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June 2016

From the Rector

Leviticus 25:10 "and you shall hallow the fiftieth year"

The Hebrew word yobhel meant a rams horn and such a horn could be made into a trumpet. In Leviticus 25:9, we are told that "you shall send abroad a loud trumpet throughout our land to proclaim liberty." According to the Pentateuch legislation contained in Leviticus, a jubilee year is the year that immediately follows seven Sabbatic years, a Sabbath year being every seventh year in a cycle, and so the Jubilee is the year after seven sevens or in other words the fiftieth. Not then a decimal celebration of half a hundred but something stemming from a much older tradition and certainly a year of great joy.

There were three characteristics of a Hebrew year of Jubilee:

- ◆ The emancipation / freeing of Hebrew slaves
- ◆ The restoration of any property, however dispersed, to its original owner
- ◆ There should be no sowing or reaping or pruning of vines

In other words, it was a year for personal liberty, for the restitution of property and simple living on the natural produce of the land.



There is much about renewal here, for the deeper meaning of the legal code is the restoring of all that has been corrupted by humanity in the course of time and particularly in the course of the preceding fifty years. Several verses from Leviticus dealing with Jubilee are there to remind the Hebrew to rely upon God:

"the land will yield its fruit and you will eat your fill and dwell in it securely"

"the land shall not be sold in perpetuity, for the land is mine"

"it shall be a year of Jubilee to you when each of you shall return to your property and each of you shall return to your family"

There is the clear idea that in a Jubilee year we are able to start again; there would have been a fresh opportunity for those reduced by adverse circumstances, perhaps having sold themselves into slavery or having lost their inherited lands in some way, to begin again. [continued...]

It is with sadness that we must announce the sudden death of Mrs Margaret Izzard last Sunday (May 29th) in Ipswich Hospital.

There are, as yet, no details regarding her funeral.

The Rev. Jonathan Olanczuk

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So, a Jubilee year was always an especially joyous occasion and this year, the Queen is celebrating ninety years of life.

This is a kind of Jubilee. This is something that the whole nation can celebrate together.

Let us come together then in the next days to celebrate, to enjoy the festivities, especially those in the Upper Alde Benefice, giving thanks for all we have for the times we have lived in, and perhaps too reflecting that the original idea of a Jubilee was indeed to start anew, to rededicate ourselves to God and by doing so to take the chance to remedy any disorders that may have crept into society.

God Bless, Jonathan

Afternoon Tea Picnic

We are going to have a village "Bring and Share" Afternoon Tea Picnic to celebrate the Queen's Official 90th Birthday. Sunday June 12th from 3.30 p.m. on the Townland Meadow if fine, in the Village Hall if wet.



Bring a plate of afternoon tea goodies to share (sandwiches, scones, sausage rolls, cakes etc., whatever you would like

to contribute. Tea, coffee, soft drinks and a glass of something to toast the health of Her Majesty will be provided by the Townland Trust.)

To enter into the spirit of the day, there will be a decorated celebration hat competition, with a prize for the best hat, judged by popular vote!

Free to all but could you let Diana (663578) or Sheila (663518) know if you plan to come, so we have an idea of numbers.

Alde Community Council Summer Party

... is on 25th June at 7.00pm at Dernford Hall, Sweffling, by kind permission of Keith and Jo Godman. This is a Private Party for members and guests only - new members welcome. Pre-booking

essential, members £7.00. non-members £9.00

To book ring Lynda on 663325 or Jenny on 663571

American Summer

Concert at Framlingham College Saturday 2nd July 7.30pm



Phoenix Singers with Firebird boys choir and guests, with conductor Andrew Cantrill, in an exploration of American Song including Copland

and Rogers & Hammerstein.

Tickets £15 includes interval drinks reception, (£7.50 for under 18s), available from choir members and Hall Farm Butchers, Framlingham

Arts & Crafts Exhibition

What have you got to help make this a diverse and interesting display of local talent?

