
INGHAM PARISH MAGAZINE



Photo by Angela

Quiz'n'Chips
on Saturday 6th April

Have you booked a place? See inside for details

April 2024

Editorial

Dear Reader,

Finally the long nights are over and we can look forward to spring and summer. Who knows, maybe it will even be dry for a while and we start missing the abundant rain of the last months (just joking). The only drawback of the long days and short nights, as far as I am concerned, is that you have to wait so much longer until the stars appear in the night sky. Later in the year, when the long summer evenings invite you to sit outside until bed time, it won't even get dark enough to do any decent astronomical observations. But then again... a nice glass of al-fresco wine in the evening, I am looking forward to that!

Andreas, Angela, Darren, and Lesley

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The Village Hall AGM scheduled for 14th March was postponed to 21st March and was attended by 6 Committee members and 3 other parishioners and we would like to thank those 3 for their support.

The Committee for the next year is Chair: Vera Moore, Vice Chair: Anne Powles, Secretary: Jan Grace, Treasurer: Faith Hubbard, Bookings Secretary: Darren Rogers, with Irene English and Carol White.

We are so grateful for the support given by our regular helpers at our fund raising events. We could not manage without them.

Have you ever thought what would happen if the committee members numbers dropped below 4? The Hall would have to close. But with four members in their 70s/80s this could happen. Please contact Vera (580516) if you think you might join us.

A reminder about **Quiz'n'Chips on Saturday 6th April**. Full details were in March magazine, but tickets at £12 each will be on sale until Wednesday 3rd April from Faith 583338.

A date for your diary - **Saturday 18th May - Musical Evening** with Jay and Ross. Full details next month.

Regular hirers for April (Contact numbers in brackets)

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

Cliff Knight Art Class - every Wednesday, 10am to 12 noon (Pre-booking, 01692 580212)

Ingham Art Club - Tuesday 2nd and 16th from 2pm to 4pm (Anne 580814)

Ingham Craft Club - Tuesday 9th and 23rd from 2pm to 4pm (Faith 583338)

Sociable Seniors - Monday 15th 1.30 to 4.30pm (Brenda 07879 888453)

Zumba with Tina - every Monday Zumba Gold at 6.30pm, Zumba Toning at 7.30pm (Tina 07341 360389)

Broadland Group Norfolk Wildlife Trust - Friday 12th at 7.30pm (David Mole 650826)

All Hall Booking enquiries to Darren Rogers 01692 580202

Or book online: www.inghamvillage.co.uk

Farming Diary

In my last article I was saying my old Dad's maxim was, "if you have a wet winter, it will start to dry out after Christmas".

Most years that does tend to ring true.

Unfortunately not this year, at the time of writing 22/2/204 we have already had twice our February monthly rainfall average and fields remain flooded.

We managed to harvest the sugar beet in the brief dry spell in January, but the clamps or heaps of beet, still sit on the fields, waiting for the haulier to clear them, as again too wet for him to get on the land.

I always was a little sceptical of climate warming, but the weather patterns are changing, as is my opinion! With a scorchingly hot and exceptionally dry 2022, followed by a wet and cold (for the most part) 2023, in fact we recorded just shy of twice our annual average rainfall in that year.

We have of course had wet and dry years before, but I have never seen the land so wet and flooded like this in my lifetime of farming.

The current Government seems to place food production and a secure food supply at the lower end of its priorities, in favour of us growing wild flowers or re-wilding the land.

Whilst there is of course a place for these policies I think this is a foolhardy way to go and reminiscent of the way things were 100 years ago, policies that led to the Agricultural depression of the 20's and 30's.

The Government seem to think they will import the food, but with similar extreme weather events occurring in Western Europe, it has hit their food production hard as well with little exportable surplus.

Anyway, let's hope for some warm and sunny weather (I think we're all in favour of that)!!

We can get back on the land and start to catch up with the backlog of work, which will be lovely, and get things growing again.

Alistair Wright

Nature Notes from Well Cottage

The phrase 'wet and more wet' has reminded me, as a child, being told that the call of the Peewit was actually saying 'more wet'. When do we ever see or hear a peewit nowadays?

