

INGHAM PARISH MAGAZINE



Photo: Darren Rogers

Sadly NO Ingham Fete 2020

There has always been a summer Fair in Ingham. It was a tradition from the days of the historic cattle market and Hiring Fair that was annually held around Trinity Sunday until the onset of war 1914, revived between the wars until 1938, then revived in spirit as a garden party by Peter Shanks and the PCC in the 1960s.

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August 2020

Editorial

Dear Reader,

Well, what a change from last month, you could almost be forgiven for thinking that the Coronavirus Pandemic is over with all of the people suddenly everywhere again. Only the face masks worn by some, the markings on flooring, plastic screens up almost everywhere, and social distancing practised by many giving away its continued threat. We must not become complacent. Our Prime Minister tells us the clever people at a research team in Cambridge have passed the first safety trial of a vaccine after what they refer to as strong trial results. Let us all hope this is the case. We are further encouraged by our Government's suggestion that we could see some return to normality by the end of the year. What a timely Christmas present that would be after these very sad times.

Apologies to any of you who did not receive your paper copy of the magazine last month, we needed a short settlement period to re-establish our network of deliverers. So hopefully we are back on track again now. If you are aware of anybody requiring one, please let us know and please remember you can now sign up to have the monthly magazine emailed to you or you can download the magazine from the Ingham Village website: www.inghamvillage.co.uk – we have 8 subscribers now!

If you have any questions, comments, or ideas for improvement, please send them to us. You can email us: magazine@inghamvillage.co.uk. Or drop us a note to Landell, Brick Kiln Lane.

Lesley, Darren, Angela, and Andreas

Police warning - High Value garden tools and machinery stolen

In mid July a ride on grass mower was stolen from the Cricket Club. Items have been reported stolen from garden sheds including chain saws, strimmer, and a hedge trimmer. Please store your garden equipment securely.

A message from Peter Davison, Community Engagement Officer, North Norfolk

Further crime prevention advice can be found at www.norfolk.police.uk

Ingham Village Hall - Registered Charity No 303988

The Committee was able to hold a meeting on July 16th (self distancing of course) to discuss the strict measures we need to put in place so the Hall can re-open. We are obliged to provide a Covid 19 Risk Assessment and a Special Conditions of Hire supplement to the hall's ordinary hire conditions during Covid 19. In addition we will have to supply hand sanitisers and other protective items, a Covid 19 First Aid Box, do extra cleaning, and make sure there is always plenty of soap and paper towels for regular hand washing.

The Hall will not be open for any social events and so far, only one of our regular hirers has asked and is able to return. The Village Hall website will have full details.

Inspite of our request for people to stop climbing over the banks to access the Recreation Ground, this has continued and in some places the bank has been eroded down to ground level. This has got to stop. As always, one or two selfish people will spoil it for everyone else - the spectre of a complete ban on dog walking could be raised again. Please respect our wishes and use the gate on Mill Road to enter and exit the ground. Thank you!

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In a series of articles Norfolk Rivers Trust will provide advice to help maintain the health of our globally rare chalk streams and lowland rivers in Norfolk. In times of drought and hot weather it is especially important because of the wildlife our rivers support. Endangered white clawed crayfish, brown trout, eels, and water voles are just a few of the iconic species at risk in Norfolk and you can do your bit to help protect them. Vegetation: while it is tempting to "tidy" the river by pulling out the plants, you are doing more harm than good. The vegetation in the river helps in so many ways! Firstly, plants shade the channel, reducing the temperature of the water and keeping the water oxygenated. Secondly, plants hold back water in exceptionally low flows, allowing the invertebrates and fish to survive in the damp conditions. Thirdly, plants take up the excess nutrients and pollutants resulting in cleaner water downstream; plants act as natural filters. And lastly, by taking out the vegetation you are removing the essential food that most of the aquatic food chain relies on! If you feel the river is "choked" you can call the Environment Agency for advice but generally the vegetation dies down over winter. If you are a landowner with riparian land and would like to talk to us about restoration and rewilding please do get in touch with us at Norfolk Rivers Trust. We offer a wide range of services including surveys, restoration and management advice.

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Sadly NO Ingham Fete 2020.

(Continued from front cover)

An Ingham tradition began and the Garden Party continued and grew and became the Church Fete and outgrew the old venue in the garden of the Ingham Old hall and was offered a home on the Village Hall field. The Church are appreciative of the new venue and for the ongoing support of Ingham Village Hall committee.

