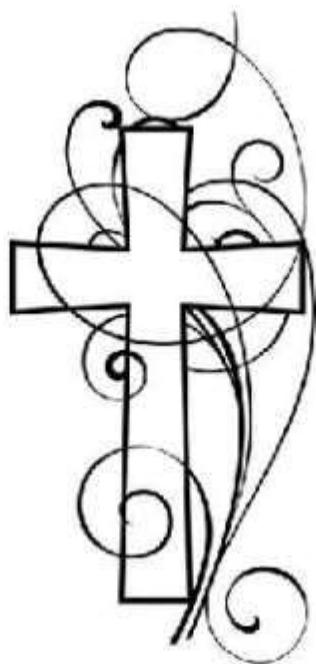


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Briningham, Brinton, Hunworth, Stody, Thornage and Swanton Novers

April 2019

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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:

Change is part of life and no less so in the church. We have recently celebrated 25 years since the ordination of women, following a long period of discernment. Only a few years ago in 2015 was the first female bishop, Libby Lane appointed and consecrated as bishop of Stockport. Respect for different views within the church must be embraced and we should respectfully listen to those who have a different point of view. As we move through Lent and into the events of Holy week, we remember our Lord; God in human form. He cried and got angry, just like you and me. He wept when his friend Lazarus died and he overturned the tables in the temple when his father's house was being used for everything but worship.

As we travel through Lent and the lead up to Easter, Christians will be looking at their spiritual lives and doing some "spring cleaning". Over the years we may be carrying around a lot of excess; physical, emotional and spiritual and Lent is the perfect time to get rid of what we don't need. To forgive and to be forgiven are common themes which challenge us. We cannot close our eyes to what is going on around us in our families and circle of friends. The Church of England calls us to be "A Christian presence in every community". Needless to say, we have to admit that going to church is not so popular now but those of us who are involved in church life try to reach out to the whole community which is daily in our prayers.

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For the person with faith
And the one with none at all.
For the ones that crawl
And those who walk tall.
For you. For me.
For one. For all.
That's what church is.

Poem by Dan Dowman) Taken from the Diocese of Norwich Mission Statement.

Wishing you a very happy Easter, full of love, joy and peace!

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

| | | |
|-------------------------|----------|---------------|
| Kenneth Gledhill | Thornage | February 21st |
| John Thomas | Stody | February 23rd |
| Catherine (Kitty) Clark | Stody | March 26th |

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.

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The Editors' phone numbers are on page 2.

Lent Course 2019

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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.

Briningham & Burgh Stubbs Open Gardens 2019

Come and join in the fun as we open our village gardens in aid of St Maurice Briningham, on Sunday 9th June 2019.

Would you let us share your garden, whether it's large or small, for this village event? If you are interested then please get in touch with:

Sylvia, Tel: 01263 862785 or Karen, Tel: 01263 860057,
karen@siddallsofnorfolk.co.uk

Swanton Novers Village Hall

1 p.m. Thursday 4th April and maybe more!

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

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

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Afternoon Tea
Easter Sunday
April 21st
2- 4.30 pm
Briningham Village Hall
In aid of



Cakes and Raffle prizes
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Please contact Martin
01263 862902

Catherine (Kitty) Clark

About thirty years ago Kitty and her husband Dan came to live at Jalna, in Stody, when Dan, a pilot with British Airways, had to take early retirement because of ill health. It was after their daughter Denise left home that Kitty trained as a flower arranger and became a National teacher and demonstrator. She had had been working in Surrey before coming to Norfolk, giving flower arranging demonstrations and teaching classes and had taken on some very prestigious projects, one of which was selecting a team and organising the decoration of Central Hall Westminster with a group of other flower arrangers. They apparently created huge swathes of flowers that hung from ceiling to floor and had to be placed from the top of a very tall ladder.

Kitty continued to do demonstrations and taught the art when she came to live in Norfolk and was one of the leading lights in the Holt Flower Club. Dan created the backdrops for Kitty's demonstrations and supported her in what she called her 'daisy dangling'. Kitty took over the flower rota for Stody church and encouraged everyone who would like to do so to take part in decorating the church for special festivals as well as individually for all the services. She was a hard taskmaster but fair and would always find something to commend! Her often reiterated, 'leave space for the butterflies,' was very good advice and her knowledge of how colour works saved many a mistake. Red might look wonderful to the close up arranger behind the altar but at the back of the church could hardly be seen.

