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Where is God in all of this?

"Is God up in Heaven Daddy?" asked the six-year-old girl.

"Well, yes He is, but He's also down here with us on earth."

"So is He here in this room, Daddy?"

"Yes of course He is."

"So is He right here on this table in front of us Daddy?"

"Mmm, yes, He's here with us."

"So is He in this cup I'm holding, Daddy?"

"Well, yes, I suppose He's there too. He's everywhere."

"GOT HIM!" she exclaimed, slapping the palm of her hand over the top of the cup.

Some people see God like that, as very small and quite manageable and so, able to be pigeon-holed into a box (or a cup).

That view makes Him powerless, at the mercy of events, only reacting to what is going on - Irrelevant to real life.

Others see Him as 'up there,' not bothered, not caring about the fate of those in the world.

And those two views are clearly being expressed when it comes to the war in Ukraine, and everything else that is going on in the world.

But they are both so wrong!

God fills the whole Universe, so, no, He doesn't fit into a cup, pigeon-hole or anything else that our finite minds might confine Him to.

God is Sovereign over all the nations of the world (even Russia & Ukraine), and yes, He is also deeply concerned about the mess this world is in, including Climate Change, Covid, Cancer and Costly Utility bills.

And he's going to judge Right from Wrong!

In the Old Testament book of Daniel, we read of two despot, dictator kings of Babylon. Both were vile tyrants. The Babylonian Empire was monstrous.

But God dealt with them both, but in different ways.

With Nebuchadnezzar in chapter 4, the Lord chose to humble him to the lowest possible point, he was brought to repentance and changed his whole life. God is sufficiently powerful to similarly transform the heart of any tyrant today.

The very point of God's love is that it is always wholly undeserved.

With Belshazzar in chapter 5 though, the story was different. The writing was on the wall and that night he was killed and he faced God in judgement.

There are many people today who are abusing their positions of authority, from leaders ruling over a country to those who rule it over a family.

God sees what is going on and they will not get away with it in the end

Further, God shows that He cares about each one of us by sending His own Son, Jesus to this messed up world. He lived and loved, taught and healed, showing us God's Heart aching to sort things out. And He suffered too.

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God's Ultimate Plan to show that He cares, was that Jesus had to take upon Himself all the sin and trouble and wrong and failures of the human race, and die upon the cross, bearing all the pain and punishment we deserve.

Having dealt with that, God raised Jesus back from the dead because Jesus Himself did not deserve any of the punishment for what we have done.

Some of the greatest messes in the world comes from what is going on in our own hearts. The Bible speaks of us being sorry and letting God into our hearts, meaning the centre of our motivation, emotions, motives, and intentions. In short, letting Him have the greatest influence in our lives.

Then, we are able to work with Him at the mess in the world, including the mess that comes from our lives. We can show where God is in all of this, by getting into the thick of it.

Will you be part of the problem or working for the solution?

Rev Ian Jones – Congregational Church

LONG STRATTON & DISTRICT WI

Our W.I. saw a lot of activity in March when we had extra get togethers, our own meeting and the Norfolk Federation's annual meeting.

The latter was held at the Theatre Royal in Norwich and 6 of our members planned to attend including our delegate. Unfortunately one had to drop out due to testing positive for Covid, but the five had an informative business morning, time to view various information stands, and met up for a pre-booked lunch in the newly updated Prelude Restaurant.

In the afternoon they enjoyed hearing the speaker, Lucy Stevens performing as Kathleen Ferrier in a show called "Whatalife." Lucy tells the story of the contralto from her debut as a singer in 1940 through to her tragic death in 1953. Text from Kathleen Ferrier's letters and diaries was interwoven with music from her repertoire and had many amusing snippets.

At our March meeting we were taken back in time again when our own meeting speaker explained the origins of well known nursery rhymes. There was lots of audience participation and some shock at the somewhat bloody origins.

As mentioned previously no one has to go to everything - if you just want a monthly meeting that's fine, but March had a lot to offer. Some went to the Jigsaw race and the watercolour painting day, there was a chance to knit and natter and lunch, or food, is usually included.

