
INGHAM PARISH MAGAZINE



Photo: Angela Schroeer

The Village Hall is again open for hire.

All the necessary precautions have been put in place.

The Church is open

Social distancing measures are in place.

See centre pages for details.

September 2020

Editorial

Dear Reader,

We have received a lot of positive feedback on the historic articles and remembrances of past times of the village fete. So please send in more articles of life in the village. This magazine is for the village, about the village, and about the people who live in it. So why not have a go and try your hand at writing a short piece?

Marilyn Page who was looking for information on her husband Jeremy who attended Ingham school, has written to say that she has been contacted by a few people and says she was told "On Bonfire Night the children used to congregate in the field behind his house (4 Queen's Cottages, Ingham Corner), and have fun and frolics with the event." Thank you to those who have taken the time to get in touch with her and help her find the lost memories of her husband.

The magazine is available for download from the Ingham Village website: www.inghamvillage.co.uk.

If you have any questions, comments, or ideas for improvement, please send them to us. If you have something you would like to add to the magazine then you can email it to us, or you can hand it in to Landell, Brick Kiln Lane.

You can email us at: magazine@inghamvillage.co.uk

Angela, Andreas, Lesley, and Darren

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Check the Village Hall website for any new updates and there will be more news in next month's magazine.

Dates for September

The one regular booking back at the Hall is Aspire Dance

Friday 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th - 3.00 to 7.00pm (Amy Hannant 07795421273)

Ingham Craft Club.

After checking with the majority of members, it has been decided not to hold any meetings for the rest of this year. (No Christmas Lunch either!). Contact Club Chairman, Faith Hubbard on 583338 for any further updates.

All Hall Booking enquiries to Darren Rogers 01692 580202

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Nature Notes from Well Cottage

This has been a summer of very variable weather, sometimes very hot and then having to put up with some quite chilly winds! Rainfall has been spasmodic too, the last 3 weeks being very dry and our rain water butts are now very low. However, we have never seen so many butterflies in the garden for several years. One morning the four Buddleias in the garden were alive with Peacock Butterflies and they remained around for at least a week. We have also noted Gate Keepers, Holly Blues, Meadow Brown, Brimstone, and Orange Tips as well as the usual Tortoiseshells, Red Admirals, and of course the Cabbage Whites. Dragon flies were seen in early August, mostly a light brown colour, but one or two blue ones. We do not have a pond, but they seem to like this garden. The soft fruits are all finished and the freezer is packed as they fruited very well. Garden Peas and Broad Beans have cropped well and we will certainly enjoy eating them in the winter months from the freezer. The Roses have been magnificent and after 'dead heading' they are once more in full bloom. We haven't been plagued with greenfly or blackspot either.

The Bumble Bees are still very busy in all the flowers and they don't seem to mind when we do get some rain.

Lots of wasps around and they almost succeeded in building a nest in the loft, before we became aware of it.



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Farming Diary

As the cereal harvest draws to a close, and with it the arable farming year, I thought I would cast my eye back over this year's season. The wheat drilling started in mid September 2019 drilling into dust, however, this quickly changed into a very wet autumn, and winter, making field operations quite difficult.

The spring soon turned dry, enabling us to finish off any outstanding work, but stayed dry, which compromised the potential of all crops.

On my farm, the best crop by far, was the oilseed crop, with a good yield, and margin, the cereal crops were approximately 18% to 20% down on last year's figures even though the earlier drilled wheats looked reasonable in the field, pre harvest.

On a much happier note, a good friend and neighbour, baked some bread, from one of our fields of wheat, next to their house, straight from the combine and, into the kitchen. This must surely qualify as a low food mile, and extremely local, loaf of bread!

The house martins and swallows arrived in May, followed a week or so later by the swifts, a much anticipated sign of Spring. We always leave a muddy puddle in the farmyard to enable the swallows and house martins to build a nest, but sadly, this year, although I saw several hunting for insects above the crops, I didn't see the numbers in the farmyard we normally have. However for the second year running, barn owls have successfully hatched their young, in an old barn we have.

Alistair Wright

Lessingham and District Gardening Club

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Rev. Andrew Bevan reflects on his Ordination last month

What a wonderful week!

So the date and location had been set for my Ordination as a Priest. Saturday 8th August at 11am in surely one of the best places to be ordained – St Mary's Church Stalham. It did not matter that the date and location of the service had been postponed due to the current Covid Crisis. It was just a blessing that the service would take place and in a location which felt so special to me.

