

# INGHAM PARISH MAGAZINE



Stanley Allum driving an International tractor pulling a binder.  
The boy is Nigel Wright.

The field is on the left going into Stalham opposite the houses.

More information inside the magazine.

## August 2021

## **Editorial**

Dear Reader,

August already... how the time flies! The tourist season is in full swing, with many people choosing a staycation over a holiday abroad, quite sensibly I think. A lot of them have chosen our beautiful area, bringing with them much needed trade for local businesses. Of course some of them might bring with them other unwanted guests in form of the virus. So far the incident rate in Ingham and the surrounding area has been reassuringly low, but since all restrictions have been withdrawn, it's on the rise like everywhere else in the country. We can only hope that vaccinations and sensible behaviour are enough to flatten the curve in time to prevent new restrictions being necessary.

We can meet up with friends and family again, preferably al fresco where the virus has less chance to jump from person to person. Let's try to enjoy the summer as much as we can, but let's stay sensible and reduce the chance of acquiring and passing on the virus as much as possible. Hold out a little bit longer before dropping your guard fully; there's light at the end of the tunnel!

Stay safe everybody and look after each other!

*Andreas, Angela, Lesley, and Darren*

The magazine is available for download from the Ingham Village website: [www.inghamvillage.co.uk](http://www.inghamvillage.co.uk).

If you have any questions, comments, or ideas for improvement, please send them to us. You can email us too: [magazine@inghamvillage.co.uk](mailto:magazine@inghamvillage.co.uk)

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## **INGHAM VILLAGE HALL - Registered Charity No 303988**

The Committee members would like to thank all who took the time and trouble to collect the 'Cash for Charities' tokens printed in the EDP. The total number has been submitted online to the paper and we wait to learn how much money will be donated to our Defibrillator Fund. We have also to thank the parishioner who has donated the very generous sum of £250 to this fund.

August 1st is the day of our long awaited **Tea Party** to celebrate the re-opening of the Village Hall after 'lockdown' and we are looking forward to welcoming all who have booked to attend.

Our first fund raiser will be an outside **Table Top Sale** on Saturday 21st August from 10 am to 2pm. To hire a Table at just £5, contact Diane (598598), Anne (580814), or Faith (583338). The usual top quality committee refreshments will be available as well.

### **Two dates for your diary:**

Saturday 11th September - Jumble Sale

Saturday 25th September - Harvest Supper

Full details to follow next month.

### **Village Hall Regular Hirers for August**

**Agni Yoga** - every Tuesday, Chair yoga at 6.00pm, Yoga at 6.45pm (Pre-booking required, Pam 07971 398284)

**Bridge Club** - every Wednesday at 1pm (David Willits 580616)

**Cliff Knight Art Club** - every Wednesday 9.30am to 12.30pm (Pre-booking, 01692 580212)

**EKKA Kickboxing** - every Thursday 6pm to 9pm (Pre-booked only, Jacqui Keir 07585 023081)

**Ingham Art Club** - Tuesday 3rd and 17th from 2pm to 4pm (Anne 580814)

**Ingham Craft Club** - no meeting this month

**John Etheridge Art Club** - every Monday 1pm to 5pm (Pre-booking recommended, 01692 583446)

**All Hall Booking** enquiries to Darren Rogers 01692 580202

email: [darren@inghamvillage.co.uk](mailto:darren@inghamvillage.co.uk) or book online

## Ingham Farming Diary

Another cropping year has whizzed around again, in early July the work involved in growing the combinable and oilseed crops is just about done. We will have to wait until the combine starts going through the fields to see how things turn out.

It all started a little slowly this year, coming out of a wet winter conditions turned dry quickly with frosts every night, understandably the crops weren't too keen to get going! I have been pleased with the crops drilled with the new, direct drill, they looked a little unkempt for a while, but as they came to maturity well what a great relief!

I think UK agriculture faces an uncertain time as our trade secretary flies around the world, signing trade deals with anyone she can find, with no import tariffs involved. Most of these countries don't have our animal welfare and crop production standards with our fully traceable and accountable systems. These measures all have a cost and I believe we will struggle, compared with other cheaper methods of production as found in some other countries and continents.

Yesterday Dad asked me to shut an upstairs window at his house, as I walked into the room I could see a Swift had somehow become trapped between the window sashes. By moving the window gently up and down the Swift pulled himself up a little with his wings so I could gently grab him and release him through the opened window, he flew away happily.

It was a wonderful opportunity to view a Swift so closely, they are a little smaller than I would've thought, but large long powerful wings. That is why if they ever touch the ground, they cannot take off again as their wings are too large to clear the ground enough to fly. Funnily enough this is the second Swift that has come into the farmhouse, a few years ago Dad managed to catch one and release him after it had flown in through an open window.

I believe Summer will return soon after this unsettled spell, so enjoy the sunshine and keep an eye out for your local farmers, give us a wave as we gather the crops in!

The picture on the front cover is Stanley Allum driving an International tractor pulling a binder, the boy is Nigel, my Dad. The picture was taken Circa 1942, in the field where my oilseed crop is this year.

Alistair Wright



## **Sea Palling Independent Lifeboat**

Looks like it's dog month at Sea Palling Lifeboat, we haven't had a canine in trouble for years then we get two in two weeks! Could the seals the dogs are so interested in be the mythical mermaids of old, luring sailors to their doom? Who knows, but dogs do get fixated by the seals and can follow them out to sea, fortunately the owners did the right thing and called for help, it will always come.