We hope our May meeting will be well attended by visitors from nearby W.I.s who have received invitations, and interested visitors in Long Stratton are always welcome. Do come along ladies if you would like to hear the speaker/singer/dancer entertain with her story of life as a Bluebell Girl.

Our meeting is at 7.30pm in Long Stratton Village Hall on Wednesday 18th May. There will be a small charge to cover refreshments and a raffle. **For any further information please contact 01508 531154.**

Beatrix Potter Pack Holiday Saturday 2 to Wednesday 6
April 2022



Extracts from the diaries of Ella, Ada, Ellie, and Hannah

Today it is Pack Holiday and we are there for 4 nights and 5 days. The weather is quite warm and cold (?). It was so much fun. When we got to where we did we decorated a peg. Then we got to draw on some bags. Me, Ellie and Hannah are having a great time and we all love our jobs that we take turns

doing. I wanted to go to bed but I cleaned the toilets and sinks with my group and it was actually fun. Our theme is Peter Rabbit and we are in different groups. My group is the rabbits, the green group and squirrels are red and finally the hedgehogs yellow. Last night I couldn't sleep great, because I kept wriggling around as my sleeping bag was quite uncomfortable. I love it here but I am still settling in and feel a bit sad but I am not used to leaving you Mummy and Daddy but I think I will be fine it is just the first night. We were whispering to each other in the morning (6.15am!). We went to wash and do our teeth then we prepared the cereal for breakfast. Today I got the chance to clean dishes. This morning it was sunny and I did a weather picture about the sun and wind and rainbows. We are doing inspection on how tidy our chairs, suitcases and beds are and I think I have done very well. We also did find the 6 rabbits and a cat dot-to-dot challenge. We had a visit from some of the Brownies who didn't come and some Rainbows. It was a very busy day with lots of people. We made cat cakes and wooden spoon rabbits. We went on a walk and sang songs. We saw some boys near the campfire area and asked if they wanted to join us but they said no and left. We also played tadpole, one group catches the ball in the circle from the leader while the other group take turns running around the circle. Last night I started to cry and I got upset because I missed my nanny, grandad and mummy. Brown Owl tried to cheer me up and Jemima Puddleduck sat near my bed and at one point I managed to get to sleep.



I set the table for breakfast then we are getting ready for the bed look (inspection). We got 5 points and she said I had done a good job with my bed. Then Sophia put the flag up and we just chopped food (peeled carrots and potatoes and made a fruit salad for lunch). Mrs Tabitha Twitchett visited and helped take us to Bourne Park in Ipswich. The play area was great. We had showers before bed time and then supper drinks and stories.

We had pancakes for breakfast. Also it was Cottontail and Peter's birthdays so first they opened their presents and we sang happy birthday. Today we went grass sledging it was so much fun. Then we are going to have pizza for lunch, I will come here again. We made wooden things (stand up group animal) and little cute bugs but first we made a paper box for the owl bug. We had a party and did archery.



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After morning inspection we went for a walk and went all the way down to the River Orwell. Unfortunately it started to rain so we got a little damp but still had a drink and cake outside when we got back (less crumbs to sweep). Then our families came and we gave them a tour around before singing some songs and receiving gifts and a Hallowtree badge.

Mrs Tiggy-Winkle thanks all the adults who gave up their time to assist on our Pack Holiday (and especially Squirrel Nutkin for the lovely food) and also Jessica and Noah. This was a smaller group but lots of fun was had by all and lovely after all the complications of the pandemic and so many Covid infections recently. There will be a Beatrix Potter challenge badge when it arrives and some of the Brownies also gained their baking interest badge.



Beavers 35th Birthday Celebration

Beavers from both our colonies joined together for a fantastic Beavers 35th Birthday Celebration! This was

postponed from last year but we

made up for it with a big party this spring instead!

We started the morning off with a brilliant circus skills workshop with Kate & Oliver from Knock Out Entertainment. The Beavers tested their balancing skills, tried some juggling, and finished off with plate spinning.

Then we took a quick break to refuel & of course, to sing happy

birthday with our beautiful specially made birthday cake! Following on from this, it was time for some fun party games before heading home with our special birthday celebration badges.

