

SCULTHORPE MESSENGER

April 2024



NEWS AND VIEWS FROM CHURCH AND COMMUNITY

NEWS FROM SCULTHORPE PARISH CHURCH

I am back from my travels so here I am again to keep you up to date with Church news. Thank you to Claire for filling in for me whilst I was away.

They say travel broadens the mind and I'm sure it does, but I am always happy to be home and we were so lucky on Monday. We were welcomed back with lots of sunshine and daffodils, just beautiful.

Firstly, let me say well done to those who have kept the Messenger going, it did look as though it may not have made it before I left. It looks the same as it did under Jonathan's tenure, and I hope it will continue to inform the village of news and events. How else would I have known that Cake & a Cuppa had moved to the last Tuesday of the month or when Movie night is on?

Alex will put the details of the monthly Evening Worship in the newsletter as a regular item (the third Sunday of the month at 5pm) but I will continue to add in the extra events that are going on.

Easter will be over by the time you read this so the only extra events that I need to mention are a wedding on the 26th of APRIL. Also, there will be refreshments in the Church, provided by Gillian and Penny, on the 18th of MAY from 10am until 2pm. They will also have a selection of jams and cakes for sale, too – they do make exceedingly good cakes! Hope to see

you there. There will be more details about this next month.

Just to remind you that if you need to contact anyone at the church, the telephone numbers are:

Father Clive 07480 065063
for ecclesiastical queries

Claire 01328 863193,
Pam 01328 853532,
Carol 01328 862185,
for bits and pieces.

SCULTHORPE MESSENGER HISTORY

The village magazine was started in September 1987 and was called 'The Parish Tower'. Initially it was organised by the church and had a picture of the church as its front page. We had a small number of typists in the village who took turns to do the typing. David Beale and I and 1 or 2 others used the Gestetner in the church to print the A4 pages which Anne Lingwood stapled together.

Printing was laborious and messy and loading the black ink was quite a skill. Volunteers around the village put a copy in each door. Some years later I could use a computer to do a hard copy to take to the school to print off 260 copies and at some stage Ron Wells used his printer to make the copies. These then went to Anne Lingwood and Jean Edge to be folded and given to the distributors

After 25 years Pippa Goreman took over as editor, to be followed by Jonathan Stroulger until recently. Thank you, Alex, for continuing this facility.

- Margaret Walters

NEWS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

As many of you will be aware, work is now well underway to transform Blacketts Pond into a family friendly space to be used by all. Please be assured that the works are still in progress and what you are presently seeing is not the finished article.

We understand that some residents were unaware of the proposed plans for the redevelopment of Blacketts Pond, however, this subject has been covered at almost every Parish Council meeting since early 2020 and has had input from outside agencies, such as the Norfolk Wildlife Trust, to ensure the works are as sympathetic to wildlife and biodiversity as possible.

We welcome as many residents as possible to join in with the Parish Council meetings so that your voices can all be heard. If you are unable to attend in person, the meeting minutes are publicly available. If you read something that you wish to discuss with the Parish Council further, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

With regards to the timings of the pond works, we were led by the contractor and the Norfolk Wildlife Trust on this. Works needed to be completed during the winter period to allow sufficient time for things to settle, in time for the new spring growth.

In other news, NNDC are changing the bin collection days. They have stated that every resident should receive a leaflet from them by the 28th of March detailing the new changes. If

you do not receive anything from them, please speak with a neighbour, check the NNDC website or give them a call.



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QUIZ NIGHTS

STARTING 24TH SEPTEMBER

LAST TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH

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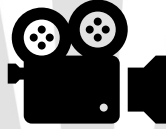
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FAKENHAM CHORAL SOCIETY

Tickets are in high demand for the highlight of Fakenham Choral Society's 50th anniversary season. Performing Verdi's dramatic 'Requiem', this highly regarded choir's concert is sure to be a sell-out.

The event will take place at Fakenham Parish Church on Saturday April 20th at 7.00pm.

"We are delighted to have attracted such prestigious singers to join us." says choir vice-chairman, Rosemary Dear. "It's only very rarely that a concert on such a grand scale comes to Fakenham, and it's a real privilege to be able to perform this amazing work for our location community." Mark Jones, the choir's musical director, will lead the chorus, full orchestra and international soloists Claire Weston, Beth Mackay, Daniel Bartlette and Alex Ashworth in what is sure to be an unforgettable night of music making.

Tickets are £20 and can be purchased by calling 01485 544335 or online at www.fakenhamchoralsociety.org

Don't forget - bank holiday collection details

Normal collection	Revised collection
Friday, March 29	Saturday, March 30
Monday, April 1	Tuesday, April 2
Tuesday, April 2	Wednesday, April 3
Wednesday, April 3	Thursday, April 4
Thursday, April 4	Friday, April 5
Friday, April 5	Saturday, April 6



THE NOTICEBOARD

METHODIST CHURCH COFFEE FUNDRAISER MORNINGS 2024

Saturday, 10:00am – 12:00pm

1st June, 7th September, 7th December

SCULTHORPE MESSENGER

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

alexrstoker@gmail.com or call on 01328 851985

CAKE A CUPPA IS HELD
ON THE LAST TUESDAY OF
THE MONTH, 10AM-12PM.

ALL WELCOME



When visiting my partner's grave in St Mary's Church, Sculthorpe, I am always heartened by other members of the public, who are all paying respects to their loved ones. Sometimes, we visitors have a chat and console one another. Long may this continue!

- Annette French

Following a successful Levelling Up bid, Fakenham Sports and Fitness Centre at Trap Lane will undergo an £11m transformation, developing the existing leisure centre by adding a 25-metre public swimming pool, extended gym offering and improved outdoor sports facilities.

The Council is establishing a timeline for the delivery of the Leisure Centre, but provisionally expects work to commence in late 2024 with an anticipated 18-month programme.



CHURCH SERVICES

Evening Worship

3rd Sunday of each month at 5pm

All welcome, do come along and join us.

VILLAGE HALL EVENTS **APRIL**

Mon

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

Tues

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

Weds

6:00pm – 7:00pm **Keep Fit** – pre-book with sue@cardiocore.co.uk

7:30pm – 8:30pm **RockBox with Bels** – PAYG online payment
<https://bookwhen.com/annabelgreenwood>

Thurs

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

11:40am – 12:40pm **Toddler Talking** – contact 07450 549025 /
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book your space on the mats,
<http://www.bookwhen.com/tinytalknorthnorfolk>

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

Fri

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

Parish Council Meetings 2024. *First Wednesday of every other month from 7:00pm – 9:00pm, next meeting 8th May 2024*

SCULTHORPE VILLAGE HALL

ENQUIRIES FOR BOOKING

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vyv_5cw@yahoo.co.uk

for hourly cost, deposit details and to book the hall.



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