogram appointment, which I actually kept. I was met by this perky little clipboard carrier smiling from ear to ear and she tilted her head to one side and crooned, "Hi! I'm Belinda! All I need you to do is step into this room right here, strip to the waist, then slip on this gown. Everything clear?" I'm thinking, "Belinda, try decaf. This ain't rocket science." Belinda then skipped away to prepare the chamber of horrors. With the right side finished, Belinda flipped me (literally) to the left and said, "Hmmm. Can you stand on your tippy toes and lean in a tad so we can get everything?" Fine, I answered.

I was freezing, bruised, and out of air, so why not use the remaining circulation in my legs and neck to finish me off? My body was in a holding pattern that defied gravity (with my other breast wedged between those two 4 inch pieces of square glass) when I heard and felt a zap! Complete darkness, the power was off!

Belinda said, "Uh-oh, maintenance is working, bet they hit a snag." Then she headed for the door.

"Excuse me! You're not leaving me in this vise grip alone are you?" I shouted. Belinda kept going and said, "Oh, you fussy puppy... The door's wide open so you'll have the emergency hall lights. I'll be right back."

Before I could shout NOOOO! She disappeared. And that's exactly how Bubba and Earl, "maintenance men Extraordinaire," found me... standing on my tip-toes, half-naked with part of me dangling from the Jaws of Life and the other part smashed between glass!









After exchanging a polite Hi, how's it going type greeting, Bubba (or possibly Earl) asked, to my utter disbelief, if I knew the power was off. Trying to disguise my hysteria, I replied with as much calmness as possible, "Uh, yes, I did, but thanks anyway." "OK, you take care now" Bubba replied and waved good-bye as though I'd been standing in the line at the grocery store.

Two hours later, Belinda breezes in wearing a sheepish grin. making no attempt to suppress her amusement, she said, "Oh I am sooo sorry! The power came back on and I totally forgot about you! And silly me, I went to lunch. Are we upset?"

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“You don’t know? You’re a Christian Man,  
and don’t know what’s on the other side?”  
The doctor was holding the handle of the door;  
on the other side came a sound of scratching and whining,  
and as he opened the door, a dog sprang into the room  
and leaped on him with an eager show of gladness.  
Turning to the patient, the doctor said,  
“Did you notice my dog?  
He’s never been in this room before.  
He didn’t know what was inside.  
He knew nothing except that his master was here,  
and when the door opened, he sprang in without fear.  
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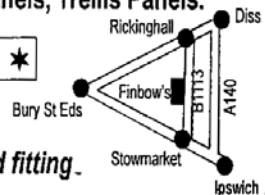
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