Thanks to all our volunteers for investing their time to make it such a special celebration!!



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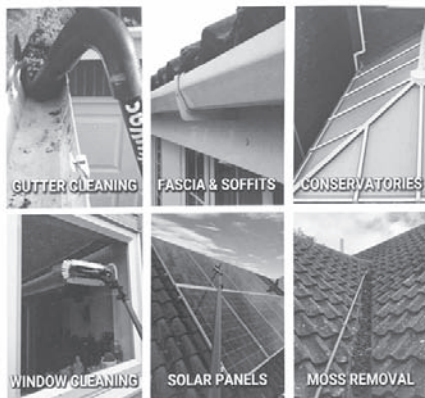
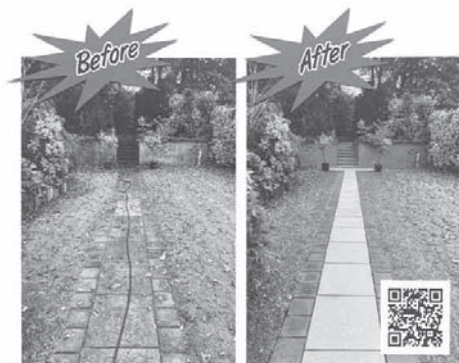
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THARSTON & DISTRICT WI

In March we welcomed Frank Hume to talk about 'Murder in my family'. The true story of a world famous Edwardian murderer and his Great Aunt's close involvement in the case. He illustrated the talk with large posters of photographs of those involved. We enjoyed the interesting talk. The competition was for a candlestick. Some beautiful candlesticks were displayed and most were too fragile to be used as an implement for murder!

Many notices were given out about future events and members were encouraged to sign up for events before tea and delicious cakes enticed us.

A craft afternoon was held in March with three different crafts offered.. Those who took part thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon and of course, some delicious cakes. It is always good to have these extra events as it gives more time to chat and enjoy the company of fellow members.

We entered the Centenary Salver competition held at Bawdeswell Village Hall, with a theme of 'An event in history'. Some of our members got together and completed the 5 crafts that were required and organised a creative and attractive display. Our entry did not win but certainly showed the talents of our members. Well done to this skilful group. Other events planned include a walk and treasure hunt around Wymondham, followed by refreshments. We are also organising a coffee morning, a visit to Peter Beales to admire the roses, and something to help celebrate the Jubilee in June.

We meet at Wacton Village Hall at 7.30 on the second Thursday each month.

Heather Jeary



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Hathor will be moored near Toad Hole Cottage, How Hill, from 1 May until 30 September 2022 and on many days WYC volunteers will open the wherry (free of charge, though donations are always welcome) for visitors to look around her Egyptian-themed interior. She will also act as our education wherry with school groups visiting How Hill brought down to see her and to learn about some of the history of wherries on the broads. Hathor will be sailing to Barton Broad and back on various dates, including some special fully catered trips featuring delicious home-made food. She will also sail to Womack Water to be on view during Ludham Open Gardens on Sunday 25 June 2022 before returning to How Hill.

Scheduled day sailings on our wherry yachts include firm favourites to Salhouse Broad, Ranworth, South Walsham and How Hill, and Steam and Sail in partnership with the Museum of the Broads' launch "Falcon". And this year there are trips on the Thurne above Potter Heigham, taking in the peaceful surroundings of Hickling and Horsey for the first time in a number of years. We are also offering a few luxury day sailings on pleasure wherry Ardea, the last wherry to be built in 1927. With dates from May right through to September we hope you will find something to suit. The full list of trips, pricing and online booking are available on our new website at www.wherryyachtcharter.org or please email bookings@wherryyachtcharter.org.

There will also be Broadland Heritage and Wherry Experience residential breaks based at How Hill with sailings on our wherries. Details and booking for these are via www.howhilltrust.org.uk.

As those passengers who've been on our charters and trips know - in today's world people are increasingly choosing an experience instead of gifts for special occasions. In fact many of our customers charter a wherry for a special family event. We've helped to celebrate significant birthdays, anniversaries, retirements and even the occasional family or friend's reunion with guests from many miles away. If you have a special occasion coming up to celebrate, why not charter a wherry (or two). Each of our vessels can carry up to twelve passengers at a time and come complete with skipper and crew.

