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*October & November*  
NEWSLETTER  
2023

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Once again the magazine has come together as our farmers bring in the last harvest from the fields. We now see the preparation for the next season as we all have to cope with not seeing the sun so much and the days become cooler.

There are lots of jobs now to do in this preparation both in our gardens and homes. Sadly we see the old rodents coming in from the fields and ditches to find a place for the winter so we need to watch out for the places where they tend to get and make sure of our sheds and houses. We need also to make sure that we all have provisions for the winter ref to our domestic oil supply and the firewood for our open fires and wood burners and, once again look out for those in our villages that do not have family that they can call on to help in all these preparations.

Once again, we say as parish councillors that we are here to help so please, if there is a need, let us know and we will endeavour to help where we can.

Can I also, on behalf of Stoke Ash and Thwaite give our condolences to Peter Gammage and his family on the sad loss of dear Anne.

Anne was one of the original people who set up this magazine and it would not be where it is today without her care of handling the monies that enabled the magazine to be produced without the local people having to pay for it.

Can I also just remind you all that it is the advertisers that pay for their adverts to make this happen so thank you all those who advertise and for Ken who endeavours to get new subscribers . All other staff and contributors give freely of their time and efforts and to this end can I ask you all to give some time to send in your stories and pictures so that the magazine keeps informative to those in our villagers.

*Cover picture: There is a lot more to this land preparation – Tony Pulham in action*

**The copy deadline for ALL issues this year will be the 10th of alternate months and for advertisers the 12th**

This edition of the newsletter has been produced in good faith but errors and omissions may occur during the process of production. Please let us know if this is the case so that they may be corrected.

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# Stoke Ash & Thwaite Parish Council – report on meeting held 20 July 2023

Parish Council Vacancies – there are still three vacancies for a parish councillor in Stoke Ash. It is important the vacancies are filled to ensure the village is properly represented. Our Councillors would be very pleased to hear from any parishioner, 18 years and over, should you be interested in joining the council. There are six evening meetings per year held at Stoke Ash village hall. Please do contact a councillor or the clerk if you think you may be interested – we would be very pleased to hear from you.

Motor Cycle Rallies - concerns raised over the large groups of motor cycles travelling at speed on the A140 to attend rallies had been reported to Suffolk Constabulary. The response from the police was that these groups were generally not from motor cycling clubs but individual groups without promoted routes. Suffolk Constabulary recommend that any future incidents, date and time should be recorded and forwarded to them.

Neighbourhood Plan - Cllr Stringer reported that MSDC was looking at making available a lighter weight neighbourhood plan. This would involve less preparation, would be based on an enhanced parish plan but would protect parishes from large scale development. A smaller plan could be carried out before deciding whether to embark on a full neighbourhood plan. It would still need to be vetted by MSDC, would need to define the area involved, a consultation would need to be held with parishioners as to where they would prefer development and the type of housing required. Cllr Stringer was thanked for providing this information. Parish Council members stated they would give the lighter weight plan consideration before deciding on whether to carry out a full plan.

A140 Bus Stop opposite Walnut Tree – the overgrown areas at the rear of the bus stop have been reported to Suffolk CC Highways however at this time they are not of the view that the overgrown areas need to be cut back. This will be monitored.

**Date of next meeting: Thursday 16 November 2023, 7.30pm at Stoke Ash Village Hall.**

## Thwaite Lottery

The Grand Draw of the Thwaite 50 Lottery will take place on Saturday 18th November in the Old School Room.

Light refreshments served from 11am Draw at Noon.

Everyone welcome for an informal Community get together.

Chris & Dick Maisey.

# South Hartismere Benefice

## October Newsletter 2023

As I sit in my tent in Derbyshire in August, listening to the pitter patter of the rain on the canvas, I wonder whether this heralds the end of summer and the start of autumn, although this summer has not been completely rain-free like some of our recent summers. To me, however, the beginnings of the



end of summer starts when I sit and watch the combine harvester doing 'its thing' in the field opposite to my home, and I allow my attention, and gaze, to be temporarily disrupted as I look out of my study window. It is a welcome distraction from the computer screen and my GDPR and Data Protection training module detailing how unscrupulous people are trying to 'harvest' our personal data for ill-gotten gains.