It could be a finished item or some work in progress. A painting or photograph, perhaps. Quilts are quite interesting. Maybe a wood-turning wonder. Absolutely anything arty; clever crafts compulsory. Perhaps a "Pen and Pint" person could provide a passage or some prose. Robbie, are you out there; do you have a little poem?

Please contact Pam on (664093) if you think you can contribute



to this exhibition, which will be held in St. Mary's Church over the August Bank Holiday weekend. 27th, 28th & 29th.

Back for their seventh year!

Celebrate the Summer Solstice in the best way possible, with Rendham Mummings at the Sweffling White Horse, 7.30pm on Monday 20th June.

The Mummings start their Summer Oak Moon Tour with their latest offering, "1666 – When Death Came a Knockin'". Despite the darkness of the title, we are promised yet more light-hearted

entertainment delivered in the Mummers own inimitable style.

With a claim “... never knowingly over rehearsed!” who knows what to expect? But be assured, rarely will you have experienced anything quite like this!

The tour continues with performances at;

Rendham Fete on Saturday 2nd July 2.30pm

Sibton White Horse on Saturday 19th July 8.00pm, and finally

Rendham White Horse on Bank Holiday Monday 29th August at 12.30pm.

The Hat Collection taken at the end of each performance (except the Fete) is being donated to the Ipswich & East Suffolk Branch of Parkinsons UK.

The Speaker.

The Big Breakfast at Juniper Barn

Christian Aid Week this year featured the opportunity to hold a Big Breakfast to raise funds for this very worthwhile organisation which helps ease poverty around the world. Six of us from Sweffling and Rendham decided to join in, and we had an ambitious target – to get the barn we have been restoring for 7 months ready, but with lots of help and hard work, we did it! On a warm and beautifully sunny morning, over 50 people came to feast on granola, fruit salad, cereal, toast and a full English breakfast with lots of delicious local produce – much of which had been generously donated or subsidised. There was a happy buzz of



conversation, people lingered over their coffee and tea and enjoyed the company of friends and neighbours. We raised over £430 plus gift aid for Christian Aid and Juniper Barn was filled with people and conversation for the first time.

Geoffrey and Katie Boulton, Adrian and Julia Kinsey, Viv and Richard Wills Crisp.

Build a scarecrow, make a mawkin.

Sweffling Village Fete is scheduled for Saturday 20th August and this year we need your help even more than usual.

We have a theme this year and you can make it a big success by building a scarecrow or mawkin. Scarecrows in parts of Suffolk and Norfolk are traditionally known as mawkins.



We have recently arranged for the grass at the top end of the Townland Meadow to be cut. This will be a great benefit on the day of the fete allowing visitors to park within the field. It should also be helpful during the annual cricket match against Rendham. Less time looking for lost balls means more time to put the extra runs on the board to beat Rendham.

So go on, build a scarecrow, or mawkin, and bring him/her along on the day of the fete. There will be a prize for the best built by an adult and a separate prize for the best built by a child. Scarecrows can be any size or shape, and made from any material, but need to be freestanding. They need to look like they could do the work they are designed for, scaring crows, in any local field. They also need to be transportable, because having brought them to the Townland Meadow for the start of the fete at 1pm you will need to take them home with you just after 4pm.

The next meeting of the organising committee for Fete 2016 will be on Wednesday 15th June, at 7pm, in the Hut. All are welcome, come along and

At the recent Parish Council Annual Meeting:

Cllr **John Stanley** was voted the new Chairman of Sweffling Parish Council.

He takes over from Cllr **Steve Smith** who was thanked for his two years of service as Chairman to the Parish Council. Congratulations to John.

Cllr Steve Smith remains on the council as Vice-Chairman along with Cllr **John Tesh**, Cllr **Audrey Lummis**, Cllr **Martin Wyard**, Cllr **Jude Chin** and Cllr **Issy McGovern**.

Check out the website <sweffling.onesuffolk.net> for details of the minutes of this meeting and also new information on Parish Council Matters to conform with the Transparency Code.

