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The magazine must go to print on Friday 20th July.

Views expressed in 'In Touch' are those of the individual contributor, and do not always reflect the official doctrine of the Church of England, nor necessarily the views of the editors.

Our Rector writes:

I think it's important that as a church we are aware that we are part of communities. In our case, there are six churches in our benefice and each has its own village and social life, which we should embrace and get to know. Our contacts with local schools, care homes and other residences and associations help us to appreciate the diversity that surrounds us and the "In Touch" publication reflects this.

Bishop Graham recently announced that he will be retiring and his farewell service will be in the cathedral on *November 25th; the Sunday before Advent begins and we move into Year C in our lectionary. He will be greatly missed. In September, Archdeacon Ian will be installed and he will be visiting our benefice in October. Our church wardens were recently sworn in to serve for another year and Vivienne Brittain and Joseph Ashley will no longer continue but will still be active in church life. We are very grateful to all church wardens past and present. They work very hard behind the scenes and support me enormously. There are many changes, both in the life of the church and outside it. Part of our network system within our communities is to support others who are going through challenging times: separation, bereavement, illness.

Jesus was a practical person. He was someone who didn't quibble or doubt. He just got on and did things. When the 5,000 people were hungry, he fed them. When people were ill he healed them. Jesus was that extra special person who came to serve his father, through serving others. Sometimes he was angry. Sometimes he cried because he showed compassion towards others and shared their pain. Love is the key to Jesus' actions. And love is the cornerstone of the Christian faith. When we love we want to serve. For Christians, loving God means that we want to serve others in His name and ask for nothing in return. Love and service are the nutrients of a strong faith. Faith can't be weighed, measured or analysed. We believe we are given faith through God's grace.

*"Our faith brings us peace and through Jesus Christ
brings us near to God." (Romans 5:1)*

* See also page 11

Please contact Jennifer if you would like her to visit you or bring Communion to you at home.

Her telephone number is 01263 502068 and her Email is:
rev.riverol@brininghambenefice.org.uk

Prayer Requests for Our Parishes

Each of our Parish Churches has (at the back) a Prayer Request Book. Please do write down your requests (anonymously if you wish) and we will pray for the situation. Prayer requests can also be made either by telephone to the Rector on 502068 or online to:

prayer@brininghambenefice.org.uk

(again anonymously, if you wish). We will then be able to pray for the need at the next service, wherever it is, and pass on these requests to a few people who will undertake to pray.

Please note our new service rota.

**There are at least two services every Sunday at a church near you,
and one or two Benefice services.**

You are warmly welcome to join us.

From the Registers

Funeral

Esme Hagon at St Andrew's Brinton on May 4th

Wedding

Gary and Rosemary Thacker at St Andrew's Brinton on May 12th



Briningham Village Hall

Bar Night

**Friday 6th July
7.00 - 10.00 pm**

**All are very welcome
Feel free to bring yourself, a sharing plate, a friend or all three!**

Children are very welcome

A variety of vintage games will be available

**Drinks at concessionary prices
A selection of beers and wines
Tea, coffee and soft drinks**



THE ANNUAL

**BRININGHAM
GARDEN PARTY
SUNDAY AUGUST 26th**

COME AND ENJOY!

Help and goods would be much appreciated for the
bric-a-brac, book, cake and home produce stalls.

Date for your diary

IN AID of the Briningham defibrillator fund

Quiz night

7pm - Saturday August 4th at Briningham Village Hall

£5 per person

No set team numbers

Bar and complimentary nibbles

Raffle

Please don't forget to register your team.