Fete 2020 was planned as usual for the third Saturday 13th August 2020. Licenses were applied for and preparations began in January with prizes for the Grand Draw sought, dog show judges and entertainment booked. Names began to fill the 'Who Does What' list.

Then it all stopped as we went into 'lockdown'.

Covid 19 had come to Britain. It was soon obvious there would be no fete. Church was closed for protection of congregations and clergy. Many of both are in vulnerable groups of people. Personal safety has become paramount. Life has changed and has had an effect on us all with family separation and isolation from which we are only slowly emerging. This bizarre year continues, sadly it is obvious there can be no Ingham Fete and no fun day out for all the family and visitors.

Thank you to all those local people who offered to help with the fete before the Pandemic Lockdown. Holy Trinity Church PCC is grateful for your support and as always it was much appreciated.

We are sorry to disappoint many people who love the Church fete.

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Message from the Rector

Dear Friends,

As I write this I have been watching some of the cricket which began again recently. Although I am not an enthusiast, despite other members of my household being the opposite, and one of them knowing all the rules and regulations too! I am nonetheless always impressed by the physical athleticism of these cricketers. They run around for hours on the field, their dedication is relentless. Of course, what we don't see is the hours over many months and years of training that they have given to rise to the top of their sporting profession. It doesn't happen easily nor quickly and requires dedication and devotion to a regime. During the COVID 19 Pandemic when normal training was not available they must surely have been more rigorous and dedicated in their own personal training than ever.

I remember many years ago (as a choirboy!) listening to a sermon by an RAF Chaplain. He brought two trays covered with cloths to the front of the church. He was talking about preparation and what we need to do to prepare for our day. When he removed the cloth from the first tray it revealed a bowl of cereal, a banana, a cup of tea, boiled egg and toast. He asked those present to put up their hand if they had eaten breakfast, most hands went up. Then he took the cloth off the second tray which revealed a Bible. He then asked who had prepared for their day by reading the Bible and praying, or who planned to do so before they went to sleep. Not many hands went up!

His point being that we need to prepare to keep in condition to grow in our faith, and that should be part of our everyday regime, and as automatic for us as eating our normal daily food. It was a memorable sermon with a simple message which I still remember nearly fifty years on. I warmly commend it to you. It's so easy to skip our "breakfast" but it is the most important meal of the day.

Every blessing,

Simon

Services at Holy Trinity Church have resumed!

Services in church have now restarted at 9.15am every Sunday. To begin with we are saying Morning Prayer – Holy Communion services will begin later on. It has been wonderful to be able to meet for worship once again, after four months of worship in our homes, and if you would like to join us you will be made very welcome. Safety measures include social distancing, extra cleaning, and hand sanitiser on entry and on leaving. As we write, the wearing of face coverings is not compulsory, but if you feel more comfortable wearing one that is of course fine.

The church is open from 10am – 2pm every day for private prayer and reflection – if you would like to visit outside these times please contact Bunty or Enid (numbers below).

Ingham Church Fete 2020 - Cancelled

We are very sorry that the Fete this year has had to be cancelled due to the coronavirus pandemic. This is the first year without a Church Garden Party or Fete since the middle of last century. It will be missed by the village and our visitors from near and far, and not least of all by Holy Trinity Church who relied on the income from that to raise enough funds for church upkeep and for it to continue to serve the Parish at times of Joy and Sorrow.

We are all facing an uncertain future. The Pandemic has changed so much we always took for granted. The safety of our local community has to be a priority. Let us hope for eventual safer new beginnings and happier times ahead.

Pews News Extra

During lockdown we have been producing a bumper ‘Pews News Extra’ each week. Rather than just containing the weekly notices, it has the readings for the week, a reflection, prayers, hymns and various other items. We intend to continue producing this for some time yet. If you are able to get online, you can find a link to the latest issue on the homepage of our website: www.stalhambenefice.org.uk or if you’d like a paper copy, please contact us and we will arrange for you to receive one.

DO YOU NEED HELP IN THESE UNCERTAIN TIMES?

Do not hesitate to let us know. We have a group of willing, trustworthy volunteers who can collect medication or help with shopping.

If you or anyone you know would like help please call
Bunty 01692 583481 or Enid 01692 580444.

