



Ludham Parish News – August 2024

Can you honestly believe that you are now reading the August magazine and as I am writing this half way through July I wonder if the wonderful Summer weather we expect has actually arrived? As a child my thoughts go back to school assembly and a hymn my Head Mistress (don't forget I was allowed to call her that in the fifties!!!) often chose, you may have heard it:-

1. Glad that I live am I;
That the sky is blue;
Glad for the country lanes,
And the fall of dew.



2. After the sun, the rain,
After the rain the sun;
This is the way of life,
Till the work be done.

Well, this year, week after week, those country lanes have been flooded as have the fields. I really can't say I have seen many blue skies but have watched the lightning, heard the thunder and looked at a few beautiful rainbows; although even those seen to have only been partial but against the dark grey backdrop of the clouds have appeared quite special with the depth of colour.

I don't know if you enjoy and feel lifted by waking in bright sunny days? Those winter blues should have gone but for some people it has been very hard and somewhat demoralising, that air of depression has descended and taken the bounce out of daily life.

I often say to people "it's ok not to be ok!", but the one thing you must do is tell someone.... don't keep it to yourself. You never know, they may be feeling just like you. And if someone approaches you.... please don't say "why are you feeling like that? You are so lucky!" Yes, Lucky not to be living under the continual fear of war or wondering when the next missile is going to fall but life has been pretty tough over the past few years with Covid and high prices and it has affected us all. Like the hymn after the rain the sun but it has been difficult to listen to the weather forecast and hear it's going to rain yet again. If you are feeling under the weather and there is a dark cloud hanging over you, remember there are people who can provide a listening ear and it really is 'ok to not be ok!' and don't forget to look for the beauty in every rainbow
God bless you all.

Judith Gardiner Licensed Lay Minister

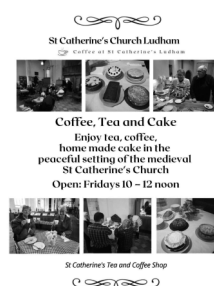
St Catherine's Church Friday Coffee Shop

During the Covid pandemic, a new kitchen and toilets were installed in St Catherine's church, and once the pandemic started to subside, a long wished for venture was started in the church and a coffee/tea shop was established. Starting in April 2022, as a trial run, refreshments were offered in the church on Tuesday afternoons; this led to the establishing of a very successful Friday Coffee Shop which continues to this day.

Each Friday in the region of 40-50 people- villagers, holiday makers, visitors- attend to enjoy coffee, delicious home- made cake and the lovely friendly atmosphere.

From the start, the Friday Coffee Shop has been run and overseen by Helen Middleton, supported by a rota of cake makers and kitchen helpers. Helen has decided to step down from this role in October. Is this something that you think you may like to do?; or would you like to join the cake rota or kitchen helpers of this thriving venture? Contact Helen 01692 678072; helenmiddleton315@btinternet.com.

If you have not visited yet, do so- you will be assured of a warm welcome (and lovely cake!). Would you like to come along but would need a lift in order to do so. Contact Christine 678060 thewalls@broadland.net



FROM ELEPHANTS TO GOLDFISH

You are invited to bring your pet to the Waterside Benefice Pet Service
On SUNDAY 22 SEPTEMBER AT 3.30pm To be held in the grounds of The Old Rectory,
Catfield (if wet in Catfield church) Parking available at The Old Rectory



Sunday 18th August Methodist Circuit Service at 3pm in High Street Methodist church to mark Sheila Farmsworth's 40 years as a local preacher. Congratulations!

**The Friends of How Hill
Sunday, 18 August, 2024:
The Merry Wives of Windsor
by The Pantaloons**



Sir John Falstaff, everyone's favourite Shakespearean sleazeball, has fallen on hard times. In order to fix his finances he plans to seduce the wives of 2 wealthy merchants. Wise to his wily ways, the ladies take the opportunity to punish Falstaff by playing a series of hilarious tricks on the nincompoop knight. Expect silly slapstick, abundant anachronisms and memorable music as the critically acclaimed Pantaloons put their own innovative spin on this classic comedy.

Doors open at 2 pm, performance begins at 3 pm so bring a picnic and something to sit on. Tickets are £15 for Adults, £9 for 8-16s and free for under 8s, available from Jeanne Flett 01692 678560, email mikeandjeanne@btinternet.com or from the Pantaloons website. Parking is free, no dogs other than assistance dogs.

