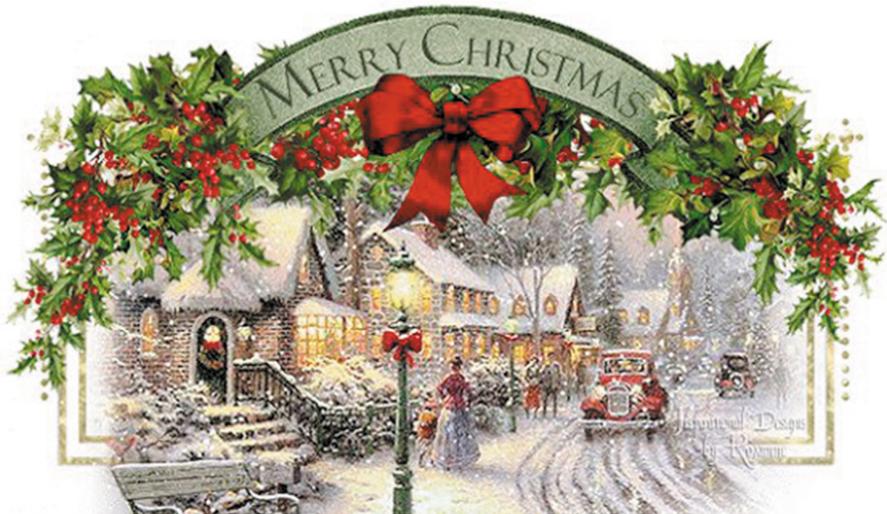




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There was a once up on a time when we all knew what
Christmas was going to bring, this year will be different.
But whatever happens...

We wish you all a Very Happy Christmas

December 2020



Editorial

Dear Reader,

The end of the year is in sight. What a strange and worrying year it has been. I think we are very fortunate to live in our village, we are well away from the big cities and crowds of people.

This year we may have to spend Christmas and New Year apart from our loved ones. That will be hard, for us and for them. Fortunately we have technology that helps us to connect with them, telephones, tablets and the like. It's not the same, but it is something.

I hope that the New Year will bring a vaccine that works and that the manufacturing and distribution time is not too long. Brexit will happen too, what changes will that bring us? We will have to wait and see how that plays out.

If you would like to add something to the January issue, please send it to us. An article, a photo, or what you thought of the Pumpkin Pie! Did you try it? (I did and it was yummy)

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Angela, Andreas, Lesley, and Darren

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Several people have contacted us saying how much they miss the social aspects of our events, particularly the Harvest Dinner and Quiz 'N' Chips, and we can only hope that we will be able to resume these and others in 2021.

We continue to retain a high maintenance and cleanliness level at the Hall, (our cleaner is doing a 'sterling' job) and this will carry on even though the Hall is closed at the moment.

By the time this is printed, we will not know if we can re-open and resume the bookings that had been able to take place before 5th November.

Contact Darren for all the latest news.

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- Submit it to the Trust either by email or post (the address is on the form)
- The Trustees meet three times a year, but applications are considered in between meetings so there is no delay in responding to applicants

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Ingham Farming Diary

The 2021 cropping year started in mid September with drilling wheat. After vining peas and the oilseed crop, I was a little worried I'd started a bit early, but as the dry weather soon turned into wet weather, I think it was the right thing to do.

We have had sporadic progress since then with drilling, but it looks rather like last year's wet winter again.

I am thinking of trying a direct drill, which as its name suggests works directly into the stubble, with no ploughing or cultivating needed. If it works it would mean a real financial reduction in establishing the cereal crops and also reduce the farm's CO₂ emissions, which we are required to do now.

Throughout my time farming here at Ingham, we have seen huge advances in technology. I was watching the contractor lifting our sugar beet the other day, six rows of beet at a time, and thinking back to when I was first on the farm, we used a harvester that lifted one row at a time. Progress, I believe, but we had several men on the farm then, and it's only me now. It's become a solitary job, in many ways.

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Message from the Rector

Dear Friends,

So I find myself writing again in another period of lockdown, true, not so restrictive as the last, but lockdown nonetheless. Everything at the moment seems all about Hope, particularly in relation to our present circumstances. It's a word we find bandied about all the over the place. We hope the R rate falls, we hope the death rate and admissions to hospital rate falls, we hope the new vaccines work, we hope the NHS, who have done such a marvellous job, often unsung, will continue to cope. We don't know. Now I want to add another to that seemingly long list: we hope to have services in our churches over Christmas. We don't know whether we shall be allowed to do so at the moment, but we hope we shall. Nothing is certain.