OK the numbers were limited. I could only bring along immediate family and a few representatives of our church family. However, by using modern technology it was possible to broadcast the service, which was watched by many who may not have been able to attend a service in Norwich.

The week began with a gathering of Ordinands in the Bishop's Garden for the swearing of Oaths and a two day retreat. The weather was perfect, the location could not have been better and the time to sit and reflect on the coming week was most helpful. The scent of roses in the garden was delightful.

It is difficult to try and explain what the service itself meant. Needless to say it was very special and will remain with me as one of the most memorable experiences of my life. Surrounded by the love of my family, my church family and being so aware of the special blessing that was being bestowed upon me and the responsibility that this will carry.

Having just got over the excitement and emotion of ordination day itself I was then given the opportunity to celebrate my first Holy Communion the following Sunday. This was such a special moment. To be entrusted with the most significant part of our Christian worship, bringing together our congregations before God in the celebration of Holy Communion. It was an immense privilege and something that I will reflect upon for many years to come.

So what's next? I will continue to serve my Curacy in the Stalham and Smallburgh Benefices for the next three years. As a self supporting minister I will not be leaving at the end of three years to take on a Parish of my own. I will continue to serve God in this location alongside so many Christian servants within our Benefice churches. I look forward for us all to have the opportunity to explore our faith together and to witness the mission of Christ's church within our community.

It just remains for me to say thank you for all of the love, support, encouragement and prayers that have been bestowed upon me and my family by so many. I also extend special thanks to Simon for his confidence in me by gifting so many opportunities to develop my ministry and serve alongside him in this place.

May God bless you and keep you.

Andrew

Have you seen this on your walks?

These Blue Plaques are marking a 4.5 mile circular walk starting at Stalham library and going through Ingham via the footpath through Goose Lane/Brick Kiln Lane, then onto Calthorpe Street via the field path and down Sydney Street to where Jan Mark lived. Jan Mark lived at Tiler's Cottage, 10 Sydney Street in the '70s and '80s. This route follows in the footsteps of the characters from her book *Thunder and Lightnings*.

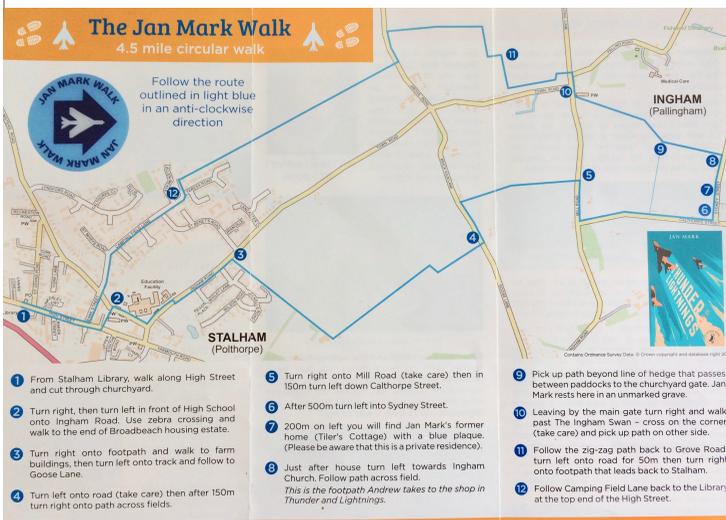


You may recall that an article was published in September 2019 about creating this walk in memory of Jan. There is a blue Heritage Plaque on the wall of the house. Jan wrote many books during her time living in Ingham and her books are based in the area. She dedicated her book *Thunder and Lightnings* to her then next-door neighbours Faith and David.

Thunder and Lightnings was on the reading list for the children at Stalham Middle School. You can pick out the change of names in her book, Ingham became Pallingham, and Stalham was called Polthorpe.

The story is about Andrew, who has recently moved to the area and is befriended by a local boy who has a passion for airplanes, especially the Electric Lightning fighter planes from RAF Coltishall they see flying overhead.

More information about Jan, her work, and her life, can be found here: <https://janmark.net/norfolk-connections/>



This is the inside of the leaflet showing the route of the walk.