**LUDHAM VILLAGE HALL
GARAGE & YARD SALE**

Sunday 18th August 11am- 3pm

Having a clear out? Got items you no longer need?
Then the Garage & Yard sale is for you!
Only £6 per location

To register your position on the trail maps and receive a welcome pack, call or text Richard Pinning: 07407 200963 / 01692 630145 Email: rdpinning7@aol.co.uk

Limited space is available in the Village Hall (NR29 5BP) if you would prefer - £6 per table. Ludham street maps showing all locations will be available on the day at the Hall & outside Ludham Butchers (£1 each)

Ludham Village Hall 200 Club

August 2024 Winners

Laura Goodwin (£20)

Joanne Dunnett (£20)

Ann Sparrow (£10)

Bill Grist (£10)

New Members are always welcome. For details, please see our website ludhamvillagehall.com or email

Lvh200Club@gmail.com. For Village Hall hire: Jacqui Doran 01692 678419 ludhamvillagehall.com

LUDHAM BOWLS CLUB

Now open for practice sessions and free coaching every Thursday 10am- 12noon. This social open air sport is healthy and enjoyed by men and women of all ages. With free hire of equipment and coaching we are actively welcoming new members. Jim Keeble 678909



LUDHAM VILLAGE BOATING

Next Trip Monday 12 August
1.30- 4.00pm 01692 511511 to book
£18 suggested donation

ST. CATHERINE'S CHURCH

Ludham, Catfield and Potter Heigham Benefice

For enquiries contact: Vicar: Revd Gary Noyes

Email : granoyes@gmail.com 01692 678842

Churchwardens: John Savage 01692 678654

Peter Wall 01692 678060

COFFEE MORNING: Friday 10am-12noon

CHURCH SERVICES AUGUST 2024

ST CATHERINE'S CHURCH 10AM

Sunday 4 August Benefice Holy Communion Catfield

Sunday 4 August 6pm BCP Sung Evensong

Sunday 11 August Holy Communion Revd Gary Noyes

Sunday 11 August 3pm OPEN AIR SERVICE WOMACK STAITHE

Sunday 18 August Morning Worship

Sunday 25 August Morning Worship



Violin and Piano Concert St Catherine's Church

This year's Violin and Piano Concert

is on Saturday 31st August

at **7.30pm** in St Catherine's Church,

and will feature the popular

Esther Hopkinson on violin

accompanied by **Jane Crouch on piano.**



The programme will include the G major Sonata by Mozart, De Beriot's Scene de Ballet, a Telemann Fantasia, a Schubert Sonatina and pieces by Kreisler and Smetana. **Tickets £12 available from Ludham Butchers, from John Savage,**

(Email: johndsavage@ymail.com, telephone 07788720115), or on the door.

Free entry for children under 12 accompanied by at least one adult.

This promises to be an exceptional concert with these two consummate musicians.

An Invitation for 'Social' Keyboard Players

As you sit and play your favourite pieces on your home keyboard, have you ever wondered what it would be like to play on a mighty pipe organ in a grand building with fantastic acoustics. Chords can almost take on a life of their own with huge 16ft note generators sending their vibrations through the body.

You may be a consummate pianist or simply a starter on a small electronic keyboard but, if you have never tried it, a large pipe organ will offer a whole new experience.

Our church here in Ludham has an excellent instrument which is played regularly for practices, services and recitals. If you are experienced or just would like to 'have a go' then please Email or phone to arrange a time and date. I will be so very happy to show you the organ and explain anything you may need to ask and, of course, you will be free to play for as long as you would like. You never know, you may take to it! I look forward to hearing from you.

John Savage

Email: johndsavage@ymail.com Phone: 07788720115

For-Get-me-not Club

Meeting in August.

Thursday August 8th

Thursday August 22nd.

For more information contact Wendy 678151.

SCREENLUDHAM: Next showing Friday 30 August 7.30pm

Entrance:£5 "Wicked Little Letters" Crime/Comedy 15

100 mins Riotous mystery comedy involving dark absurd scandal in 1920s English seaside town.