WW1 Memorial Plaque

Many thanks to all who have contributed to the fund for the

specialy commissioned plaque to remember those from this parish who gave their lives in WW1. The Townlands Trust have made up the difference, for which we are most grateful. The plaque will be ready to put up on the Hut wall in Autumn so the Parish Council is planning an unveiling and dedication to which all will be welcome. Book the date, which will be on Remembrance Sunday, 13th November, at 3pm at the Village Hut, with a celebration tea.

Orwell Housing Development - Jubilee Close

At the end of this building project we are thankful that there has been a good deal of co-operation between residents, workmen and the contractors.

The 10 car-parking places outside 6 - 10 Blyth Villas are Flagship owned for all the residents of 1 - 10 Blyth Villas, now that the workmen have finished on the

share your ideas with us. If you can't make the meeting but would still like to share some ideas you can contact me at Fairways, on 664073, or at arthurjohnstanley@gmail.com

Thank you for supporting the Fete again this year and I look forward to meeting you, and your mawkin, on Saturday 20th August.

John Stanley



The Children's Society

Coffee Morning

What a bright and cheery day to hold our Spring Coffee Morning and how lucky we were to

have David and his staff who had set up the tables ready for us in his restaurant at The Dolphin Inn, Thorpeness. Cups and saucers piled high, coffee and teapots at the ready and the water in the

urn heating nicely to be tipped onto the fresh ground coffee and tea continuously throughout the morning. Such generosity. Our fantastic committee and their friends came along armed with the most marvelous selection of cakes, puddings, preserves, raffle prizes, books, puzzles and nearly new items to sell. The stalwart regulars and newcomers of all ages came bustling through the door full of cheer, armed with purses and bags which were quickly filled with produce before settling down round the tables with their drinks for a good old natter. The buzz continued for the full two hours, culminating with the raffle.

The icing on the cake? We made a fantastic £563.40p on the day. When we advised The Children's Society of the amount of money we made, their response was "Fantastic result Lorraine – a big thank you to all that helped. These funds are vital – and the time and effort

Items can be placed in the Bridge and on the village...

site.

As thanks for being able to park vehicles on the Jubilee Field, Orwell Housing have helped with improving the field for recreational use. Now the bare areas been levelled and reseeded and will need some time to settle down and get the grass growing. SPC plan to put in more equipment on this area - this time a Trim Trail for adults and replacement goal posts.

New Sign - Woolnough Lane

At last we have the sign for this renamed stretch of road, between B1119 and Holdens Lane, after the late David Woolnough who farmed the fields in this area. The old name of Chapel Lane is retained towards Gt. Glemham.

The Annual Parish Meeting was held on 10th May 2016

Many thanks for the reports from all the village organisations which were

given along with those from our County Councillor Stephen Burrows and District Councillor Carol Poulter. These reports are posted on the village website. C.Cllr Stephen Burrows is always so supportive of our parish. He is helping to fund the improvements to the Village Hut with a Locality Grant and also supporting the PC in their bid to change the speed limit on the B1119 through Sweffling to a more appropriate level.

Minutes of all meetings are posted on the village website.

The next Parish Council Meeting is to be held on Tuesday 5th July 2016 7.30pm at the Village Hut.

Jill Abbott:

Clerk to Sweffling Parish Council

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that people put in is much appreciated.”

Lorraine Lloyd

Choral Workshop

...at Thomas Mills next Saturday in aid of East Anglia Children's Hospices.

Sing HANDEL'S CHORAL ANTHEMS with Phoenix Singers

Saturday 4th June 1pm - 5.30pm includes informal concert at 4.45pm

You need to arrive at 12.30 for registration.

Music scores and light refreshments provided.

Suggested minimum donation of £10 per person.