Come along and see us on **Lifeboat Day, 22<sup>nd</sup> August 11am - 4pm** Beach BBQ, games, stalls, teas, coffees and cake, entertainment and boat displays and we are hoping that some of our neighbouring stations will join us too. See you there!



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[hannah@seapallinglifeboat.co.uk](mailto:hannah@seapallinglifeboat.co.uk) or [dave@seapallinglifeboat.co.uk](mailto:dave@seapallinglifeboat.co.uk)*

## **No Church Fete**

Again this year Ingham Church fete has to be cancelled due to difficulties presented by Covid Restrictions.

The Church fete began in the 1950's, the then PCC who managed parochial church affairs decided on a fund raising event. Mr and Mrs Gibbard, who ran Ingham Old Hall residential home, offered their garden for a tea party. This became the Ingham Church Garden Party.

Thus began an established annual church event. The third Saturday every August was chosen as the date and hasn't varied. A simple format of cakes and tea and entertainment of a simple sort. Morris men or children dancing is recorded. Once the "Women's league of Health and beauty" performed an exercise routine ( I am told ) in startling lycra.

More from Bunty on the history of the Church fete in a later issue.

## **Rev Richard Jackson writes...**

By the time you read this, the long school holidays will have started and, normally, many of us would have been eagerly preparing to take our summer holidays – but perhaps after this year of uncertainty many are deciding on ‘staycations’ and even more just planning the occasional visit to the beach. We are so blessed in this area in having so many wonderful beaches - each of them exhibiting a character of their own.

One of the most attractive creatures found in rock pools at the seaside is the starfish. You may be surprised to know that its favourite food is the oyster, which is exceedingly difficult to open. How then does the starfish manage to perform this difficult feat?

First it attaches one of its feet to the top-side of the oyster, and then attaches another to the underside of the oyster. Having done this, the starfish begins to exert a very gentle pull. The oyster, aware of this attempt to open it, immediately applies all the power of its hinge muscle to keep itself securely shut.

The starfish is not deterred – it just keeps pulling very, very, gently hour after hour. Eventually the oyster has to give in. It cannot keep up such a mighty effort indefinitely – the hinge muscle has to relax and the shell opens and, of course, the starfish gets its reward. The starfish’s perseverance made sure of that!

Perhaps as we welcome ‘freedom day’ we too should persevere at making sure Covid-19 is kept in check by behaving sensibly and responsibly and making sure we always think of others.

Jesus once said we should treat other people as we would want to be treated. I think, at the moment, I’d want everyone to keep me safe. What do you think?

Enjoy your break (wherever and whenever it may be) and may it be a real opportunity to rest, relax and recreate ourselves.

May God bless you all.

## **August services at Holy Trinity Church**

|                                |         |                                    |
|--------------------------------|---------|------------------------------------|
| Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> August  | 9.15am  | Holy Communion                     |
| Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> August  | 9.15am  | Morning Prayer                     |
| Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> August | 9.15am  | Holy Communion                     |
| Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> August | 9.15am  | Morning Prayer                     |
| Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> August | 10.30am | Benefice Holy Communion at Stalham |

If you would like to join us you will be made very welcome. At the time of writing, we are awaiting guidance on the best way to keep everyone safe after the relaxation of restrictions on July 19<sup>th</sup>, but please be assured that any safety measures still deemed necessary will be in place. A service is livestreamed – usually from Stalham - each week. Details can be found on the homepage of our website [www.stalhambenefice.org.uk](http://www.stalhambenefice.org.uk)

The church is open from 10am – 3pm every day for prayer or to light a candle for a loved one or just to 'be still'. All are welcome.

## **Church Contacts**

Rector: Canon Simon Lawrence [simon.stalham@btinternet.com](mailto:simon.stalham@btinternet.com) 01692 580250

Sadly Simon is off sick at present but you can contact Andrew our Curate:  
Rev Andrew Bevan [apbevan@btinternet.com](mailto:apbevan@btinternet.com) 01692 582358

Churchwarden: Bunty McClean 01692 583481

You can also contact Enid Pollard on 01692 580444

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I'm the one who keeps your heart pumping oxygen around your body for you until they get there, the one who starts the oxygen therapy when you can't breathe, who immobilises your c spine injury while chatting about your holiday, the one making you laugh when you cry because its ok now, the ambulance is coming very soon.

I'm the one who gathers the information, who tells loved ones exactly whats happening in the other room, the one who makes you that cup of tea when everyone leaves in a hurry with your person on board. I'm the one who lifts and carries, who runs backwards and forwards to the truck in the rain, who makes sure everyone has everything they need.

I'm the one who understands I'm just a link in a chain which could actually help save a life, and that our crews don't do an ordinary job and certainly don't get rewarded any more for doing so, I'm tired after 1 job and get to go home for a cup of coffee or a shower, yet they keep going, for at least 12hrs, I stay within 8 miles, they do hundreds.

I am here for you, I am also very much here for them. I am most certainly here for me, I can sleep at night knowing I, in my own small way, have contributed something good to someones something bad.

*Sherry Partridge,  
First Responder, Ingham*

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As we go to press many of the Covid legal restrictions are being relaxed. It is not clear yet what this will mean for the Barn, but we are fervently hoping that in the coming months we can resume 'normal service'.

The village show takes place on Sunday, August 1st - with outdoor teas, bar, band, pizzas and ice cream and we have plans for later in the year, including the fireworks and a music night in November. We also hope to resume our other regular events such as the quiz and race nights. Time will tell if these events are able to go ahead but we will only resume events and activities once we are sure we can do so safely.

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