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Items for inclusion in the April magazine to **Maureen Kenyon** at mag@brininghambenefice.org.uk by **Sunday 10th March please.**
The magazine must go to print by Wednesday 20th March at the latest.

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:

It's the time of year when we are coming up to our Annual Parochial Church Meetings, when we hear about parish life and where we are as a church in the community. This includes looking at the accounts and we elect people from the Electoral Roll who will represent us as church wardens and take on other roles. The Electoral Roll is being updated and you have been invited to sign up. We encourage you to come to our ACPMs to contribute ideas, listen or just give a 'thank-you' to all those who give so generously of their time and energy to ensure a smooth running parish life.

The process of choosing the new bishop of Norwich is taking place now. It is a complex procedure which involves people locally and nationally; one where those involved are constantly trying to listen to God's voice and acknowledging his will in their decision making.

The Crown Nominations Commission has the responsibility of putting forward a name to the Prime Minister, following recommendations from the See Committee. The Crown Nomination Commission will have interviewed candidates for Archbishops Justin and Sentamu, for the members elected by the General Synod and our Diocesan Representatives. It is not only about choosing the right shepherd, male or female, to lead the people of this diocese but about the right person who will be part of the church in the 21st century, whilst upholding the message that Christ preached. We are all equal in the eyes of God. And it is God who will judge our thoughts and actions. It also involves continuing the work of mission and leading the church forward, which is what Bishop Graham promoted and has been so much admired for, recognising the grace of God that worked through him. It concerns spreading the kingdom of God in a difficult world, one in which even Christians disagree.

Between March 3rd and the 11th there will be a Novena of Prayer for the discernment of a new bishop. Each day we will pray:

Eternal God, our shepherd and guide, in your mercy give your Church in this Diocese a shepherd after your own heart who will walk in your ways, and with loving care watch over your people. Give us a leader of vision and a teacher of truth. So may your Church grow and be built up, and by your grace accomplish more than we can imagine, for the glory of your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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 01263 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.

FROM THE REGISTERS:

Funerals:

John Thomas

Kenneth Gledhill

Dates for your diary:

Friday 1 March: **World Day of Prayer** (formerly Women's World Day of Prayer)
Service at the Salvation Hall, Briston at 2.30pm - all welcome

Thursday 7 March: **Evensong at Norwich Cathedral** - 5.30pm
Our Benefice will be prayed for - all welcome

Please note the deadline for this magazine:

All contributions for the next month's edition must be received by the 10th of the month so that it can go for printing on or before the 20th. There is a small army of volunteers who produce, print, collate and deliver a magazine to every household in the benefice so we cannot be behind schedule at the start of the process.

mag@brininghambenefice.org.uk

The Editors' phone numbers are on page 2.

Lent Course 2019

Come and explore your own spirituality. Make friends, discover or renew your faith and find out more about the presence of God. All welcome



St Maurice church Briningham
9.30 am to 10.30 am on Wednesdays during Lent
From March 6th
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Help with Administration

We are looking for a volunteer to help the Rector with admin work for a couple of hours a week. This could be done from your home.

Please contact Rev Jennifer

Telephone: 01263 502068

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All Saints Church, Thornage

... seeks volunteers to help organise a summer fete for fundraising for the upkeep of the church. All suggestions will be gratefully received. Please contact the Rector, or Joe Ashley on 01263 862298. Thank you.

Swanton Novers Village Hall



Events to look forward to:

Edgelarks

Sunday 10th March 2019

Tickets £14.00

Harp and a Monkey

Friday 22nd March 2019

Tickets £10.00

Miranda Sykes

Friday 29th March 2019

Tickets £12.00

Tickets for all gigs available from Chris Armstrong on 01263 860573

or christinearm@hotmail.co.uk.

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BRININGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Briningham Parish Clerk Jean Knowles is retiring after
51 years of service to the village.

Many thanks, Jean, for all your hard work concerning parish affairs.

There is now a vacancy for a parish clerk in Briningham as from 1st May 2019.