Remembering Ingham Church Fete

Until 1953 Ingham Old Hall was occupied by The Prince of Wales Training School for Merchant Seaman. The church fete was held in other places. The village postmaster opened his large garden to hold a fund raiser. Around bits of Trinitarian priory ruin, in the shadow of the church, the traditional stalls were set up. We all put on our best frocks (females that is) men wore jacket and tie. Photographs were taken as we sold home-made jam to the lady who opened it. All genteel, no tug-of-war and no bonny baby competition.

What could have been more quintessentially English than a church garden fete with the backdrop of 15th century Ingham Old Hall and the sound of willow on leather from the adjacent cricket ground. The field next to the school accommodated parking for locals, holidaymakers and passers by who stopped to visit. A chap shaking a bucket cheerily greeted everyone and thanked all who made a voluntary contribution to enter. Refreshments of home baking and tea at whatever strength you wanted were dispensed with a smile. My mother, Katie, who made Victoria sponges and coconut pyramids, washed up (no smudges on any cup). My sister Diane sympathised with those who had near misses on her hoop la stall, (have another go) Ames' donkeys gave rides for the children. The dog show helped swell the numbers. Frail Inghamites now living there joined in; I chatted with Molly. It never, ever, rained that Saturday!

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Photo: Colin Gray

The plaques on our Wall of Memories are now going up and look great! Whether to remember a loved one, celebrate a special day, or simply happy memories of sunny days spent on the beach, there is a place on our Wall of Memories for all.

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I first saw the Norfolk Broads in the summer of 1972, when my boyfriend Jeremy Page brought me to meet his parents. That first week, he took me to all the places of his youth.

St Peter's Church, Brunstead, meant a great deal to him for its peace and seclusion. He used to cycle on his paper round there.

I thought Eccles Beach magnificent – we sat on the grassy dunes looking out to sea, windswept, mesmerised, at the crashing waves.

We drove around the villages, sailed on his father's boat Gay Girl, moored at Hickling, attended craft fairs, and at Ingham, he showed me the school he attended whilst living at Ingham Corner, until he left, aged 11 in 1962.

We married and had many happy Broadland visits with our young family until his parents moved to Kent in the 1980's.

Jeremy died two years ago. Last October I returned to those much-loved places. They had lost nothing of their atmosphere and beauty.

I'd wondered if Jeremy's school record was at Ingham School, but found it had closed in the late 1970's, and apparently the records have disappeared.

So – if anyone recognises or remembers Jeremy from the 1950's, please do get in touch by email, or by telephoning the magazine.

Marilyn Page

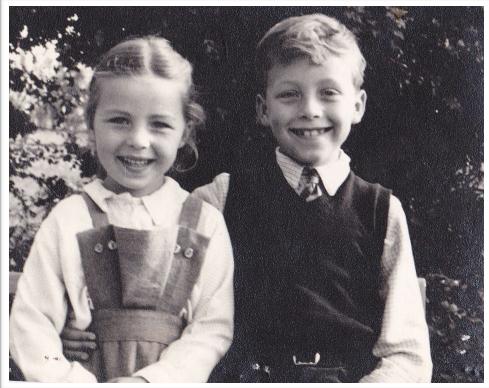
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Barn events postponed or cancelled due to coronavirus

Covid 19 restrictions have meant the Village Show cannot go ahead in its usual form. So instead there will be a virtual show for flowers and veg this month. Judging will take place on July 26th. Then later in the year we plan to stage a second indoor event for baking, art and crafts etc - with, of course, the flowers and vegetables present but in photographic form!

For more information please visit the Barn's website: <https://www.hicklingbarn.com/>



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Our rehoming team has been busy over the last few months finding new homes for the animals in our care and it is great to hear such good reports from their new owners. The money we make in our shop goes directly to paying for all the staff and equipment needed to rescue, get ready, and then re-home animals.

Due to Coronavirus we have had to make a few changes as to how our shop will operate. There will be a maximum of 2 customers in the shop at any one time and we will only be taking donations on a Thursday. We will still be open Monday to Saturday but we will be opening at 10 and closing at 4 to give our staff and volunteers a chance to restock and clean the shop thoroughly.

We thank you for all your pictures and rainbows that have brightened up our shop while it has been closed and we look forward to welcoming you all back.

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