In a way perhaps it's fitting we are living in a time of hope. For what else is Christmas about, but hope. The difference here of course, is that Christmas is a sure hope, a certain hope, as we remember the birth of a tiny child, the Son of God, born in a stable, who grew to show the world what the love of God was, and is all about. It's a reminder that we are so loved by God that he gave his Son Jesus to be born for all of us, and that in the end he died for us. Yet hope didn't end there; it was fulfilled in his rising from the dead and ascending into heaven. One day He will return again for us. That is not merely a hope in the air but a promise we have all been given by God himself.

I am reminded of the words of the Carol, Once in Royal David's City ...

And our eyes at last shall see Him
Through His own redeeming love;
For that child so dear and gentle
Is our Lord in heaven above
And He leads His children on
To the place where He is gone

So put your sure and certain hope this Christmas, (which may well be different from the norm, and those of Christmases past), into the Christ child, as we have done before, for here is the very Son of God in that manger, who hopes that we will come and worship Him anew, however that may be, this Christmastide. Let us make our heartfelt adoration and joy an expression of our sure and certain hope in Him.

Every Christmas Blessing to you and your families,

Simon

December services at Holy Trinity Church

(if Government regulations allow)

Sunday 6 th December	9.15am	Holy Communion
Sunday 13 th December	9.15am	Morning Prayer
Sunday 20 th December	9.15am	Holy Communion
Friday 25 th December	9.15am	Christmas Morning Service
Sunday 27 th December	10.30am	Benefice Service at Stalham

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 exit. Face coverings are now a legal requirement other than for those who are exempt.

The church is open from 10am – 3pm every day for private prayer and reflection – if you would like to visit outside these times please contact Bunty or Enid .

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Churchwardens: Bunty McClean 01692 583481
Enid Pollard 01692 580444

Website: www.stalhambenefice.org.uk

Services are now available online!

During the second lockdown we have begun to enter the world of streaming church services on the internet. We plan to continue this once we are allowed to meet in church for worship again. Services are live streamed on our Facebook page (Stalham Church Benefice) and you need to be registered on Facebook to access them.

You can find details of the live stream each week on our website www.stalhambenefice.org.uk where you will also find a service sheet with everything you need to be able to take part in the service with us. Pews News is also available on the website with the full text of the readings, reflection and prayers.

On the 'videos' section of the website you'll find videos of each week's service which will be uploaded as soon as possible to enable those who do not wish to register with Facebook to access them.

This is a new venture and we are learning as we go along, but we hope and pray that this development will help people to join us in worship at times they cannot be in church for whatever reason.

Recipe of the month - Stollen

Fruit mixture:

350g sultanas, 75g lemon peel, 50g orange peel, 100g almond slivers, 150g dark rum

Pre-dough:

400g fine white flour, 120g fresh yeast (or 42g dry yeast), 270g lukewarm milk

Stollen dough:

500g fine white flour, 300g warm unsalted butter, 150g marzipan, 4 egg yolks, 10g ground cinnamon, 15g salt, ground peel of 1 unwaxed lemon (only the yellow part)

- Mix the fruit mixture well and let steep for 12 hours in a closed container.
- Knead the ingredients of the pre-dough, cover, and let sit for 20 minutes.
- Knead the ingredients of the Stollen dough into the pre-dough until the dough is smooth. Add more flour or milk if needed.
- Let the dough rest for 20 minutes until it has risen noticeably.
- Carefully work the fruit mixture into the dough until evenly mixed.

The dough should never get cold during the preparation. Always cover it up when you are not working on it.

- Separate the dough into two equal parts and form both into rolls of equal length.
- Flatten one of the rolls so it is about twice as wide as it is high, then lay the other roll on top, flush on one side so that seen from the end it looks like a lying "b".
- Put on a buttered tray and let rest for 5 minutes.
- Bake at 190°C on the middle shelf for an hour.
- Brush the warm Stollen with melted Butter and cover with icing sugar. Add more sugar the next day.

This recipe is from my mother, Marlis. The resulting Stollen is enormous. I would recommend using half or a third of the ingredients. Have a nice Christmas, Andreas



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All tickets have to be bought by noon on December 20th and the draw will be at 7.30pm on December 21st. For further information please contact: Maggie Prettyman 01692 598324 or Shirley Sainsbury on 01692 598882 / shirley@briarleylodge.co.uk .