FAMILY HISTORY RESEARCH

I will research your family tree in exchange for a donation to St Catherine's church christinampope@gmail.com 678079

METHODIST CHURCH

Norfolk Broads Methodist Circuit

Pastoral Assistant: Shaun Cushion 01493 740237 shauncushion@yahoo.co.uk

Steward: Mr. Alan Croft 01692 582104 The Street Catfield NR29 5AZ 01692 582104

COFFEE MORNING: THURSDAY 10.30 am

CHURCH SERVICES AUGUST 2024

METHODIST CHURCH 11AM

Sunday 4 August

Moyra Ketteringham

Sunday 11 August

Local Arrangement

Sunday 18 August 3pm Circuit Service to mark 40 years as a local preacher by Sheila Farnsworth and Andrew Moll

Sunday 25 August

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SWALLOWTAIL FINE ARTISTS ANNOUNCE 2nd FINE ART LUDHAM SHOW WITH GUEST

ARTISTS

After a very successful
inaugural exhibition last year,
Swallowtail Fine Artists will be
hosting the 2nd Art Ludham
Fine Art Exhibition over August Bank Holiday weekend.



To be held at St Catherine's Church, Ludham from
24th to 26th August, the Fine Art show will once again
feature works by Swallowtail Fine Artists Lorraine
Auton, Tony Colledge and Amanda Springall-Rogers and
will also showcase paintings, lino prints, cards by well-
known Norfolk-based artists including Ben Kendall,
Bruce Rushin, John Sparks, Julie Hodgson, Kate
Gabriel, Ruth Mann and Tom Cringle.
All work featured will be for sale. The exhibition will
be open from 10am to 5pm on Saturday 24th August,
11am to 5pm on Sunday 25th August and 10am to 5pm
on Monday 26th August. Refreshments will be
available. FREE ENTRY.

For further information, please contact Swallowtail Fine
Artists via Facebook, by email at
swallowtailfineartists@gmail.com

Date for your Diary

Ludham Primary School 1874- 2024

The school has been open on this site for 150 years.

To celebrate we will be holding open days on
Friday 4th and Saturday 5th October

*Did you or your family attend the school, if so, we
would love you to share your memories and photographs
with us with the aim of creating a social history of the
school for future generations.

*Further details of how to do this will be in the
September Newsletter

*But start looking for those photographs and recording
your thoughts now.

MOBILE LIBRARY: Friday 23 August usual stops
phone: 01603 222303

LUDHAM WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Wednesday 21st July 2.15pm

Members Meeting Competition - Guess who photo
For more information contact 01692 678144

WOMACK HERONS take advantage of the summer in
August. On Friday 2nd, it's the Cream Tea in the garden
at Horning, from 2.30pm. Please let me know if you're
coming so I can ensure adequate supplies of scones and
cream! On Saturday 10th, we have our postponed Summer
BBQ at Crusoes in Ludham from 12.30pm, and on
Saturday 17th we meet for a picnic lunch at Gays
Staithe, nr Neatishead. There is free parking on Long Rd,
a short walk from the staithe; if coming by boat, an early
arrival is advised as moorings get busy. And early
September news - enjoy time at the East Anglia Transport
Museum at Carlton Colville on Thursday 5th Sept; details
on the website. For more information, or to book, contact
Tricia on tricia@womackherons.org.uk or 07931 301606,
or see the website: www.womackherons.org.uk

LUDHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Recycling

The Parish Council receives approximately £1,000 per year for glass recycling in the bottle banks round the village. The costs associated with these bottle banks are around £500, so the profit goes directly towards supporting the village. Thank you to those of you who recycle your glass in the bottle banks. As a reminder, the bottle banks are in the following locations:

- The Dog Inn
- Ludham Bridge
- Womack Staithe
- The Kings Arms

There is also a Textile recycling bank at the Village Hall. This takes clothes and other textiles (please put them in carrier bags to protect them). The Parish Council can receive up to £100 per year from North Norfolk District Council, with no associated costs for this.

Speeding, driving carefully and deer on the roads

Please take this opportunity to think carefully about the speed you are driving on all roads especially on roads such as School Road which are narrow and where pedestrians are often in the road. Also be aware that the problems with deer on the roads are significant and extremely dangerous. Visibility at this time of year is particularly poor with grass verges and hedges growing quickly so please drive carefully and slowly around our village

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Tuesday 5th August 2024 in the Church Rooms at 7.30pm. All parishioners are warmly invited to attend.

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