In the 1990's, after Dan's death Kitty took over his duties as Churchwarden at Stody and became, with Christine, her friend of many years, a stalwart member of the Hunworth and Stody Village Rooms working as part of the team who arranged a variety of events. The Harvest Supper was a real highlight and after many years of cold cuts, salad and jacket potatoes and Andrew Pointen 's chilli (which was legend) Kitty suggested that a hog roast might go down rather well, ordered one, which was a real success, and all her kitchen surfaces disappeared under bowls upon bowls of salad to go with it. It was a real annual community effort and everyone produced, amongst other delicious dishes, wonderful desserts. Kitty and Christine also organised us all at Stody Lodge where the two villages were given the opportunity to provide the fundraising teas over two days of a bank holiday. No mean feat! Kitty didn't ever abandon her commitment to the Village Hall Committee and even after retiring from the day to day running of the hall continued to take the bookings.

It was wonderful for Kitty when her daughter, Denise, came to live in Norfolk, and her life was transformed.

Kitty's lively sense of humour was a delight and she was a very good friend to many of us. Chatty herself, she was always interested in the lives of others and a very good listener. She showed great courage in the way in which she lived with the results of a bad accident in the nineties and all the limitations caused by illness and pain in her latter years. She had an iron will and determination which meant that she was rarely beaten, not even by a computer!

We shall miss her.

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**Monday 29th April 2019 at Swanton Novers Village Hall,
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The speaker will be Jonathan Squirrel. Based in Norfolk, he and his wife lead Beacon Church and Beacon School of Supernatural Life. Recently they have taken on the oversight of The Filling Stations in East Anglia and are members of the Apostolic Network of Global Awakening.

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

Norfolk County Council Budget: At the full council meeting on Monday 11 February county councillors voted on the forthcoming budget – in brief how money allocated to the county will be spent. Present were members of the public who attended in order to demonstrate their concerns regarding cuts to the children’s centres and to aspects of financial support for young people with special needs. Whilst a deputation regarding climate change received most of the media coverage you will be able to listen on the NCC website to the recording of the budget cuts debate. Whilst the two opposition groups opposed the cuts the budget as presented by the majority group was approved in its entirety.

Cabinet System and Live Coverage: After May NCC’s committee system will be replaced by a cabinet system. At the same time the main meetings, such as cabinet and full council, will be ‘live streamed’. It is unfortunate, in my view, that we are moving back to a cabinet system particularly since the cabinet makes all major decisions and will consist of councillors from only one political party. Therefore you will miss the healthy debate and exchange of views which the committee system engendered. Fairly or not the cabinet system has been said to engender a democratic deficiency. Fortunately full Council meetings will continue to include the council’s 84 members representing all county council political parties and importantly representing each and every county resident.

Changes to District Ward Boundaries: Consideration of how Norfolk’s town and parish councils should be grouped into wards is now complete and will take effect from the May 2019 district council elections. Presently the county division of Wells represents the town and parish councils shown at the end of this report. These councils are presently divided into three district wards – Priory, Glaven and Walsingham. Under the new ward system the same councils will be divided amongst the following wards: Coastal, Holt, Priory, Stody, Walsingham, Wells with Holkham.

Changes to County Divisions: Now the district wards have been agreed the county divisions are to be re-assessed with the amended divisions in place by the 2021 county council elections. Although not confirmed it is assumed that as with the re-shaping of the district wards there are likely to be fewer councillors.

County Divisions:

To-date there has been a set number of residents which each councilor should have in their division. Fewer councillors - and fewer residents (see below) - mean some county divisions are potentially set to become larger.

Wells Division is one if not arguably the most beautiful division in the county but at the same time many areas exemplify rural deprivation. As a result of the latter it is one of the parts of the county where many residents find it necessary to move away for work and are these days less likely to be replaced by residents. (County archives show a time when

Wells Division consisted of Wells town and two parishes – presumably with a very high proportion of residents.)

Non-residents do not count in the calculation of a division - although if they have bought property they, understandably, anticipate receiving assistance from the town/parish, district and county councillors.

I would also add that I am very conscious of the income that can accrue in parishes via non-residents employing tradespeople and of the income from holiday makers. I am also aware that new residents moving in and those who eventually become resident often become much welcomed members of our communities, volunteering for the many schemes which keep our parishes alive.

However there are obviously a range of socio-economic factors which come into play and which deserve further debate than this report.

For now I am focusing on the forthcoming assessment of county divisions and am wondering if the time is not right to carry out an examination of the system of governance at all levels across the county with particular regard to a re-organisation of power.

Such an approach would have many benefits and be preferable, in my view, to simply making county divisions larger thereby allowing less time for county councillors to do justice to those divisions.