It was interesting to watch a sparrow in the back garden pulling a piece of dead foliage at least 4 times its length across the garden and then disappearing into the hedge, no doubt building a nest.

The snowdrops and aconites had a very short flowering period, probably affected by the weather. But in contrast, the Camellias seem to thrive on it. They have flowered earlier and are still full of blooms.

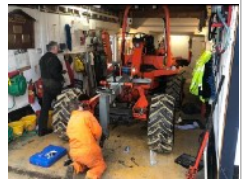
A really large bumble bee was seen on 14th March, perhaps tempted out by the slightly higher temperature!

Sea Palling Independent Lifeboat

Think of a lifeboat rescue and you automatically think of the boat crew, but in fact boat crew are only a part of the team and cannot operate alone. At Sea Palling Independent Lifeboat we are desperately short of shore crew, including boat recovery crew. We also need fund raisers to help sell our merchandise and raise the money to keep the service going. We use outside contractors when we have to but this eats into our much needed funds, our station always needs repairs and badly needs a lick of paint, our steel storage containers also need some repairs and painting.

Is this something you could help with? You could play an important part in a life saving service without having to get into a boat!

To join the team, call Dave on 07774 804848.



Stalham and District Horticultural Society

The Poppy Centre (off Recreation Rd Stalham)

Next meeting Friday 19th April - 7.15pm for 7.30pm start

Talk "Gardening in the Shade" by Jim Paine

News from Holy Trinity Church

Dear Friends

Easter is quite early this year - although it can be earlier. My grandparents' wedding anniversary was 24th March and they were married on Easter Sunday. Of course, it's very easy to work out when Easter is - it's always the first Sunday after the first full moon after the Spring Equinox - simple! That's the reason it moves about a bit - because it's bringing together the solar calendar and the lunar calendar, which don't line up exactly. And it follows the lunar calendar because it's linked to the Jewish festival of Passover. The events of Easter are told with the Passover celebrations of Jerusalem in the background. Jesus was Jewish of course, and so he would have been familiar with the rhythms of the Jewish year and its festivals. Pesach (the Hebrew name for Passover) celebrates the release of the Israelites from slavery, and those themes are picked up in the Christian feast, as we celebrate our liberation thanks to the sacrifice Jesus made for us. We are freed from the hurts, habits and hang ups which have held us back, we are filled with the hope that the possibility of new beginnings brings us. We see that all around us as the natural world wakes up from the slumbers of winter - I am always grateful to live in a part of the world where we have these wonderful seasons. The crocuses, daffs, and new leaves are unfurling all around us from ground which looked empty and branches which looked bare just a few weeks ago. As we spiral round through the seasons of nature, and the seasons of the Church year, we are reminded each year that we can experience new life in ways we might find it difficult to imagine, but that promised to us by the God who loves us, who loves this wonderful world, with a love which is more powerful than death. Alleluia!

Helen Lynch

Rector of the Benefices of Smallburgh & Stalham

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My rest day is Friday

Services at Holy Trinity Church

Sunday	7th April	Morning Prayer	9.15am
Sunday	14th April	Holy Communion	9.15am
Sunday	21st April	Morning Prayer	9.15am
Sunday	28th April	Holy Communion	9.15am

Calling all gardeners

Would you be willing to open your garden to visitors? People say such nice things about the garden and are so pleased to have the chance to look around it. Even when they see weeds!

Ingham Church needs to raise some funds to put heating in the church and we are hoping to hold an Open Gardens Event on 23rd June for that purpose. Will you help us?

Perhaps you are in the middle of re-designing your garden. It would be so interesting to see your ideas.

You may have decided to dedicate your garden to wildlife. Show us what you have done.

Are you at the beginning of a new garden? Share with us how you plan to progress.

You may have a beautifully pristine and established garden that would have us marvelling at your dedication.

So many people love to look at a garden, do think about opening yours. Please get in touch. You can ring Irene on 583311 or email ireneenglish@hotmail.com.

Good Friday Workshop

Also can I say thank you to all those lovely folk who helped us with the Good Friday Workshop. Thank you so much. We couldn't do it without you. You all give so generously. The children love it, they make such lovely things, and the chocolate is always welcome!