Please contact: Julia Hull
Church Cottage, Briningham
01263 860972

BRININGHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday 18th March at 7.30pm in the village hall. All welcome.

SHARRINGTON VILLAGE HALL - SATURDAY 9 MARCH

There will be a concert by singer/songwriters Edwina Hayes and Carrie Martin who you will find on the internet. Both have supported well-known musicians and have many followers, including Michael Parkinson on his BBC Radio Two show.

Tickets: £10 in advance
abrams.chris2@gmail.com for full details

Then they began to swerve and stare, and be as brainless as a March hare

Spring craziness is typical of this unpredictable and elusive animal. It had been thought that mad March hares were jousting males but recent thinking is that the female - the Jill - is fending off unwelcome attention from the male - the Jack. Their breeding season is between February and September and hares 'box' throughout but we don't see them when the crops are taller.

The hare's heart is up to two per cent of its body weight, which enables them to escape danger - hares have been recorded running at 45mph. Baby hares - leverets - begin life in a shallow scrape on an exposed field: furry, eyes open and ready to run. The Jill stows each newborn in a different location so that her litter is less likely to be ravaged by foxes, stoats or buzzards. Hares' ears are longer than those of rabbits and are black tipped, as if dipped in ink. They have a hare lip: lips which are split in the middle, a trait which becomes more pronounced with age when the two sides part and the teeth protrude.

Mad March hares are said to be moon-struck - they are nocturnal foragers in any case. It used to be thought that their gestation period was the same as the cycle of the moon although it's longer, at 42 days. Due to the moon goddess's links with fertility and tides, a number of superstitions sprang up - old fishermen wouldn't mention the hare's name while at sea, and a hare crossing the path of a pregnant woman was a bad omen.

According to old gamekeepers, when hares were 'peculiar' they could be caught in an ingenious way. One man would stand in a field and repeatedly throw his cap in the air or leave a handkerchief to dangle in the breeze. When the hare was transfixed by such distractions, another man could creep up behind and grab it.

European and mountain hares have parliaments where between ten and 40 gather in a circle to watch two or three frolicking in the middle. How like our own parliament! Are their rituals of fighting, mating or perhaps both?

Fakenham Choral Society
Saturday 16th March at St Nicholas church in Wells
7.30pm

The evening will celebrate a very famous Norfolk resident, born in Burnham Thorpe.

Haydn's thrilling ***Nelson Mass***, also known as the *Missa in Angustiis* (mass in time of fear, anxiety or danger) seems a fitting piece in our current times to begin the concert. The title *Nelson Mass* refers to Norfolk's most famous son, Vice Admiral Lord Horatio Nelson, who attended a performance in person shortly after the piece was written in 1800. The mass includes some of Haydn's finest choral writing as well as some demanding and exciting soprano solos.

In complete contrast, the concert concludes with Maurice Duruflé's exquisite ***Requiem***, written in memory of his father and completed in 1947. A religious man, Duruflé based this work on Gregorian chant, giving it a celestial and ethereal feel, similar in mood to Fauré's *Requiem*. A peaceful feeling of quiet contentment to end the evening.

Pre-paid tickets are £12 or £14 on the door (under 18s free). Please contact Colin Blackmore for tickets on 01485 544335 or email blackburns12@btinternet.com

Please note that the venue is St Nicholas church, Wells.

THE FILLING STATION
Monday 25th March 2019
Swanton Novers Village Hall, St Giles Road,
Swanton Novers, NR24 2RB

Our speaker this month is Phil Whitehead, Pastor. Phil became a Christian at the age of 17 and was soon leading Christian Unions at both colleges he attended. Following a short career as a school teacher he served as missionary in Nigeria, before becoming the 'Evangelism and Missions Director' at Kensington Temple, a large multi racial church in Notting Hill Gate. From there he travelled to numerous countries, pioneering unreached people group projects in the Republic of Benin and Albania. In 1998 Phil and Caroline were invited to be pastors at the church in Chiswick and their ministry still takes them to many different countries. He recently wrote the book, 'Thriving in the Grace of God'. So do come and join us for an evening of fellowship and wonderful worship followed by the main talk. There will also be time for prayer ministry at the end of the evening. Feel free to arrive from 7pm for coffee, cakes and chat, for a 7.30 start.