Comedy Evening in Rendham

There was a completely full house for the delightful evening on April 29th,

when the Comedians, Stephen Bayfield and Peter Holloway, performed a series of extremely funny sketches, mainly as the classic Suffolk couple, 'Ted and Lil'. They are a real joy, and not only are they amusing, they are spot on as observers of domestic life in all its quirkiness! They are versatile as well, Peter playing and singing with his saxophone and doing some Magic, and Stephen demonstrating great acting talent in several other characters. Everyone had a really good time, with the added bonus of a delicious hot dinner, cooked by the brilliant Frances and Anne and served by the Rendham Entertainments team, their spouses and families. Thanks go to all those involved with organising such a successful event - especially Albert Lain, whose work getting the guests together is invaluable, as is his supervising the new sound system - now in full operation and a huge bonus on such occasions - the whole act being

completely audible to all. We are so grateful to everyone who came for their support – a healthy profit of £360 was made, and the next acquisition will be the hearing loop.

Rendham Entertainments are looking for another volunteer to join their informal committee -someone with a bit of secretarial ability would be very welcome!

Please make a note that the next effort by the group will be a Breakfast Walk in September, the exact date to be announced later.

Nature Notes - June 2016

At the end of April I was disappointed that there was no sign yet of the Cuckoo arriving. I need not have worried - by early May he was singing loudly every day up and down the valley, and has been heard all through the village. Male Cuckoos can have a very large territory, overlapping with several females, so I don't know if the bird heard in Rendham is the same one. The female is much more difficult to hear - I have heard only one so far. Her call is a musical repeated note, often termed the 'bubble call' (have heard her referred to in Sweffling as the Water Bird). In June the Cuckoo is said in the rhyme to 'change its tune', and it does seem that by early summer Cuckoos do start to make slight variations on the usual song, with a differently pitched note or even an extra note.

Before the end of May we were already being visited by the large clumsy brown beetles known as Maybugs or Cockchafer (chafer is an old name for beetle, as in the similar German Kafer). They emerge from the soil at this time, and come bumping at lighted windows in the night. I would prefer it if they were called Junebugs, as this is when most are actually on the wing.

On the pond, too, there are insects emerging. The first red damselflies have been added to by two of the brilliant blue species, the Common Blue and the

Azure Damselfly. They are beautiful things to see - just don't ask me how to tell them apart. The earliest Dragonflies are also emerging. These insects, unlike the butterflies, do not have a chrysalis. Instead, they crawl up the stems of tall water plants as the last stage larva, which already has something of the shape of the adult, with the developing wings showing as buds. This creature then splits down the back, and the adult dragonfly pulls itself out. It remains for a few hours, inflating its wings until they are stretched out and ready to fly. However, it is a couple of days before it acquires its full adult colours. So far I

have seen two of the so-called chasers, dragonflies with rather short, broad bodies. The Four-spotted Chaser is a rather dull brown, with four prominent dark marks on its wings. The Broad-bodied Chaser is a bright powder blue, at least in the male.

Just as I was finishing this, I had to turf out of our kitchen the most enormous queen Hornet I have ever seen! I hope it goes off somewhere sensible, and doesn't try to nest in one of your porches!

Geoffrey Abbott



On the Buses

Mention of Buses was made in the last edition of the Bridge, but just to repeat: - the 62 service will run every Wednesday from 8th June calling at Sweffling Church, The Street, to Saxmundham and back, then Framlingham and on to Woodbridge and back. You know what they say..."use it or lose it"!

On your doorstep

One Hundred and twenty nine Artists in Suffolk - as part of Suffolk Open Studios - will be opening their Studios to visitors, and two of these Artists are on your doorstep!

Ken Minns 18 Chapel Lane Great Glemham IP17 2DW, and

Ania Hobson Meadows Farm Church Street Rendham

Both will be open from 11am to 5pm on the four weekends beginning June 4th & 5th. Pay a visit to see their latest work. Refreshment served!!

Rendham Village Fete

Saturday 2 July from 12.30 to 4.30, Grove Farm Meadow, IP17 2AE

Ringing News

It has been said that there are only ever winners and losers. At striking competitions though, I feel all the contestants are winners, with the pursuit of perfection leading to the event raising everyone's game. Historically, ringing competitions were a little raucous with betting and drinking and...well it wasn't like that at Wissett for the District Competition (although there were meringues for tea), it was companionable though and our band brought home two trophies.