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BRININGHAM VILLAGE HALL DRAW JUNE 2018

1st Prize: £15	Chris Rix
2nd Prize: £9	Alice Rourke
3rd Prize: £5	Ian Williams

BRINTON PHOTO QUIZ 2018

We launched this light-hearted competition in March - an A3 sheet with 144 pictures of more or less famous people to identify, from a broad spectrum of careers, countries and eras. Thank you to all who bought a sheet, and a bigger THANK YOU to those who bought two! Also to kind neighbours in Brinton - most notably the Bagnall-Oakeleys, Ellises, Pecks, Scotts, Palethorpes, Holmeses, Dugdales and Bridget Pearson - and other friends and relations who helped sell the sheets; and enormous gratitude to businesses which took multiple copies - *especially* A Cut Ahead in Holt, P&S Butchers in Holt and The Dun Cow in Salthouse; and to the *many* people who gave extra donations, gave without taking a sheet or sent more cash and notes of appreciation for the 'endless hours of fun and frustration!'. Together we have raised over £5,600 to help keep St Andrew's in good repair - THANK YOU!

Hundreds managed to send their sheets back from far-flung corners of the country (Carlisle to Cromer; Spalding to Salcombe; Huntingdon, Honiton and Hunstanton; Dorking to Dorset; Birmingham, Uppingham, Sheringham - and oh, so many more!), even if not completed: and all have been marked! This was a challenging array of images, and anyone scoring over 100 did well, over 120 very well. There was some terrible spelling - my particular favourites being Florence Nigtingle and Claudia Frangipane. Several pictures had clues - King Harold (arrow), St Catherine (wheel), Hugh Masekela (trumpet) and Elizabeth David (wooden spoons). The most common mis-identities were 45 Paul Pogba (*in fact* Mario Balotelli), 119 Wendy Craig (*Anita Brookner*) and some hilarious alter egos for politicians - Angela Merkel (54), Jeremy Corbyn (73) and Theresa May (123) were repeatedly mistaken for - in order - Ed Sheeran, Joe Cocker and Princess Di. The internet turned out to be a mixed blessing: quite a few thought 139 was a woman called Penny Black.

Every single picture WAS correctly identified but by different people, so nobody managed to get all 144. Some were extremely difficult, and only recognised by a few - very well done to anyone who spotted Dame Mary Perkins, founder of Specsavers (13), Carole Boyd, aka Lynda Snell in the 'Archers' (80), haute couturier Oscar de la Renta (122) and infamous axeman of the railways Dr Richard Beeching (128). But the most testing were 105 - renowned wit and PM's wife Margot Asquith; and two that were connected, 57 - Marianne Ihlen, muse and lover of 100 - Leonard Cohen. The top dozen or so contenders were re-counted at least three times to make sure, and astonishingly there were five entries that tied in first place with 139 correct answers (and they weren't the same 139!). As per the rules on the sheet, the winner was drawn from a hat - so the £100 first prize goes to Tim & Irene Loseby of Holt - congratulations! We decided to award *all* the other four top scorers with equal second prizes of £20 each: congratulations to Keith & Lizzie Beswick of Swanton Novers, Katherine Lord of West Beckham, Alison Cook of Briningham, and Ian Cook of Holt &/or Briningham (separate entries, same hand-writing!). No prizes but plenty of kudos to the following very close runners up - Stephen Carter (138), Lilia Baderau (137), Sheila Parks (136), Rose Waits (also 136), Stephen Fearn (135), John & Mary Lintott (134), Phil & Nicki Marshall (also 134), Josh Piper (131) and Mary Wolley (130).

The full list of the answers is on the benefice website, www.brininghambenefice.org.uk

Thornage Village Coffee Morning

A reminder that the next Thornage Village coffee morning will be held on
Wednesday 18th July at 10.30 am
in All Saints' Church, Thornage

Do come and join us for coffee, cake
and a return of our popular Nature Quiz.
We look forward to seeing you.

Friends of Thornage Monthly Draw

The winners of the May Draw were:

1st Prize:	Number 80	£20	M. Earp
2nd Prize:	Number 29	£10	Graham Worrell
3rd Prize:	Number 35	£ 5	John Howard

SPEEDING THROUGH THORNAGE

I have been asked by the Parish Council to look into the demand for speed limits to be controlled more effectively, so I'm now asking for volunteers to come forward and help me organise a committee to look into all options available.