For further information please email Tasha North at:
nfillingstation@gmail.com or telephone 07825 702360

**News from County Councillor Dr Marie Strong, Wells Division
(Glaven, Priory and Walsingham Wards)
marie.strong@norfolk.gov.uk or 07920 286 597**

NCC Budget for the following year: The budget meeting at full council took place on Monday 11 February. There were many members of the public attending the meeting because of concern regarding changes - cuts - to current provisions and there will be challenges by councillors to a number of the proposals.

Children's Centres: One of several budget changes was proposed on 22 January when the majority of the members of the Children's Committee voted to close 38 of the 53 Children's Sure Start centres. Full details are on the NCC website (Children's Committee January Minutes Item 8). The centres have played a very important role in the lives of many children and it is not surprising that it remains an emotive and contentious subject.

Live coverage: After May, NCC will have a cabinet system instead of the current committee system. All cabinet meetings and full council are planned to be 'live streamed'. Unfortunately in my view, the cabinet will consist of councillors from only one political party and thus you will miss the lively debate and exchange of views which usually takes place in committees. Fortunately full Council meetings will continue to include all 84 councillors debating topics primarily covered in cabinet during the previous months. A few other meetings will be 'live streamed' but full details have yet to be shared.

Local Government Association Topics (LGA): When I write for the 10 newsletters circulating in my division I endeavour to focus on topics which directly affect the residents in the different areas. This means there is not space to address wider issues which I study in the Local Government Association leaflet and about which it is felt local councillors should keep themselves informed. Here is the selection for this month: Brexit; Expenditure on children's services; Academies; Domestic abuse strategy; Modern slavery; Forced marriages; EU settlement scheme; Essential services; Child refugee campaign; HIV prevention; Clean air zones; Waste strategy; Counterfeit cigarettes; Digital transformation; Arts and public health; Council finances.

Norfolk County Council (NCC) meetings in February: There were a range of meetings held at County Hall and here is the taster for February's: Policy and Resources Committee, Norfolk Local Access Forum, Audit Committee, Police and Crime Panel, full County Council (of all 84 members this time discussing the Budget for the following year), Health & Wellbeing Board, Norfolk County Strategic Partnership Scrutiny (Sub Panel), Norfolk Parking Partnership, Pensions Committee, Personnel Committee, Norfolk Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee, Adult Social Care Committee, Business & Property Committee, Communities Committee, Environment, Transport & Development Committee. (If you go on line to NCC website committees and meetings you can find the full range of committees meeting across the year.)

Town & parish meetings: In addition councillors are encouraged when they can to attend the town and parish meetings within their divisions. Not all meet monthly and I like to get to as many as possible. Spouse (Michael) has even managed to get me to three in one evening but because the division is spread over quite an area there are times when I know I will not get to them all - and sometimes a council has rung me to say they can wait no longer. I hope my reports are useful when I cannot make it and I will always take questions afterwards.

Not too late, I hope, to wish you all a happy and healthy 2019, Marie.

TALENT SHOW

Have you a hidden talent ... do you want to be discovered?

Whether you can sing, dance, tell jokes, play an instrument or quote Byron, you now have the chance to show the world ... or just North Norfolk.

Friends of Thornage (FROTH) are looking for exciting brave people to SIGN UP for our Talent Show to be held at The Barn at Thornage Hall.

SPRING EVENT, so hurry, help get this show on the road.

Telephone: Dan on 01263 860064
Chris on 01263 860188

Swanton Novers Village Hall

1 p.m. Thursdays - 7th March, 21st March, 4th April and maybe more!

Vegan Eco Lunch - two courses, from locally sourced organic produce.