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At the time of writing this article (06.04.22) it is recommended that you should wait until around 6 months since your last dose of vaccine for maximum effectiveness.

If you are 12 years and over and Immunocompromised, you are eligible for the spring booster if there has been at least three months from your previous dose. However, as we will be delivering the Moderna vaccine those aged 12-18 will need to access the Pfizer vaccine through the mass vaccination centres.

If you are feeling unwell please wait until you have recovered to have your vaccine, please do not attend a vaccine appointment if you are waiting for the result of a Covid 19 test. If you contract Covid 19 please wait until at least 4 weeks before having your spring booster.

South Norfolk Community Awards 2022 is now open:

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Find out more and nominate easily online by 6 June at: [southnorfolkandbroadland](https://southnorfolkandbroadland.org.uk).

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Mon 30th – Southwold – Fare £15.00

To book or for more information please call **01379 854800** or visit our website **www.borderhoppa.org**

Come and join us for....

The next Messy Church is on **Saturday 28th May, 9 - 10.45 am at St Mary's Church.** Starting with Breakfast at 9am, followed by a story, crafts, and activities for everyone, and finishing with a short time of worship.

For more information contact Megan on **07956 715383**

Just come along and join the fun!

Children must be accompanied by an adult.



HARLESTON & DISTRICT U3A

The May meeting of Harleston & District u3a will be held on Wednesday 18 May at 2.00 pm in St John's Church, Harleston. Our speaker is Tony Diamond and in his presentation - entitled The Mayflower Puritans – he will explain why English Puritans, many from Norfolk, sailed on Mayflower in 1620. Further information is available on **u3asites.org.uk/harleston** or



LET'S CHAT

Why not come along for a good old chat at St Mary's Church every Tuesday, 10.00am - 12.00pm.

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Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations!

The Platinum Jubilee Celebrations will be held on Saturday 4th June on the Manor Road playing fields. We are making an event to remember to bring the whole community together. Long Stratton Football Club are kicking the event off with a youth tournament. We have various artists throughout the day entertaining us all. There will be outdoor games free of charge as well as tombola, games, a bar, stalls, plenty of fun for the whole family. There will be food and drink vendors, or you could bring your own picnic. We will be running a junior bake off which will be judged, and prizes given.

If you would like a stall, are a performer/band who would like a spot on stage or would like to get involved please contact us on **01508 530524** or e-mail **office@longstrattoncouncil.gov.uk** (As this is a free community event a small charge may apply for the stalls).

Community room for hire

The community room at the Pavilion is available to hire, please get in touch if you would like to book, we are happy to show you around the facilities on offer.

Annual Parish Meeting

The next annual parish meeting will be held on 23rd May at 7pm, this is your opportunity to meet your council and its members who are all volunteers representing the community. Teas, coffees, and biscuits will be served.

Vacancy

Have you wondered what the Council do? Do you have time to give back to the community? We currently have a vacancy for a Council member. If you would like to know more information, then please contact the Council Office on 01508 530524 or email office@longstrattoncouncil.gov.uk.



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SATURDAY 14th MAY 2022

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Early Childhood and Family Service



Live Online Groups

Baby Days Live Online

Six weeks of free online sessions for babies with their parents/carers. Each session will have a new learning activity to try out with your baby, plus an opportunity to meet other parents and talk to knowledgeable staff. Best suited to babies who are not yet walking.

Toddler Days Live Online

Six weeks of free online sessions for under 5s with their parents/carers. A chance to meet other parents, talk to knowledgeable staff and take part in fun, learning activities.

Baby Massage Live Online

A free five week course introducing massage strokes that can help with colic and support you and your baby to feel more relaxed, whilst strengthening your bond.

Register at

tinurl.com/ECFSevents

Sessions take place online via video call on Microsoft Teams. You only need an internet connection and a smartphone, tablet or computer to join.

If you would like to join but need help with technology, or you don't have a suitable device, please [contact us](#) on 0344 800 8020 to see how we can help.