I am no farmer; I am a city boy brought up in the suburbs of Norwich and the closest I came to agriculture was in history class where we studied books such as Jethro Tull's Horse Hoeing Husbandry (sic "A controversial but revolutionary method for seed planting and corn cultivation" or it was at the time). I do not speak therefore with any authority when I say that harvest is the culmination of perhaps a year long period of activity where the farmer has prepared and fertilised the ground, planted the seed, nurtured and fed the crop, and then gathered in the Harvest. Over the centuries farmers have understood more and with that have increased their yields. What is clear however, is that we ought to show our appreciation for the Harvest, and in our Church calendar, this is the time of the year in which we do it, when we say thank you to God (and to the farmers), and no matter how much we dislike the rain, it is needed for the whole cycle to be complete.

Harvest has parallels with many peoples' Christian journey. In the same way as that a harvest does not, and simply cannot, just happen without the sowing and reaping by the farmer, the same is true of my Christian beliefs. I learned these from a book, the bible, which I suspect at the time was possibly as controversial and revolutionary as they come. If the bible is a guide, I also need to be spiritually fed and nurtured by those who bring the stories (parables) in the bible to life and help us apply them to our own lives. We accept the "rainy days" as being a Christian does not mean it is all about blue skies and sunshine. As the centuries have gone by, Christians too have interpreted the teachings of Christ and given new meaning and brought hope to those that perhaps thought they were beyond the love and forgiveness of God.

I absolutely understand it when people say that they do not need to go to church to be a Christian, a church is just a building after all, but Jesus once said "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, I am there among them" and that is why we gather together and grow together. As we enter a period of vacancy, Rev Julia has encouraged us to meet together and support each other, and I invite you to join us. However, wherever you are and whatever you chose, I believe that our Heavenly father knows everything about us, all our thoughts, words and deeds and He loves us. I guess in a way He harvests our data, but in a way that offers us rewards in heaven far greater than we can possibly imagine.

Tim Rowe, Church Warden

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# ALL SAINTS CHURCH STOKE ASH WITH THWAITE

## WORSHIP

Sunday 29 October at 10.30am – Benefice Holy Communion.

Saturday 11 November at 10.45am – Act of Remembrance in the churchyard at the War Memorial.

All Souls' Service – this year our All Souls' Service will be held at All Saints Church, Thorndon, on 29 October at 4pm. Come and light a candle in memory of a loved one.

## CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

This is to be held in the church on:

- Saturday 2 December - 11am-4pm
- Sunday 3 December - 1pm-4pm
- Wednesday 6 December – 1pm-3pm

Grand Draw to be held in the church on Wednesday 6 December at 3pm.

## BOOKS AND JIGSAWS

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Roger Kember  
Neighbour Watch Coordinator

## Anne Gammage 1942 – 2023

Born Elizabeth Anne Carter (but always known as Anne) at Colchester Maternity Hospital on Lexden Road, to John and ‘Paddy’ Carter, at that time living in Great Oakley. She was the eldest of three children, having two brothers Peter and Tony.

After a number of moves, she found herself in Ipswich where in 1964 she met her future husband Peter and they married in 1965 in Ipswich.

Anne had been working in Lloyds Bank in Colchester but once married moved to Barclays in Ipswich; as her new husband worked in Colchester, they chose to live midway on a new development in Brantham where they remained until 1996, living in three different properties within the village during that time and herself having three children, two boys and a girl just like her mother.



**In 1996, with the children now grown-up and remaining parents well catered for, Peter and Anne moved deeper into the Suffolk countryside to Little Olivers, Thwaite, a lovely thatched, timber framed cottage where in short time both of them involved themselves in village organisations.**

**Anne’s love of gardening came to the fore at Little Olivers, where the half acre garden allowed her ample opportunity to promote her skills in plant coordination together with her pruning knowledge, all of which culminated in a beautiful display of colour throughout the Spring, Summer and Autumn. Not un-naturally this all led her onto becoming active in the Thwaite Gardening Club and in particular the Plant Stall which she helped maintain to raise funds for the church and village generally.**

As the years progressed and brought with them a certain slowing down of activity for both of them, it was decided to look for a property that had a smaller garden but continued to provide the character of the type of house they had come to love. As luck would have it, Upper Moat Barn at Mendlesham, this time a converted barn, came on the market and they snapped it up; here was the smaller garden to relieve Anne of some of the back breaking work necessary to maintain her garden with the barn itself providing (over ample) accommodation in a beautiful setting. Both were very happy here.