Introductory Offer - pay by donation (suggested minimum £5).

Informal and friendly, come and chat, or just eat and go!

Phone Ritchie on 01263 479315 to book, or to be involved.



Concert: The Dreamers of Dreams

Sheringham & Cromer Choral Society and Ensemble directed by David Ballard perform Edward Elgar's *The Music Makers* and John Rutter's *Requiem*, with Zaira Palumbo *soprano*.

Saturday 6th April, 7.30 pm in Cromer Parish Church

Tickets: £12 (£15 on the door), under 18s FREE

From: Sheringham Little Theatre Box Office, tel: 01263 822347,

or from any choir member, or via www.sheringhamandcromerchoral.co.uk

Thornage Village Coffee Morning Wednesday 20th March 10.30am

Come and join us for coffee and cakes at our coffee morning at 10.30 in All Saints Church. We look forward to seeing you then, and would like to let you know that through your support and generosity, we were able to support three charities in 2018: Macmillan Cancer Support, Crisis at Christmas and East Anglia Children's Hospices.

Thank you all.

Debbie, Gill, Trish and Teresa

Card Recycling Club at Thornage Church Wednesday 13th March, 10.30-12 noon

Do join our group - we re-cycle Christmas and greetings cards to raise funds for All Saints Church, Thornage.

BRININGHAM VILLAGE HALL DRAW February 2019

1st Prize: £15 Hugh Crossley (69)
2nd Prize: £10 Janice Ley (43)
3rd Prize: £ 5 Malcolm Bray (16)

Mobile Library dates March 2019

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| Bringham | Thursday March 14th at 3.20 - 3.35 pm |
| Brinton | Thursday March 14th at 2.55 - 3.10 pm |
| Hunworth | Thursday March 21st at 2.35 - 2.45 pm |
| Swanton Novers | Wednesday March 27th at 2.00 - 2.20 pm |
| Thornage | Thursday March 21st at 2.55 - 3.10 pm |



WHAT DID THE VIKINGS DO FOR US?

If you had lived in Norfolk around 1,100 years ago, you would have been ruled not from London or anywhere else in modern-day Britain, but from Denmark. The King of Denmark (and Norway and parts of Sweden) was also ruler of most of the east coast of England. Ghosts of those Viking invaders are still with us - among many legacies, they left behind the names of the days of the week:

Monday was named for Mani, the Norse moon god;

Tuesday for Tyr, the Norse one-handed god of war;

Wednesday is Woden's day aka Odin, the god of wisdom, war, poetry, death and magic;

Thursday for Tjor, the god of strength and storms;

Friday for Frigg, the goddess of marriage;

Saturday is our only non-Viking-named day and was named for the Roman god Saturn;

And Sunday was named after the Viking goddess of the sun.

VIKING: REDISCOVER THE LEGEND

Norwich Castle Museum, 9 February - 8 September 2019

<https://www.museums.norfolk.gov.uk/>

Revelation 3:8

Look, I have set before you an open door, which no one is able to shut.

SHROVE TUESDAY - 5 MARCH 2019

The word **shrove** is a form of the English word shrive, which means to obtain absolution for one's sins by way of Confession and doing penance. **Shrove Tuesday** gets its name from the custom for Christians to be "shriven" before the start of Lent.

Also known as Pancake Day, Shrove Tuesday, Fat Tuesday and Mardi Gras (French for Fat Tuesday), is the last day of feasting before Lent begins on **Ash Wednesday**. It's so called because of the tradition of eating pancakes on the day, using up eggs, milk and sugar before a time of austerity and reflection.

Shrove Tuesday always falls 47 days before Easter Sunday.

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Friday 3rd May - 7pm

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Briningham Defibrillator training

On a very wet Sunday on the 10th of February we welcomed Jim Begley from the Community Heart Beat Trust. Tea and cakes seemed to go down well before the start of the training session. Jim gave an informative training session to 16 students on the use of the Defibrillator. I do hope everyone found the session helpful and gained a better understanding of the importance of having a Defibrillator in the community to give the best possible chance of helping someone who has had a cardiac arrest .

