



Ludham Parish News – November 2021



Remembrance 2021

Traditionally, or at least since around 1920, we have spent time in this month remembering those who have died during wartime, specifically those we remember whose names are listed on our war memorials. As we should. More recently we have added into our prayers and thoughts those who have given their lives, and sometimes their hope of a full life, in the service of our country in other parts of the world.

This year my attention has been drawn to those who have died or been injured whom we have largely forgotten, namely the animals. Dogs, horses, pigeons also lost their lives in the service of their country. It has been argued that they had no choice and should not have been forced to go to war. That is a good point. But, in the 1st and 2nd world wars, neither did the men and women of the forces, military and civilian, who were required during a time of war. It was obey the call up or go to prison, declared by all and sundry to be a coward.

The animals, however, went to war because they were faithful to their handlers. Their choice, if you like, was to be of service with the intense training that they had received.

This is a contentious area to talk about because our hearts incline to the belief that animals have no understanding of what they are doing and follow blindly. The expression 'dumb animals' has been used to the detriment of the creatures that share our planet and often our homes.

But I would suggest that anyone who shares their home with an animal- dog, cat or budgie - knows full well that these so-called 'dumb animals' are far from dumb. Yes, they can vary in the extent of their intelligence, but so can we humans. And, in my limited experience, you cannot make an animal do what it doesn't want to do. But like us they exhibit pride in their achievements and enjoy being praised for their successes. They, like the men and women who served their country, need to be honoured as well as those who fought and died or who received life-changing injuries. The same qualities are observed in the animal kingdom as we see in humanity, courage, resilience, faithfulness and loyalty. In this time of Remembrance let remember all God's creatures of whatever nature.

Rev. Margaret Whitaker

From Shaun Cushion, Lay Pastor, Norfolk Broads Methodist Circuit. " I have recently taken on Pastoral responsibility for Ludham Methodist Church. I lived in Catfield until I married at the age of twenty five, but I spent my early school years up to the age of eleven in Ludham and so the village and the wider community of Ludham has always been close to my heart. I have so many happy memories of my time at the school. I am looking forward to serving God not just in the Methodist Church here in Ludham but also in the wider community".

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ST. CATHERINE'S CHURCH, 10am

SUNDAYS IN NOVEMBER

METHODIST CHAPEL, 11am

November 7th Benefice Holy Communion, Catfield

Moyra Ketteringham

November 14th **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY** Act of Remembrance 10.55am Stocks Hill followed by service at each church

November 21st Holy Communion Christ the King

Margaret Watts

November 28th John Savage, Advent Sunday

Local Arrangement

VILLAGE CAR SCHEME: 01692 511511

FAMILY HISTORY RESEARCH christina.pope@talk21.com 678079

Ludham Ancient Welfare Trust: Application forms for winter assistance are available at the Post office.

Christmas Gifts for St Martin's Housing Trust

Ludham has contributed very generously in the past; if anyone wishes to donate this year, the list of goods to donate is largely the same: Toiletries, confectionery, small items for rooms all for both men and women. Added to the hats, scarves, gloves etc is underwear BUT all must be new, of course. Also welcome would be serviceable rucksacks (can be used but in good condition). Please bring to Flycatcher, School Road; phone 01692 678060 for collection, by Friday 26th November. They will be most appreciated by the residents of the Trust.

St. Catherine's church Patronal Festival Weekend, 28, 29 November

Saturday 27 November, St Catherine's Fair In the church, 10am-4pm refreshments, raffle of hand-made quilt, books, books, books. craft stalls, preserves, plants, entertainment and much more.

Sunday 28 November: 6.00pm Advent Carol Service and celebration of the completion of the recent modernisation of the church, attended by the Bishop of Norwich. All are welcome at both events.



News from Ludham Primary School and Nursery

It has been a lovely return to school this autumn and not just because of the extended warm summer weather! After the Covid-19 disruption of the past two years, school has largely returned to 'normal' with children playing and learning with friends in different classes and the whole-school enjoying assemblies together again. This has been welcomed by staff, children and parents.

Everything feels much warmer and friendlier than before the summer break. Throughout this term we have welcomed our usual PE and music specialists into school and our wide range of after-school clubs have re-started as well. A particular highlight has been seeing Bertie, the reading dog, back in school with his owner Rosemary Williams!