**Anne’s death came very suddenly, quite unexpected but also, we believe, very gently. At eighty one years old and seemingly dying in her sleep, the family, whilst grieving, thank God for the manner in which she slipped away. May she Rest in Peace.**

**The magazine team and the Parish Council would like to pay their respect to Anne in her work as one of the original team of this magazine and for Peter’s support throughout the years as a chair of parish council.**

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## Cllrs Chris & Dick Maisey

Christine Greenaway was born in Wallington (South London) on 16th of August 1938 the first child of Sadie & William Greenaway. Richard Maisey was born in Morden (South London) on 7th of July 1939 the first child of Ivy & George Maisey. Both childhoods were dominated by World War II and its effect on South London life.



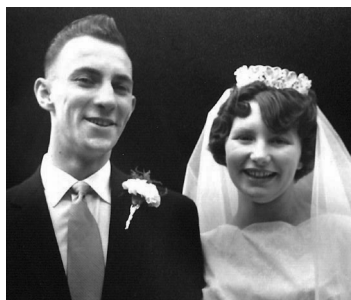
Education was rather haphazard, Chris starting school at 7 attending Church School that had two classes, 7-8yr olds and 9-14yr olds when you then left school.

Dick managed to go to a Church of England primary then transferred to a secondary school as an 11yr old. Chris also

transferred to a secondary school at 11 that then became bilateral, having a grammar stream at 13+. Both passed the 13+ and met up in September 1952.

November 1953 saw Dick ask Chris to go to see the film 'The Conquest of Everest' and then to tea afterwards. All was fine until on the following Monday, as a surprise the whole school were taken to see the same film. On this occasion of course we were segregated. From this point in our lives we have been constant companions.

Dick started his working career at Croydon Power Station whilst Chris went to Teachers Training College, which was connected to London University and then taught at Camberwell for two years. Dick progressed to working in the laboratory at Battersea Power Station.



The happiest day of our lives came on 30th July 1960 when we were married at Holy Trinity, Wallington, now both aged 21 and able to marry and obtain a mortgage. We moved to our new home at Aylesford in Kent. Dick having gained promotion to Northfleet Power Station and Chris to a mathematics post at Fort Pitt Grammar School for girls in Chatham our lives were steaming ahead. We were quickly involved with voluntary running a youth club for a number of

years hopefully guiding young people and having a major role on Parish Council and the building of a new Community Centre.

After several false starts we were delighted to welcome Shaun into the world in November 1967 followed by Fiona in December 1970 and then the unexpected bonus with the arrival of Douglas in January 1974.



Dick took on some decorating work for a neighbour and as a result could have gone into fulltime business but fortunately he was able to make a long held desire to work in Power Stations Operations come to fruition. To progress he had to retrain and gain more qualifications from 1972-1978, going to college and working around his shift rotas.

We also found time during this period to become Probation and Prison After Care

Volunteers, which proved to be very challenging, interesting and very worthwhile.

April 1979 saw Dick promoted to Cliff Quay Power Station in Ipswich so we all moved to Thwaite on Friday 13th July 1979 and we were made very welcome and were helped by neighbours into our new life in the village.

We (Chris, Dick, Shaun 11, Fiona 8, Douglas 5, a dog, a kitten and Pickle our Exmoor pony and shortly afterwards Cindy the goat, three pigs, chickens and additional cats) took up residence in Thwaite. We spent many happy years tending our livestock, milking up to seven goats, having piglets, turkeys, guinea fowl and rabbits.

After five years the Cliff Quay Power Station closed and Dick was offered a transfer but we all wanted to stay in Suffolk so Dick set to and retrained once again for the nuclear Power Station at Sizewell, which took him away from home to near Bristol for long periods of time. All was well at The Firs, Thwaite with the livestock but Chris was no stoker for the boiler and it was always out before Dick could get onto the A12 to come home. Training being completed, Dick then worked at Sizewell for 17 years and taking early retirement after spending 47 years in the industry.