Sea Palling Independent Lifeboat

In recent weeks we have seen an unprecedented demand on not only the Sea Palling Independent Lifeboat service, but on all the other lifeboat stations along the coast, the HM Coastguard teams and emergency services. It is so often the case that people get into trouble with the use of inflatables or do not realise the strength of the tides and rip currents that are found along our coastline which can sadly lead to tragedy.

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The play area is now open, thanks to a team of volunteers who are making sure the equipment is sanitised on a daily basis. The community gym has also reopened. We are hoping that Pilates and some other activities will be returning very soon.

The restrictions still in place on public gatherings mean that it is unlikely that we will be able to hold parties or wedding receptions in the foreseeable future. These restrictions also mean that our Annual General Meeting due in September will have to be postponed.

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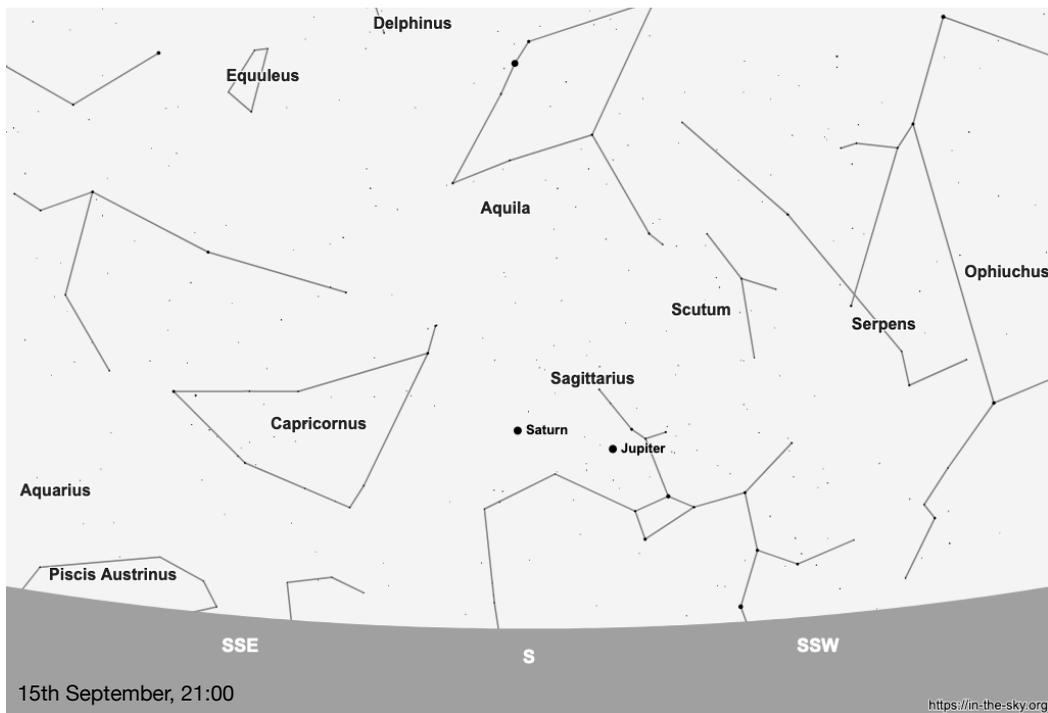
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The Night Sky in September



Welcome back to the Night Sky. We were lucky to have quite a few contributions from our readers last month, so I stepped back to give them some space. I hope you managed to get a good look at our surprise visitor, Comet Neowise. I managed to take one good shot of Neowise over our house around midnight of the 20th July. If you send us an email, I can forward it to you.

You might have wondered what the two bright stars are that you can currently see in the south after the Sun has set. They are not stars at all, they are planets: Saturn and Jupiter. Jupiter is the brighter one of the two on the right. If you have a telescope with about 30x magnification you should be able to spot its four Galilean moons and if the optics are of good quality, you might see a hint of the cloud bands in its atmosphere. Saturn is not quite as bright (it is nearly twice as far away and slightly smaller), but with a telescope you should be able to see its rings. Binoculars are normally not strong enough to show any details, but you might just about be able to see the planets as tiny disks and not just as pinpoints of light.

Above the two planets you will find the Eagle (Aquila) with the star Altair as the middle tail feather. Altair is one corner of the Summer Triangle, which you will find right above your head. The other two corners are Deneb and Vega (see “The Night Sky in June”).

Full Moon: 2nd, Third Quarter: 10th, New Moon: 17th, First Quarter: 24th

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