Two of our classes have already been out on educational visits this term. Our youngest pupils, in Kingfisher Class, enjoyed an afternoon at How Hill exploring the seasonal changes of autumn. Year 1 and 2 children, in Marsh Harrier Class, went to Stranger's Hall Museum in Norwich as part of their learning about toys in the past.

We have also welcome parents and other family members back into school for a number of events. Our brilliant Parents' Committee raised £330 from a Macmillan Coffee Morning in our hall on Friday 24th September.

On Monday 11th October we welcomed lots of people into school to help with a 'scarecrow building afternoon'. Each class worked with their Mums, Dads, Carers and Grandparents to create a scarecrow linked to their current topics. The four scarecrows- a Ludham pupil in uniform, Woody from Toy Story, a Stone Age man and Ancient Greek God Zeus are now sitting proudly at Wroxham Barns as part of a scarecrow building competition. Thank you and well done to everyone who took part.

On Tuesday 12th October, we were very grateful to the team at St Catherine's Church who allowed us to return there for our Harvest Service. The children thoroughly enjoyed their first school visit to the church in almost two years and entertained everyone with lots of harvest songs and poems. Again, we had a brilliant turn-out from parents, carers and other friends from the village community and a huge amount of non-perishable food was donated for the Food Bank.

To round-off the half term our Parents' Committee organised a school disco in the hall for all pupils. There is lots more planned for the next couple of months, including a visit from Norwich Puppet Theatre, our Christmas Fair, a pantomime and our usual Christmas class productions. We cannot wait for it all to happen!

Best wishes to all, Mark Moore, Headteacher

FESTIVE FAIR FOR TWO RIVERS ARTISTS

Saturday 20 November, 10am - 3pm Victory Hall, Neatishead

LUDHAM COMMUNITY ARCHIVE GROUP.

We have successfully moved our group to the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month to the Church Rooms, 7pm. Our meeting this month are November 9th Martin Gunton will tell us all about his Gramophones. Items from a bygone era. November 23rd we are holding a Show and Tell evening. Please bring along an item you treasure and tell us why. If time allows these evenings will be rounded off with a look at the 'new material' that has come into the Archive.

Our Winter Walks are running again and are held the 2nd Sunday of each month. Starting at Ludham Convenience Store (unless otherwise stated) at 2pm Please come suitable dressed. Novembers walk will be led by George on Ludham Footpaths. So please come and join us. ALL ARE WELCOME! Come along and watch, comment and enjoy the evening. See how Ludham looked in bygone days. Entry £1 to include refreshments.

For further information, please visit our website www.ludham.org.uk or www.facebook.com/ludhamarchive

Christmas Sale for Action for Children

Saturday 20 November 11am-2pm, Ludham Methodist Chapel. Raffle, cake stall, Bric a Brac Christmas tombola (a prize every time), gifts cards, and more, This time bacon butties. Come along and enjoy. Please wear your mask until seated for refreshments. Hope to see you there, Gillian Abel

Womack Herons Womack Herons meet in Ludham Church Room on Tuesday, October 19th at 7pm for our annual Quiz and Supper Night - with a short but necessary AGM thrown in at the start of the evening. Nigel and Christina always provide us with a fun and challenging quiz - it will feel all the more special this year as last year's was lost to Covid! A light supper (main course only), tea and coffee will be provided, please bring a dessert to share, and your own crockery, cutlery and cold drinks. Booking is not required but it would help with catering to know by 12th October if you plan to come.

Contact Tricia on 07931 301606 or tricia@womackherons.org.uk For more information on the programme, activities and membership see www.womackherons.org.uk

Ludham Wives

Monthly meeting for November, Thursday 11th. 8pm Sloper Room. We will be having a soup and roll evening. If you were not at the October meeting and are coming in November would you please E-Mail Brenda so that they have some idea of numbers.

We will be having a monthly raffle, a small gift would be great. For more information about Ludham Wives ring Sue. 07899 996523.

Forget-Me-Not Club

Meetings for November- Thursday 4th and 18th. 2pm in the church room. Don't forget 2pm. start.

For more information contact Wendy 678 151.

We are having a coach to Tavenham Garden Centre on Thursday 9th December leaving Cats Whiskers at 11am

If you are interested in coming, please ring Patsy 678477.