All for now

Marie
County Cllr Dr Marie Strong



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

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

Thornage Village Coffee Morning

Wednesday 17th April 10.30am

Come and join us for coffee and cake at our next Thornage coffee morning on Wednesday 17th April at 10.30 in All Saints Church.

A chance to meet old friends and make new ones!

Debbie, Gill, Trish and Teresa

Card Recycling Club at Thornage Church

Wednesday 10th April

Thank you very much for contributions of used greetings and Christmas cards. We have sufficient to be going on with for the time being.

You are invited to buy the finished product. Easter cards on sale now. All proceeds towards the upkeep of the church.

Gin Tasting Event!

7.30 pm on Friday 26th April

Friends of Thornage (FROTH) invite you to a Gin Tasting event to be held at 7.30 pm on Friday 26th April at Barn House in Letheringsett Lane.

Tickets will be £10 a head and as we can only host up to 49 people it will be first come, first served.

If you are interested, please call Dan Earp on 01263 860064.

Look forward to seeing you!

Thornage Village Draw

January

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| 1st Prize | £20 | Number 43 | Michael and Jo Legge |
| 2nd Prize | £10 | Number 31 | Ann Ludbrook |
| 3rd Prize | £ 5 | Number 44 | Joe Ashley |

February

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| 1st Prize | £20 | Number 7 | Roger and Margaret Unite |
| 2nd Prize | £10 | Number 50 | Anthony Cude |
| 3rd Prize | £ 5 | Number 10 | Jackie Wright |

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

Email rev.riverol@brininghambenefice.org.uk

BRININGHAM VILLAGE HALL DRAW March 2019

1st Prize: £15 Sophie Crossley (21)
2nd Prize: £10 Hugh Crossley (70)
3rd Prize: £ 5 Janice Ley (43)

Mobile Library dates April 2019

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| Briningham | Thursday April 11th at 3.20 - 3.35 pm |
| Brinton | Thursday April 11th at 2.55 - 3.10 pm |
| Hunworth | Thursday April 18th at 2.35 - 2.45 pm |
| Swanton Novers | Wednesday April 24th at 2.00 - 2.20 pm |
| Thornage | Thursday April 18th at 2.55 - 3.10 pm |



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April Fools Day

The earliest records we have about 1st April are from France and Holland in the 1500s and, because of this, people believe that it must have been a northern European tradition that spread to Britain.

It is actually known as April Fish Day in some areas of Europe.

People think this is because there are a lot of fish in French streams and rivers around 1st April, and they are easy to catch - foolish fish!

So it soon became a tradition to play tricks on people on April 1st too.

It is still a common trick in France, and elsewhere in Europe, to attach a paper fish to somebody's back on April Fools' Day, and also to give chocolate fish as gifts. So it appears we don't actually know for sure where April Fools' Day officially started.

But one thing's for sure - people have been playing jokes on April 1st for a very long time!

So watch out!

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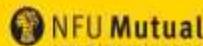
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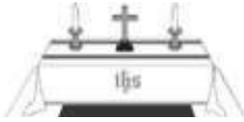
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April 2019

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| <i>Wednesdays</i> <i>April 3rd, 10th</i> | <i>09.30 am -</i> <i>10.30 am</i> | <i>Briningham</i> | <i>Lent Course</i> <i>See p. 5</i> |
| Sunday 7th April | 09.30 am 11.00 am | Stody Thornage | Holy Communion Morning Prayer |
| <i>Wednesday</i> <i>3rd April</i> | <i>2.00 pm</i> | <i>Swanton Care Centre</i> | <i>Informal service</i> |
| Sunday 14th April Palm Sunday | 09.30 am 09.30 for 10 am 11.00 am | Brinton Briningham Village Hall Hunworth | Holy Communion (BCP) Contemporary Worship Holy Communion (BCP) Visiting preacher, Canon Keith James |
| <i>Wednesday</i> <i>10th April</i> | <i>7.00 pm</i> | <i>Thornage Hall</i> | <i>Informal Worship</i> |
| Good Friday 19th April | 11.00 am | Swanton Novers | Stations of the Cross |
| Sunday 21st April Easter Day | 11.00 am | Briningham | Benefice Holy Communion |
| Sunday 28th April | 11.00 am | Thornage | Benefice Holy Communion Common Worship |
| <i>Monday</i> <i>29th April</i> | <i>7.00 pm for</i> <i>7.30pm</i> | <i>Swanton Novers Village Hall</i> | <i>The Filling Station</i> <i>See page</i> |
| Sunday 5th May | 09.30 am 11.00 am | Stody Thornage | Morning Worship Holy Communion (BCP) |

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