Barn Closure

As you know, all activity inside the Barn has had to stop because of the latest national lockdown. We hope that some of the restrictions may be lifted in early December and the trustees will continue to keep a close eye on the official advice. We are all looking forward to the time when we can resume events like the Pantomime, the Village Show and the Strawberry Fair. In the meantime, please consider buying a tree in our 'Orchard of Hope' appeal which is aimed at creating a living reminder of Hickling's response to the Covid pandemic. You can find full details on our website.

The Barn trustees and management team would like to thank all our volunteers for their hard work keeping the Barn, the playing field and the playground Covid-safe this year. We wish everyone in Hickling the very best for the festive season.

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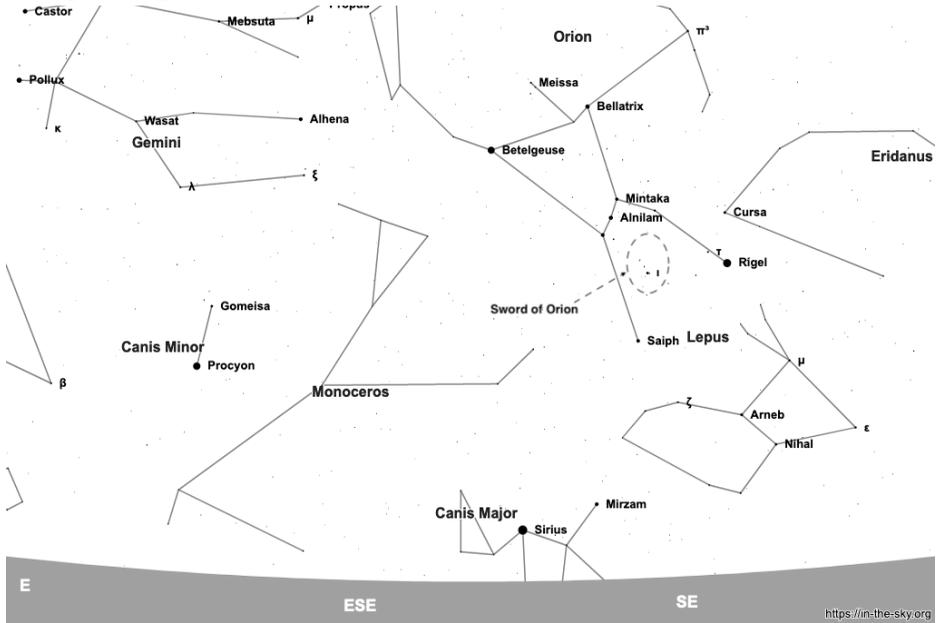
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The Night Sky in December



This month I have chosen to write about a very famous and prominent constellation: The great hunter in the sky - Orion. If you look towards the South East around 9pm, you will instantly spot him prominently in the sky. Orion's major stars are the four making up shoulders and legs, the three stars in a row that form his belt, plus three smaller ones for the head. Below the belt are some fainter stars forming the sword. The arms holding the bow and the arrows are also faint and only appear on dark nights and when your eyes are well adapted.

If you own a pair of binoculars or a telescope, have a closer look at the sword. On a dark night you should be able to spot the famous Orion Nebula (M42, NGC1976). It looks like a faint white blotch around a star in the middle of the sword. Only if photographed through a larger telescope, from 4" diameter, will it start showing its beautiful colours. Look it up on [Wikipedia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Orion_Nebula) for some pictures.

The brightest star in Orion is Rigel, his left foot (imagine that the hunter is facing you). Rigel is a blue supergiant and the 6th brightest star in the sky. Its name comes from the Arabic "rijl", meaning "foot" or "leg".

Orion's right shoulder is the red supergiant Betelgeuse (Arabic: armpit of Orion). Even to the naked eye Betelgeuse is distinctly reddish, especially when compared to Rigel. It is one of the largest stars in the sky: if you would put it in place of our Sun, it would nearly reach the orbit of Jupiter! Within the next 100,000 years Betelgeuse will explode in a supernova. For a while it will then shine nearly as bright as the moon.

Third Quarter: 8th, New Moon: 14th, First Quarter: 21st, Full Moon: 30th



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