

SCULTHORPE MESSENGER

February 2024



NEWS AND VIEWS FROM CHURCH AND COMMUNITY

NEWS FROM SCULTHORPE PARISH CHURCH

Firstly, please note that the service at Sculthorpe at 5pm on Sunday 18th February has been **cancelled** as Bishop Jane will be taking a Confirmation Service at South Creake at 10am that day. The services at North Creake and Syderstone are also cancelled. It is hoped that anyone wishing for a service that day might feel able to attend South Creake, instead.

Now that the Christmas season is over and we are into the New Year, we would like to sincerely thank all those who have kindly helped us with church events this past year. We greatly appreciate this and their contribution to making the events we hold a success.

Some of us are getting older or frailer and to be able to keep the Church on its feet financially and as a happy place to meet, we would be so appreciative if more people could come from the village to enjoy the events, meet more people, and laughs are included! Please let us know if you would like to help at the Church in any way.

We would especially like to thank David and Sue Beale for erecting and decorating the Christmas tree for so many years. It takes time to do all this, but it is lovely to see it glittering in the corner near the altar. Sadly, owing to their health 2023 was their last year, so if anyone else would be able to help in future, please let us know.

Thank you also to John Johnson for lighting up the Church over Christmas. It is a beautiful church, and the lighting helps us to see it in its glory.

Chris, thank you again for arranging to bring Dixieland Band for a fun evening of jazz in November, and kept our feet tapping. And in November, Celestial Voices gave us a lovely concert.

If anyone has any good ideas for using the Church, please let us know. To some, a Church is just a building, but it feels a much more welcome and happier place when it is loved. We have large repairs and expenses so raising funds for these is a huge concern and would be very sad if the Church had to close owing to a lack of funds.

In her absence – she may not speak to me again for this! – we would like to say a **big thank you** to Pam for all she does, she is the one who keeps the wheels turning and does more than her fair share. Thank you, Pam, for all you do.

With best wishes to everyone for a happy and healthy year ahead. If you need to contact anyone at the church, the telephone numbers are:

Father Clive 07480 065063
for ecclesiastical queries

Claire 01328 86 3193,
Pam 01328 85 3532,
Carol 01328 86 2185,
for bits and pieces.

VOICES FROM THE VILLAGE

Re. Mick Burdett, Field End, Moor Lane, Sculthorpe

Annette and family would like to thank all friends and neighbours who sent condolences on Mick's passing. As you may, or may not know, Mick spent the last year of his life in Amberley Care Home, Kings Lynn. Mick had fought well during our years together - however he is now at peace.

Does anyone know Ema who is friends with Mellow and Laurane Herniven? The spelling may not be correct. Please contact Sue Beale on 01328863766.

On behalf of Sculthorpe Village Hall Committee may I point out that the village hall car park is for the use of people hiring the hall. I had to park on the road at a recent function because there were cars parked there by people not attending anything in the hall.

Spotted around the village, 'Private land - no public entry' signs on the central field.

A COME & SING DAY CELEBRATES 50 YEARS OF MUSIC MAKING

As part of Fakenham Choral Society's 50th Anniversary celebrations the choir is holding a Come & Sing Day on **Saturday 16 March 2024** in Fakenham Academy with music chosen from 50 years of FCS performances.

With choruses from the Messiah, (the first FCS performance on 7th April 1974), and from the most recent 2023 Christmas Concert, as well as music by Bach, Mendelssohn, Haydn, Mozart and more.

The choir hopes to welcome singers from around the county as well as from further afield to celebrate FCS's 50 years of joyful music making. Singers in all voice parts are welcome to join in what is always a fun and enjoyable day of singing together.

Full details and registration forms are available on the FCS website: www.fakenhamchoralsociety.org, or contact Rosemary Dear, rosemary_dear@hotmail.com

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VILLAGE LIFE? ARE YOU
PLANNING AN EVENT?*

PLEASE SEND IN YOUR ITEMS
OF INTEREST, WE'D LOVE TO
RECEIVE ITEMS FROM YOU.

CONTACT DETAILS FOR
CONTENT CAN BE FOUND ON
'THE NOTICEBOARD.'

NEW CLASS AT THE VILLAGE HALL

TinyTalk Baby Signing, Toddler Talking classes are coming to Sculthorpe Village Hall! Join us on a Thursday morning for singing, signing and sensory fun.