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Available for hire. One off or regular bookings are available for individuals, club and group meetings. All current hygiene & safety guidelines are followed. Ideal for children's parties, anniversary & birthday celebrations, wedding parties, dances, etc. Grassed area available for marquees (by prior arrangement) with hall bookings. Fully fitted kitchen, village hall crockery, tables, chairs & all service costs included in the hall charge. Full facilities for disabled users and ample car parking. **contact - Jacqui Doran (Booking Secretary) on 01692 678419**

Ludham Village Hall 200 Club November 2021 Winners

George Roll (£20)

Richard Millington (£20)

Kate Gabriel (£10)

Mike Dunnett (£10)

Subscriptions for this year are now due. Many thanks to all Members who have already paid. For those yet to do so, please see the recently sent renewal email for payment details.

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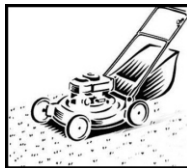
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Old Rectory Hotel in Crostwick, where we enjoy a lovely lunch
followed by a talk from a guest speaker on a diverse range of
topics - from 'Being a Life Model' to 'Medical Dogs', 'To the
Hammer Born' to 'The Tudor Kitchen'. Is this something you
would enjoy? Why not come along to our next lunch on 23rd
November - or you could come with a group of friends.
Whilst our official title is The Horning & District Ladies Lunch
Club, you do NOT have to live in Horning in order to join us!
It is necessary to book in advance for lunch. For more
information please contact Tricia Elson on 01692 630206 or
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LUDHAM VILLAGE SURVEY

ENCLOSED WITH THIS NEWSLETTER. DEVISED
BY LUDHAM PARISH COUNCIL. PLEASE COMPLETE
AND RETURN TO GIVE YOUR OPINION OF LIFE
IN OUR LOVELY VILLAGE.

YOUR INPUT IS VALUED

Ludham Thursday Craft

Come and join us every other Thursday 2 till 4
in the Sloper Room. A mixture of all craft and
good company. Refreshments. Call in and see
crafts you had no idea were around.

Call Lindsey on 01692 630039

LUDHAM PARISH COUNCIL

The following items were considered by the Parish Council at the last meeting and the Council agreed to publish the following information which parishioners may be interested in:

Lasting Memorial for Every Town and Parish Council

The work of communities across the county, which pulled together in the challenging times of the pandemic, is being recognised with a lasting memorial. Lady Dannatt, Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Norfolk, has commissioned a plaque for every parish and town council in the county using the design skills of Ruby Douglass and the wording from a team at Norwich's National Centre for Writing. Ruby, who is a recent graduate from Norwich University of the Arts, said: "The design relies heavily on the lettering traditionally associated with memorialising events and people. The style of lettering and shape of the plaque were chosen as a visual way to celebrate the community overcoming such a difficult year." The team at Norwich's National Centre for Writing, led by Chris Gribble, researched a number of options and finally put forward the inspiring words of the Norfolk-born sociologist, Harriet Martineau: 'Live your best and act your best and think your best today.' Deputy Lieutenants closest to each parish or town will distribute the plaques over the coming months. The cost of the project has been covered by generous sponsorship from Adnams, the Red Socks Charitable Trust, the Geoffrey Watling Charity, the Pennycress Trust, the Kip and Alison Bertram Trust and the Sybil Cholmondeley Trust.

Dog mess and stickers on bins Dog Poo scheme-household wheely bins

The dog mess problem in Ludham continues with various complaints in the last month. One wonderful way to help solve the problem is where kind parishioners put stickers on their wheely bins encouraging people to use them:

Dog fouling and the dumping of poo bags on paths and in hedges makes people furious and recently it became a hot topic on the Ludham Village Community Facebook group. There was no money for extra dog poo bins so resident and dog-owner Paul Hallatt had the idea of encouraging proper disposal by inviting dog-friendly residents who live on dog walking routes to put a sticker on their bins. Local artist Kate Gabriel designed the posters and stickers, Lorraine Clinch of the Dog Pub and Absolute Signs arranged to print stickers and Paul Hallatt printed posters and contributed to sticker printing costs. Ludham Parish Council praised the idea and welcomed the initiative. If you would like to support this community initiative by putting a sticker on your bin, you should live on a route in Ludham used by dog walkers and have your black bin at the front of your house, near the road. Stickers are available free from Kate Gabriel on 01692 678870.

School children on School Road

Please drive considerately on School Road there is often children walking on the road before and after school

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