We decided that Chris would not take up a teaching post until the children were settled but this soon changed as Chris was called upon to cover staff in various departments at the Stowmarket High School and then becoming a permanent member of the mathematics department in 1984 until retiring in 1999, a very enjoyable and fulfilling experience.

The house has always needed repairs and replacing of items on a major scale and Dick has always been able to do this, even a three roomed extension, Dicks motto being 'Do it yourself or not at all'. We managed to support our children's interests taking an active part in music, Air Cadets, Parent & Teachers Associations and School Governors.

We have enjoyed being part of all village and community activities and further afield at the Kerrison Community School and Bressingham Steam Museum as volunteers for 15years. 2018 saw family commitments giving us time to become members of the Stoke Ash & Thwaite Parish Council where we try and serve our residents and work for the benefit of the community.



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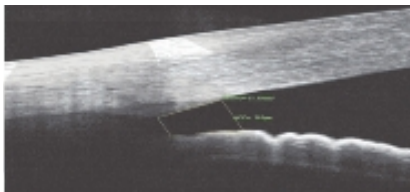
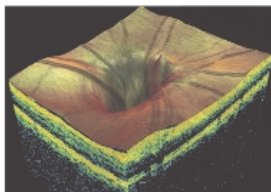
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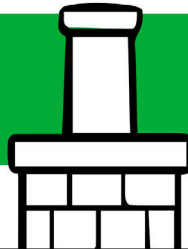
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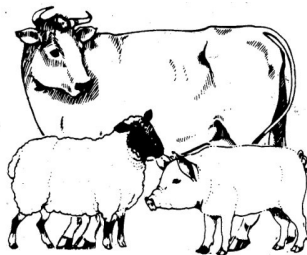
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In July our speaker was Philip Roberts who came to us as Cardinal Thomas Wolsey. Philip takes part in re-enactments as the Cardinal, so has quite an insight into his history.

Initially he gave some background about how Thomas Wolsey became the important figure that he did, by giving us a brief history of the monarchy that reigned around that time.



- Richard III was the last Plantaganet king.
- Henry VII married Elizabeth from the House of York
- Prince Arthur married Catherine of Aragon – after his death, his brother, who became Henry VIII, also married her.
- Edward VI, son of Henry and Jane Seymour became king at 9, but was dead at 15. He said Lady Jane Grey should be queen as she was a protestant, but Mary became queen and had to execute Jane to keep her seat safe.

Cardinal Wolsey was born in Ipswich in 1475 and eventually went to Ipswich Grammar School and then on to Magdalen College, Oxford. After he was ordained, he was chaplain to the Archbishop of Canterbury and then to Henry VIII. For many years he was in very close alliance with the king and did much of his work in foreign affairs. This closeness finally broke down after Wolsey failed to talk the Pope into annulling Henry's marriage to Catherine of Aragon. Henry wanted to marry Anne Boleyn in the hope of her bearing him a son. Wolsey was arrested for treason in November 1530, but died on the journey to his trial on November 29th, so never had to face the consequences of his falling out with the king.

- A couple of interesting stats on causes of death at that time – a sexually transmitted disease, known as the pox, which was similar to modern day syphilis, killed 10 out of 20 people admitted to Bart's hospital. Sugar caused many deaths because of the tooth and gum disease it caused lead to infection and sepsis.
- Cardinal Wolsey put together strawberries and cream at the early tennis matches and the tradition was born.
- Sports of the day included cock fighting and bear baiting. Entertainment was by circus & jesters.
- Ipswich is currently running the Wolsey 550 Project as it is 550 years since Wolsey was born. There will be Festivals and Tudor themed events to attend. As part of this, Philip, our speaker, was on TV the next evening on the local news, welcoming Cardinal Wolsey's hat back to Ipswich, which was to be one of many events to mark the historical connection between the town and the cardinal.

Our programme for meetings is published on the village website and on our dedicated WI page (<http://sefwi.org.uk/institutes/stoke-ash>). Please check it out and do get in touch, or just come along on the night. Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at the village hall, starting at 7.30pm. You'll get a warm welcome.