We won the call changes and were next best in method, after Halesworth. The Guild contest at Reydon was more of a challenge and we didn't come home with any silver. We did enjoy meeting old friends though and hearing some superb ringing as well, so our time was well spent.

The competitions are over in Suffolk, but there is a National Youth contest, in London this year on July 2; our own Richard has been selected for the Suffolk team. Wish him (and Suffolk) well, and think of us whilst enjoying Rendham Fete.

Jonathan Stevens 664074

Sweffling Ladies' Club

...is inviting all who live in the village, especially those who have recently moved in, to join us in The Village Hut at 7 p.m. on Thursday June 16th, to meet, chat and get to know each other. Please bring a plate of finger food to share. Tea, coffee and soft drinks will be available. Pam 664093.

Sweffling Tennis Club

Subscriptions are now due, Single £15. Juniors £5. Family £40, (£35 pay by

direct debit). New members welcome. The court will be swept and tidied on Saturday 28th May from 9.30 to 11.30am. If anyone can spare some time to give a hand, it would be helpful. The code on the gate will be changed on that day. Paid up members will be advised.

Contact Lynda on 663325.

Bygones Day



Following the recent Bygones Day at Sweffling, a magnificent £1973.00 was raised for the East Anglian Air Ambulance. The Rowe family would like to thank all who helped, contributed or attended the event.

Photographic Exhibition



A successful photographic exhibition was held on Sunday 29th May. A total of £298.23 was raised for the Memorial Garden. Thank you to all that helped.

Way in the future...

The MacMillan Coffee Morning in Rendham Village Hall on Saturday 24th September from 10.00 to 12.00.

... and finally ...

Welcome to all the new residents of Sweffling; in Jubilee Close and elsewhere. We hope you find Sweffling a caring and happy place to live.

Dates in June+

Sat 04 Jun	Bruisyard: Country and Irish Evening Phoenix Singers Choral Workshop Suffolk Open Studios [Sat & Sun]
Sun 05 Jun	9:30am Sweffling Holy communion
Sat 11 Jun	Suffolk Open Studios [Sat & Sun]
Sun 12 Jun	11.00am Rendham Holy communion 3:30pm Afternoon Tea Picnic
Thu 16 Jun	Sweffling Ladies' Club
Sat 18 Jun	Suffolk Open Studios [Sat & Sun]
Sun 19 Jun	9:30am Sweffling Morning Prayer
Mon 20 Jun	Rendham Mummings Oak Moon Tour
Sat 25 Jun	Alde Community Council Summer Party Suffolk Open Studios [Sat & Sun]
Sun 26 Jun	9.30am Rendham Morning Prayer
	Rendham Village Fete
Sat 02 Jul	Rendham Mummings Oak Moon Tour Phoenix Singers Concert
Sun 03 Jul	9:30am Sweffling Holy communion

A woman in a hot air balloon realized she was lost. She reduced altitude and spotted a man below. She descended a bit more and shouted: "Excuse me, can you help me? I promised a friend I would meet him an hour ago but I don't know where I am". The man below replied "You're in a hot air balloon hovering approximately 30 feet above the ground. You're between 40 and 41 degrees north and between 59 and 60 degrees west".

"You must be a technician." said the balloonist. "I am" replied the man "how did you know?" "Well," answered the balloonist, "everything you have told me is probably technically correct, but I've no idea what to make of your

information and the fact is, I'm still lost. Frankly, you've not been much help at all. If anything, you've delayed my trip with your talk."

The man below responded, "You must be in management". "I am" replied the balloonist, "but how did you know?" "Well," said the man "you don't know where you are or where you're going. You have risen to where you are, due to a large quantity of hot air. You made a promise, which you've no idea how to keep, and you expect people beneath you to solve your problems. The fact is you are in exactly the same position you were in before we met, but now, somehow, it's my fault.