We were told about a telephone system that could be set up in the village which would call 10 people at the same time, to ask them to take the defibrillator to aid someone. This would be very helpful, particularly if someone is on their own. If you would like me to look into this and take it forward, kindly leave a message so I can obtain this information for us to consider. My thanks to everyone who attended .

KEEP THE DATE FREE We will be holding a fundraising Easter afternoon tea at Briningham Village Hall on Sunday April 21st, 2-4.30pm. Donations of cake and raffle prizes would be much appreciated.

Martin Hunt

01263 862902 / Huntstorm29@aol.com

The Hunny Bell Cross Country Fun Run 2019 Sunday 10th March, 10am

Join us for this friendly Cross Country around the beautiful Stody Estate. Five mile course for adults @ £15pp entry fee, and a 2.5 mile course for under 18s @ £7.50pp entry fee.

All profits from this event raise funds for the local children's charity BREAK, which organises short holidays for city children whose families cannot afford to take them on holiday. Sign up at: www.break-charity.org/support-us/events

We also need volunteers to marshal along the route for the morning and to help hand out medals. Please contact helen.dingle@break-charity.org for more information.



Come and join us for a fun Quiz evening at the Pub. Either gather some friends together to make up a team of up to six people, or come along and be slotted into a team. Generous cash prizes for the winning team and the runners up.

Advance booking essential

THURSDAY 7th March - 8.30pm start and THURSDAY 18th April - 8.30pm start

Contact Rachel at the Hunworth Bell - 01263 711151 or email: info@hunworthbell.co.uk

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May 8th and 22nd

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If you feel able to donate any of these items we would be very grateful. Items for the foodbank may be left in the boxes provided at the back of each of the six churches. Alternatively the collection point in Holt is at the Youth Centre in Old Station Way on Fridays between 1pm and 2pm.

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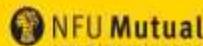
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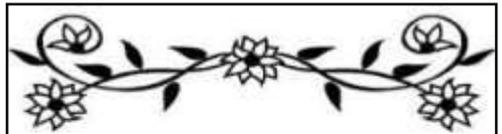
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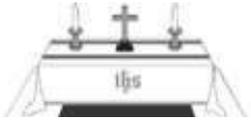
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| Sunday 3 March | 09.30 am 11.00 am | Stody Thornage | Morning Worship Holy Communion (BCP) |
| Wednesdays 6, 13, 20 and 27 March | 09.30-10.30 am | Briningham | Lent Course - see page 5 |
| Wednesday 6 March | 2.00 pm 7.00 pm | Swanton Care Centre Brinton | Informal service Imposition of Ashes |
| Thursday 7 March | 5.30 pm | Norwich Cathedral | Evensong - Briningham Benefice will be prayed for |
| <i>Thursdays 7 & 21 March</i> | <i>1.00 pm</i> | <i>Swanton Novers Village Hall</i> | <i>Vegan Eco Lunches - see page 11</i> |
| Sunday 10 March | 09.30 am 09.30 for 10am 11.00 am | Brinton Briningham Village Hall Hunworth | Morning Prayer Contemporary Worship Holy Communion (BCP) |
| <i>Monday 11 March</i> | <i>07.30 pm</i> | <i>Swanton Novers Village Hall</i> | <i>History Group - see page 7</i> |
| Sunday 17 March | 09.30 am 11.00 am | Swanton Novers Briningham | Morning Prayer Holy Communion (BCP) |
| Sunday 24 March | 11.00 am | Briningham | Benefice Holy Communion Common Worship |
| <i>Monday 25 March</i> | <i>07.00 pm for 07.30 pm</i> | <i>Swanton Novers Village Hall</i> | <i>The Filling Station - see page 9</i> |
| Sunday 31 March | 10.30 am | Hunworth | Mothering Sunday Benefice service - see page 7 |

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