# Stoke Ash WI News.

## ‘Romania - beyond Dracula’

On the 9th of August, our members enjoyed a fascinating talk by the much travelled local man Christopher Parfitt, where he told us in great detail about his recent trip to Romania, formerly Transylvania. What a beautiful and largely unspoilt place it looks. Definitely one for the bucket list!

Christopher enjoys planning and organising his trips himself, without the help of travel agents, therefore making it truly bespoke and unique. During his three week visit, he only stayed in a hotel on a couple of occasions, preferring instead to stay in the homes of local farmers and their families. He was warmly welcomed and was included in the family mealtimes around the table. He showed pictures of some of the meals that he was served, and pickles seem to play a large part in Romanian cuisine, as well as soup, offal and home made plum brandy.

One farmhouse he stayed in was opposite the holiday home of our own King Charles, which incidentally, is available to rent in his absence.

For the first part of his stay, he was in the walled city of Sighisoara, a world heritage site, and where Vlad Dracula’s father Vlad Dracul, owned a home, now a restaurant, and where the young Vlad grew up in the mid 1400’s.

Also known as Vlad the Impaler, he was Voivode (prince) of Wallachia (part of modern Romania) three times, and although a brutal and sadistic ruler, he is often considered one of the most important rulers in Wallachia and a national hero of Romania.

*Note: The castle in which he lived is now owned by the Rothschild family, and is currently for sale. Anyone.....?*

There is so much to know about Romania - the population (60% Roman Catholic, 30% Russian Orthodox, 10% Muslim); the wonderful painted churches (colourfully painted on the outside depicting heaven, hell, apostles, and various bible stories, originally for those who couldn’t read); the Merry Cemetery where all the graves have wooden markers painted to depict the departed, some not very complimentary; the wildlife – bears, bison, wolves, jackals; and the beautiful artefacts demonstrating the skill of weaving and painted eggs sold to visiting tourists. We were shown some examples of these souvenirs, and they are indeed very beautiful.

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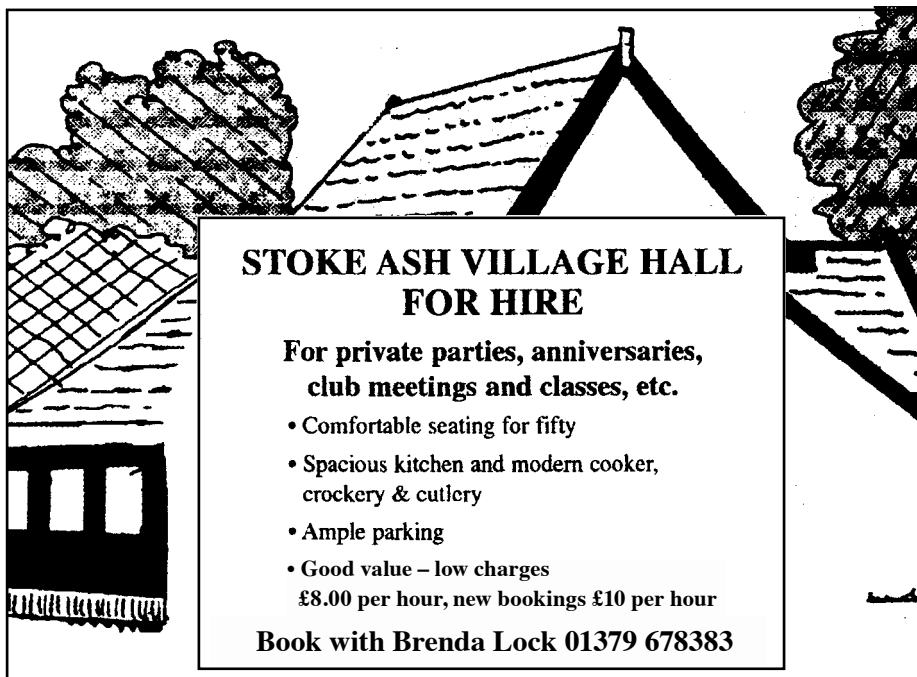
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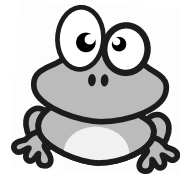
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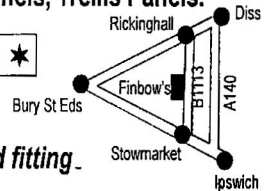
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