
INGHAM PARISH MAGAZINE



Holy Trinity Church from an unusual angle

Photo by Darren

Beetle Drive

**Saturday 11th October, 7pm for 7.30pm
at Ingham Village Hall**

Tickets £5, call Jan on 01692 584139

October 2025

Editorial

Dear Reader,

This months magazine is smaller than usual to reduce printing costs. Do you find that you never seem to have time to get all your jobs done? This month, time is on your side as the clocks go back on Sunday 26th October giving you an extra hour to get a couple of jobs done. Watch out for Spooks on Friday 31st October, its Halloween this month.

Darren, Lesley, Angela and Andreas

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For contributions, the cut off date is 20th of the month. Please email magazine@inghamvillage.co.uk

On behalf of the village hall and parish council committee, a big thankyou to all the helpers collecting litter on Sunday 28th. This year a record, less litter than ever before, the message must be getting out we like it tidy in Ingham. Regards Jonathan Deane & Angela Schroeer.

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Our gas heating system at the Hall has failed! Looking to the future and adopting a greener approach, a new air-air heat source system will soon be fitted and with a grant application we are hoping to extend this further to install solar panels and a battery to make the hall environmentally sustainable into the future.

We've also introduced a special single hour weekday hire fee of just £10 for hiring our hall to encourage more use by exercise class instructors which has immediately resulted in a new Yoga Class starting up.

Dates for your diary:

Thursday 9th October, 6.45pm for 7pm start. **Soundbath** by Shelley Mallett of Herons Peace Wellbeing. Bring yoga mat, pillow & blanket. (£12, Pre-booking, Shelley Mallett 07887 600021)

Saturday 11th October , 7.00pm - **Beetle Drive** - Tickets £5 each (Call Jan on 01692 584139 to book)

Saturday 15th November, **Astro Talk** by Dr Andreas Schroeer

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Regular hirers for October (Contact numbers in brackets)

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

Ingham Art and Craft Club - Tuesdays from 2pm to 4pm (Anne 580814)

Marine Cadets 901 Troop - Fridays from 6.30pm (on hold at present)

Sociable Seniors - Monday 20th 2.00pm to 4.00pm (Brenda 07879 888453)

*** **NEW***** **Yoga with Amber** - every Tuesday 6.00pm to 7.00pm. Drop in or 6 week programme. Bring a yoga mat. (Amber 07443 427799)

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

All Hall Booking enquiries to Darren Rogers 01692 580202, email bookings@inghamvillage.co.uk Or book online: www.inghamvillage.co.uk

News from Holy Trinity Church

It's Harvest!

When we think about Harvest it is very often the harvest of corn that we think about.

Over the year we have seen it grow from tiny seeds into green fields and then into long golden blades, before the combine came and separates the grain from the straw and we are treated to the smell of newly cut corn and the sight of bales of straw.

When I was young I lived on a farm, and was lucky enough to be able to experience the grain harvest at close hand. Going into the fields, and the grain store and being able to do a lot of things which today would not be allowed. Grain wasn't the only crop harvested on the farm, there was sugar beet and kale and potatoes.

Most of us eat potatoes. They are a staple part of our western diet, whether we have them boiled, mashed, roasted, baked, chipped or in some other form . We eat large quantities of them every year and so the potato harvest is very important.

I can remember one year towards the end of the 1960's when there was a bad potato harvest and for that winter potatoes were in short supply. For some reason carrots that year were in abundance and in our house the lack of potatoes was subsidised by carrots, mashed carrot with a trace of potato daily is not a dish I would recommend.

Potatoes grow very differently to corn and in many ways growing potatoes is much more like what goes on in peoples lives than growing corn. With corn we can very quickly see what is going on in the growing process, soon after the seed is planted up comes the green shoots. Only the corn in good soil lasts and is fruitful. With potatoes, the story is different. You plant the seed potato and then wait. The shoots come up and you know something is happening. The plants grow and you know that that they are alive, but you don't know what is going on under the ground. Then, they begin to die away, but still you don't know what is going on under the surface. Still you must wait. Finally the great day comes. Out comes the fork and on go the wellies and very carefully you start the lifting of the potatoes. This is the exciting moment. Has all your patience and nurturing paid off, what are you going to find? Maybe the plants didn't look too good, but then there are loads of potatoes. Maybe the plants looked great and you are full of expectation, but the yield is very small.