Please reply to this advert by emailing me at the address below; thank you.

Chris Major

thornagespeedcontrol@gmail.com

Friends of Thornage

Here are some dates for your diaries!

Friends of Thornage are offering the following events which we hope will interest you:

August - A wind quintet will be performing a concert in All Saints Church, Thornage.
Date and details to be confirmed.

Friday 5th October - A Village Supper will be served in All Saints Church, Thornage.
Further details to be confirmed.

Friday 2nd November - Quiz night and supper in All Saints Church, Thornage.
Further details to be confirmed.

Mobile Library dates July 2018

Briningham	Thursday	5th July at 3.20 - 3.35 pm
Brinton	Thursday	5th July at 2.55 - 3.10 pm
Hunworth	Thursday	12th July at 2.35 - 2.45 pm
Swanton Novers	Wednesday	18th July at 2.00 - 2.20 pm
Thornage	Thursday	12th July at 2.55 - 3.10 pm



THANK YOU

I'd like to thank all who were involved with Rosemary Leeder's birthday tea party on Saturday 16 June at the village hall in Swanton Novers. This wonderful community effort was made possible by so many people baking scones, cupcakes and sponge cakes; making sandwiches; dressing tables with flowers, pretty table linen and crockery. Not excluding the sign-maker, the blowers-up of balloons and hangers of bunting etc.

Special thanks to Marlene for the beautiful birthday cake.

To those helpers who waited at table and endlessly replenished teapots and food - thank you.

Not forgetting the printer of invitations, and the organisers of the birthday gift and the card.

It was a lovely occasion. Thank you all.

Val Hart

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The Bishop of Norwich is to retire after almost two decades of serving the Diocese of Norwich, and a career with the Church that spanned more than 40 years.

The Rt Rev Graham James, who is currently the longest serving bishop in the Church of England, told the EDP that it has been “a privilege and an honour to serve as the Bishop of Norwich for almost 19 years, and Julie [his wife, a palliative care nurse at Priscilla Bacon Lodge] and I will find it hard to leave. We are returning to Cornwall but the Diocese of Norwich and her people will always have a big place in our hearts. Thank you for all your support. Please pray for us as we prepare for this new chapter in our lives, as well as for those who will be responsible for the appointment of my successor. May God continue to bless you and this Diocese.”

Bishop Graham was ordained in Peterborough in 1975. He was consecrated Bishop of St Germans in 1993 and was enthroned as Bishop of Norwich on 29 January 2000. He has been patron or president of more than 30 organisations but will draw his local commitments to a close and disengage from a number of national responsibilities. He has been an active member of the House of Lords since 2004, and was invited to join the Lords’ Select Committee on Communications in 2011. He is the Church of England’s lead spokesman on media issues and a regular guest on BBC Radio 4’s Thought for the Day. In 2017 he was appointed chair of the independent Paterson Inquiry by the government.

Playing tribute to his contribution, the Bishop of Thetford, the Rt Rev Alan Winton, said “Bishop Graham’s ministry and presence in the diocese will be hugely missed by so many people. We are fortunate to have been served by a man of such immense gifts and such a tremendous capacity for work and friendship. There are few corners of the life of the diocese where he has not made an impact over almost two decades, and so many people whose lives he has touched and influenced for the better.”

The Dean of Norwich, the Very Rev Jane Hodges, said it has been a tremendous privilege to work alongside Bishop Graham. “All who have experienced his preaching and teaching will know that he is an outstandingly gifted speaker, his words always striking just the right note in both a profound and often amusing way. We must be one of the happiest staff teams in the Church of England in a diocese in which clergy and laity alike feel cherished and cared for, and this is all down to his strong and supportive leadership.”