But what can you expect at a TinyTalk class? Explore weekly themes such as bedtime, family, or a trip to the park to give you the signs you need to share baby's world and daily routine, using British Sign Language (BSL) signs. Enjoy hands-on sensory activities that delight your baby and develop all-round communication skills such as vocalising, listening and taking turns. Not forgetting a time for the grown-ups to relax with a cuppa and make new friends whilst your baby enjoys social playtime.

But why should I sign with my baby? Won't it delay their speech? Signing babies can:

- tell you what they're thinking about BEFORE they can talk.
- tell you what they want, how they're feeling or what they're looking at.
- is a very happy little one - DELIGHTED to be understood.
- has very happy parents / carers who have 'a window to their baby's mind' (and don't need to 'guess'!).
- is a confident communicator, with an early understanding of language.
- AND, able to express themselves.

And signing does NOT stop babies talking! In fact, because at TinyTalk we ALWAYS teach signs with speech, showing our babies how to make the signs and how to say the words, many of our signing babies also start to make early attempts at initial speech sounds, e.g. 'm' for 'Mummy', when they're making the signs. Our babies are keen to get their message out! (And their parents / carers are keen to support them, knowing how much they have to say before they can speak).

TinyTalk is for Toddlers too. Our classes continue to develop your child's communication skills whilst you're having a brilliant time together. It's the TinyTalk you love, but more physical and interactive to suit developing minds. Toddlers are not meant to sit still! And you don't need to have attended the baby class to be able to join in the fun!

So, come along and build your toddlers' speech development, confidence, and social skills, using action songs, stories, and puppets that your child will love. All while learning concepts such as counting and colours plus a wider range of BSL signs. The best thing is your little one won't even realise they are learning a new skill because it is so much fun! If you think this sounds like the class for you, booking details can be found on the Events page.

Baby class suitable from 0-18 months. Toddler class suitable from 18 months to 5 years.

THE NOTICEBOARD

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Please contact me by 20th
FEBRUARY with any
notices or features of
interest for the MARCH
issue.

alexrstoker@gmail.com

METHODIST CHURCH COFFEE FUNDRAISER MORNINGS 2024

Saturdays, 10:00am – 12:00pm

9th March
1st June
7th September

CAKE A CUPPA IS MOVING
TO A MORNING SLOT,
STARTING FEBRUARY 2024;
CAKE AND A CUPPA WILL BE
HELD ON THE LAST
TUESDAY OF THE MONTH,
10AM-12PM.

ALL WELCOME

SCULTHORPE VILLAGE HALL

ENQUIRIES FOR BOOKING
Contact Vyv Mathews on
01328 851985 or email
vyv_5cw@yahoo.co.uk
for hourly cost, deposit
details and to book the hall.

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CHURCH SERVICES

Evening Worship

3rd Sunday of each month at 5pm
All welcome, do come along and join us.

VILLAGE HALL EVENTS **FEBRUARY**

Mon

6:00pm – 7:00pm **Fitness Jake Platten** – to book contact 07557 569975 / www.plattenfitness.com

7:30pm – 8:30pm **Clubercise with Bels** – to book contact Annabel Greenwood on Annabel.greenwood@gmail.com / 07896 476763

Tues

10:00am – 12:00pm **Cake & Cuppa** – all welcome (last Friday monthly)

6:00pm – 7:00pm **Fitness Jake Platten** – to book contact 07557 569975 / www.plattenfitness.com

Weds

6:00pm – 7:00pm **Keep Fit** – pre-book with Sue on 07774 245810 / www.cardio&core.co.uk

Thurs

10:20am – 11:20am **TinyTalk Baby Signing** – contact 07450 549025 / rosiegilding@tinytalk.co.uk

11:40am – 12:40pm **Toddler Talking** – contact 07450 549025 / rosiegilding@tinytalk.co.uk

starting 22nd February 2024 – to book your space on the mats, <http://www.bookwhen.com/tinytalknorthnorfolk>

6:00pm – 7:00pm **Fitness Jake Platten** – to book contact 07557 569975 / www.plattenfitness.com

7:00 – 9:00pm (fortnightly) **Gateway**

Fri

6:30pm – 8:00pm **Creakes Chamber Choir**

Sat

9:00am – 10:00am **Fitness Jake Platten** – to book contact 07557 569975 / www.plattenfitness.com

Parish Council Meetings 2024. *First Wednesday of every other month from 7:00pm – 9:00pm, next meeting 6th March 2024*

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