Sometimes our lives are easier to compare to potatoes than wheat. Only we

ourselves and God knows what goes on inside us. Maybe we look very good on the outside, but our lives are not really fruitful. Maybe our lives look dim and ordinary, but in our hearts, and in our own quiet ways, we are being very fruitful in God's Kingdom. Only the time of the harvest will tell.

Darleen

Services at Holy Trinity Church for October

Sunday	5th October	Morning Prayer	Stalham
Sunday	12th October	Holy Communion for Harvest	Sutton
Sunday	19th October	Holy Communion	Ingham
Sunday	26th October	Holy Communion	Stalham

All services are at 10.30am

Hello, I am Clive Gritten BEM, Chairman of North East Norfolk District Scouts. I'm writing to each Parish Council in our district inviting anyone to consider applying to join a Scout Association Board of Trustees locally please.

We have thirteen Scout Groups here each with their own small Board of Trustees looking at safety & governance, helping alongside our uniformed leaders running activity programmes for children and young people to learn skills for life and citizenship. Also our waiting lists are extensive because we don't have enough adults to maintain our duty of care ratios. Some groups are registered charities and others not as such, but all are run with charitable aims according to the Scout Association policy, organisation and rules alongside those of the Charity Commission and our Royal Charter. Though the volunteers aren't mixing with the children regularly, as trustees we endeavour to monitor and ensure their safety and wellbeing, and that of the leaders and the premises in which they all meet and undertake their many learning activities.

The Scout Association is now looking beyond its immediate membership to introduce people with worldly experiences to bring to local Scouting as chairpersons, treasurers and trustees please. I am contactable at my email address c.gritten@norfolkscouts.org.uk and truly look forward to hearing from enquirers and explaining available support and training.

I thank you on behalf of the children and young people enjoying Scouting in North East Norfolk, with regards from Clive...

Farming Diary

It's been an "interesting year " on the farm, with the Winter crops establishing reasonably well, before the wet winter set in with a vengeance.

As the days got warmer and longer, the rain really seemed to just dry up, with very little rain, throughout the Spring growing season. There does seem to be a pattern emerging, recently, of lurching from very wet conditions to very dry conditions and is something we will just have to cope with. (You may remember me saying just how dry it was in the last article, which of course caused a few welcome heavy showers)!!

Harvest for me started in late July cutting wheat, it's something I've never done before, as wheat is usually harvested around the second week of August, but the hot dry Spring really ripened the crops rapidly. It was very welcome as July I always think is the best month for harvesting, with the long days and low humidity.

The winter wheats were quite satisfactory and produced a good yield, however the spring drilled wheat was awful, as it just didn't have enough moisture to achieve any sort of potential and is something that was mirrored throughout East Anglia and a large part of the UK.

I would like to thank my neighbours during harvest for their patience and understanding, particularly those who were downwind of the combine. There were huge amounts of dust produced by the combine in such dry conditions and once the wind dropped in the evening the dust just hung in the air like a fog! Many thanks to all, you know who you are.

This was my last harvest on the land around Stalham as this part of the farm belonged to my siblings who decided to sell up their respective shares.

It has been sold to a good, local farmer and I will continue to farm a pretty small farm entirely in Ingham. It was an incredibly sad thing running the combine up the last pass in each sold field as I've been farming this farm in my own right since 1991. My Dad and Grandfather before me, and the farm had a huge sense of family history with it.

Alistair Wright

Astronomy Talk by Dr Andreas Schroeer

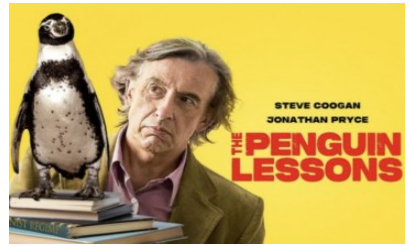
Saturday 15th November at the Village Hall

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Friday October 17 at 7:30pm

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