Bishop Graham’s final service at Norwich Cathedral will be on Sunday 25 November, the final Sunday of the Christian year. He will be presiding and preaching at the 10.30am service and there will be a farewell service for him and Julie at 4pm. Everyone is welcome to attend either service.

Eastern Daily Press

Ole! Ole!

What a good evening nearly 50 of us enjoyed in Swanton Novers last month, watching Sevillana dancing, drinking Spanish wine, eating Spanish tapas and taking part in a Spanish-themed quiz. Our three dancers wore lovely red and black costumes and black wigs; they looked beautiful and danced beautifully for us. 'Bien' (good) and 'guapo' (pretty, beautiful), we were taught, as we were encouraged to throw red roses and play our castanets.

The exhibition of Spanish costumes, embroidery and craft work was very interesting; many thanks to Jennifer for sharing her pieces and books with us.

There was a raffle with a good many prizes, and the proceeds of £259 will go to the Briningham Benefice. Bien, bien!

Vuelvan pronto, las Senoras!

**If you would like to take up Sevillana (Flamenco) dancing,
please contact Jennifer - details on pages 2 or 17.**

The classes will resume in Autumn.

**Is the form about lessons in the Autumn that was being completed that evening
still doing the rounds? If it's stuck with you, please phone Jennifer
so that she can respond to everyone who has expressed an interest.**

NEVER TO BE FORGOTTEN

The forget-me-not's name comes from an apocryphal tale of a German knight and his paramour. While courting by the river the knight slips, clutching to no avail at the blue flowers on the bank. In a final act of gallantry he throws his clutch of the flowers to his lady calling out "Vergessen sie mich nicht!", before bobbing away for ever in the torrent.

We can all learn lessons from this tragic tale. Firstly, never canoodle by a river in your armour and, secondly, the roots of forget-me-nots tear easily from the ground.

I mention this because, in July, our gardens are empty of the glorious blue which is the forget-me-not, but we remember that they will be back again next year.

A BIT O' BINDERSTRING

Oi noo Bill Bates wot used ter werk fer Drake's at Badger's End
There wunt a tewl about the farm this fella couldn't mend
From an 'ayfork to an 'arvester, or any blessed thing
Ol' Bill could allus fix it, with a bit o' binderstring.

One day the Fresian bull got out, and raged and tore around,
No-one darst go near 'im as he roared and pawed the ground
Til Boss shout: "Bill! The bull's got out and bin an' brook 'is ring!"
And Bill lassoed the beggar ... wi' a bit o' binderstring.

Bill courted Mabel for seven year, and then he say "Le's wed
Oi got a table an' some chairs and Granny's feather bed.
There's 'arf a ton o'tearters up in yonder field as Oi kin bring
And Oi med some 'andsome doormats out o' this 'ere binderstring."

Mabel, she say "We'd best be wed afore they cut the 'ay"
So they had a slap-up weddin' on the seventeenth of May.
But when they go' ter chatch Bill found he'd gorn an' lorst the ring
So he hatter marry Mabel wi' a loop o' binderstring.

Next year a little mawther cum ter bless the 'appy pair
Wi' gret blue eyes loike saucers an' a tuft o' ginger 'air
An' Bill, he say ter parson at littlun's chrizenin'
"See, 'er 'air is jus' the colour o' a bit o' binderstring."

Well tyme go on, an Ol' Bill died an cum ter 'eaven's door
He hear 'em all a'singin there and he wuz worried sore.
He say ter good St Peter "Sir, Oi niver larnt ter sing.
I was allus busy, mendin' things wi' bits o' binderstring."

"Dun't worry, bor!" St Peter say, "The good Lord understands
He're bin a carpenter and loike ter see folk use their 'ands.
We're wholly glad ter see yer 'ere, we've plenty wot kin sing
But we need an 'andy chap loike yew, woss brought some binderstring."

So Bill, 'e live in Heaven now. E's wholly 'appy there,
E's got a little workshop just behind St Peter's chair.
And while the angels play their harps and all them saints dew sing
Bill mend the cherubs' toys an' all, wi' 'is bits o' binderstring.