Fete Coordinator steps down this year

After a decade or more and almost into my 87th year I have decided it is time to 'Hang up the Motley' and step back from coordinating Ingham Church Fete. Before I disappear I want to express a few 'Thank you's'.

First to my loyal family who booked their caravans and tents onto local sites and slept on my floors and filled my cottage with laughter (and dogs) annually so they could help.

Thank you PCC and also to our Friends at the Ingham Village Hall, members past and present, whose help has been so much appreciated. Well done and Thank you. Our Village Hall supporters 'saved the day' with the present venue and by running 'Tea and Cake Heaven' (you must have cut and served at least a ton of home made cake over the years.)

Thanks to all who made and donated cake too. Your cakes are the stuff of legend.

Thank you to all of you who volunteered and helped even a few hours of help to haul canvas, load vans and trailers, managed parking and gate. Ran stalls and games, sponsored prizes, put up with all weathers (It never rains on Ingham Fete).

Thanks to the entertainers and the dog show organisers past and present. Family and local friends who helped with advertising and who got us onto social media. Into papers and radio programmes.

Thanks most of all to all the local residents, who came to just enjoy the day or help with the fun of the fete. Thank you for being there. I am so grateful to you all. I have appreciated the contributions of all and every one of you.

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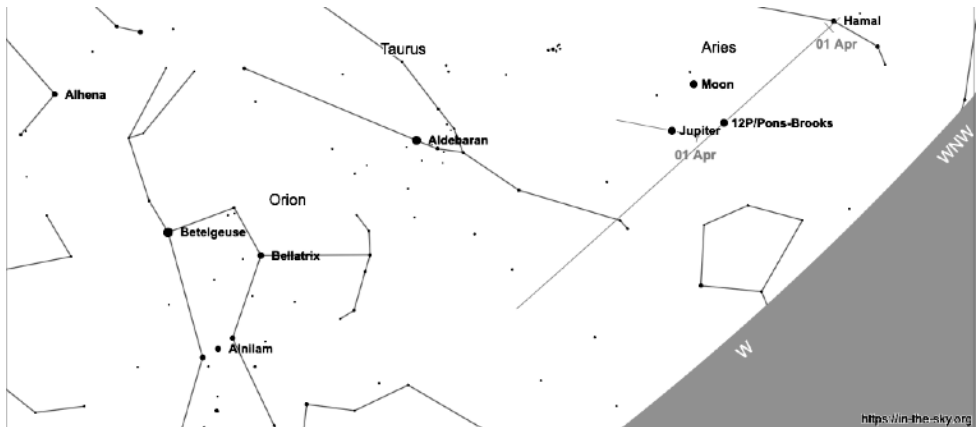
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The Night Sky in April



Now that spring has arrived and the nights get ever shorter, you have one last chance to catch a glimpse of a “dirty snowball”, or a “long haired star” as the greek word “comet” translates. The comet in question is called 12P/Pons-Brooks and it is rather faint, so you definitely need binoculars to see it.

At the beginning of the month it can be found just after sunset above the western horizon to the right and slightly below the planet Jupiter. Jupiter should appear around 8pm about 20° above the western horizon. Then you have to wait a bit longer for the twilight to darken before you will have a chance to spot the comet. The earlier in the month you try, the better, as Pons-Brooks is moving into the southern sky and will vanish below the horizon soon. The chart above shows the evening sky on the 10th around 8:30. The Moon is only 2 days old and will only be a thin crescent close to Jupiter and the comet. Even if you can't spot the comet it should be a beautiful sight. The chart also shows how Jupiter and Pons-Brooks move across the sky over the first two weeks of the month.

Third Quarter: 2nd, New Moon: 8th, First Quarter: 15th, Full Moon: 24th

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Village Hall - We always need help with our fundraising and entertainment events at the Village Hall. If you feel you can contribute in any way, we would love to hear from you. There are also vacancies on our committee so if you'd like to become further involved with the running of the Village Hall you would be most welcome onboard. Email hall@inghamvillage.co.uk to find out more.

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