Keith Skipper, you may be sure



Sevillana (Flamenco) dancing! Please contact the Rector if you would like to join a beginners' or intermediate group in the autumn, indicating your preference for Morning, Afternoon or Evening sessions.
01263 502068

Certain beyond words, I wouldn't normally think or say "Daily" and "Mail" together, but these announcements from that publication are worth my discomfort.

PETER STRINGFELLOW
Flamboyant nightclub impresario and friend to the stars

Peter Stringfellow, who has died aged 77, ran a chain of 'gentlemen's' clubs in the UK and US, was a gold lamé enthusiast and possessed one of the worst mullets in the history of hair.

He boasted of a great many lovers yet, for all his lewd public image, in the flesh he could be an absolute delight. Despite the millions he made from women sharing their naked bodies with onlookers, he remained surprisingly prudish. "The world has gone sex mad" he once complained.

He was clever too. When the late Stephen Hawking visited his club, Stringfellow tried to engage him in a discussion about the string theory, only to be batted away by Hawking's: "No, I'm only here for the girls!"

DESMOND DE SILVA
QC and former United Nations chief war crimes prosecutor

Sir Desmond de Silva, who has died aged 78, was one of Britain's most successful and entertaining QCs. He prosecuted notorious war criminals and also became a great defender of English football, representing John Terry, Lee Bowyer and the former Manchester United manager Ron Atkinson.

Sir Desmond survived several attempts on his life, once having his brandy poisoned during a trial in Africa. He was also fond of Armagnac and threatened to sue a newspaper for reporting that he spent £400 a week on his favourite tipple. "[It's an] Outrageous slur," he griped. "I spend much more."

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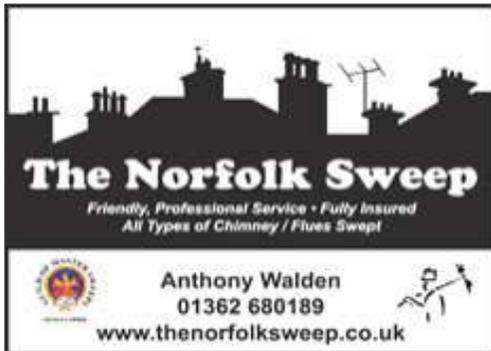
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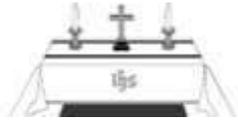
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July 2018

Sunday June 24th	11.00am	Swanton Novers	Benefice Holy Communion
Sunday July 1st	9.30 am 10.30 am 11.00 am	Stody Holt Swanton Novers	Morning Worship Parish Eucharist Baptism and Morning Worship
<i>Friday July 6th</i>	<i>7.00pm</i>	<i>Briningham Village Hall</i>	<i>Bar Night - see page 5</i>
Sunday July 8th	9.30 am 9.30 am 11.00 am	Brinton Briningham Village Hall Hunworth	Holy Communion (BCP) Contemporary Worship Holy Communion (BCP)
<i>Saturday July 14th</i>	<i>7.30pm</i>	<i>Auden Theatre, Gresham's</i>	<i>Songs of Love and Nonsense - see page 15</i>
Sunday July 15th	9.30 am 11.00 am	Thornage Briningham	Holy Communion (BCP) Holy Communion (BCP)
<i>Wednesday July 18th</i>	<i>10.30am</i>	<i>All Saints, Thornage</i>	<i>Coffee and Quiz - see page 8</i>
Sunday July 22nd	11.00 am	Briningham	Benefice Holy Communion
Sunday July 29th	11.00 am	Thornage	Benefice Holy Communion
Sunday August 5th	9.30am 11.00am	Stody Thornage	Holy Communion Morning Worship

BCP = 1662 Book of Common Prayer; other services are in modern language

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