Need extra help or someone to talk to?

We are here to help with things like:

- Becoming a first time parent
- Bonding with your child
- Parenting challenges
- Mental wellbeing
- Healthy relationships
- Learning through play
- Communication & language development



Please contact us and one of our team will be in touch.



Online form:

www.tinurl.com/ECFSHelp

Email:

ecfs-families@actionforchildren.org.uk



New videos or themed activity posts every day at facebook.com/EarlyChildhoodFamilyService

Videos also on our [YouTube channel](#). First view on the day/time shown or catch up later



Musical Monday with Magic Acorns

A fun mini music session for you and your little one to join in with at home. Designed to help build little brains and bodies, while encouraging communication and confidence.



Monday

1.30pm

Let's Get Talking!

Ideas and activities to get your toddler talking, plus information on how the things you do with your baby, from birth, can help their future language and development.

Tuesday

11.00am

Children's Wellbeing

Tips to help you understand and nurture your child's emotional development, including how to deal with difficult situations.

Wednesday

1.30pm

Fun and Learning

A variety of indoor and outdoor activities for you to enjoy with your baby or toddler.



Thursday

11.00am

Cookalong

Step-by-step videos for easy family recipes which are fun to make together and will save you money compared to ready prepared food. No experience necessary!

Friday

1.30pm

Other activities for 0 to 5s and their families

Norfolk Libraries for Families

Weekly Online Bounce & Rhyme sessions, Story Week activities and Social groups via Zoom. Find out what's on from [Facebook](#) or www.norfolk.gov.uk/libraries



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Norfolk Community Directory

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Courses offered by the Early Childhood and Family Service



Our courses are running online via Microsoft Teams, or in small face-to-face groups at our risk assessed bases. Extra hygiene measures are in place and we will ask you to wear a face covering, unless you are exempt.

Solihull Parenting Course

A 10 week course to help you learn more about your child's development and behaviour. What is their behaviour telling you?

Baby Massage

A 5 week course for introducing massage strokes. This can help with colic and support you and your baby to feel more relaxed, whilst strengthening your bond.

Freedom Course

A 10 week course for women who would like to look at healthy relationships and to have a safe environment to be able to discuss and understand previous and current relationships.

Triple P

An 8 week course that offers support, information and practical answers to everyday parenting concerns.

Circle of Security

An 8 week course based on supporting and strengthening the attachment between you and your child.

Our partners



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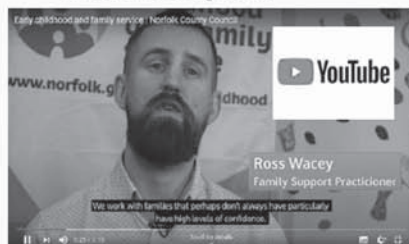
How to contact us

You can get more information on the service by visiting www.norfolk.gov.uk/earlychildhood

If you would like further information, help or support then please call us on 0344 800 8020 or email us at ECFS-Families@actionforchildren.org.uk



Any updates on services or groups can be found by visiting our Facebook pages. Search for Early Childhood and Family Service



See our video on YouTube to find out more


Useful contacts

Coronavirus Information	norfolk.gov.uk/coronavirus
Just One Norfolk (Health Visiting Team)	0300 300 0123
Leeway (Domestic Abuse Support)	0300 561 0077
Norfolk & Waveney Wellbeing Service (Mental health support)	0300 123 1503
Home Start Norfolk	01603 977040
Speech & Language Advice Line (ECCH)	01502 719830
Norfolk SEND Partnership	01603 704070
National Breastfeeding Helpline	0300 100 0212
Norfolk Police (non-emergency)	111
CGL (Alcohol & drug behaviour change service)	01603 514096
Citizens Advice Bureau	03444 111 444
Shelter (Help with housing & homelessness)	0808 800 4444
Job Centre	gov.uk/contact-jobcentre-plus
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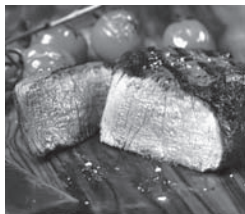
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The contact numbers are ---

Clare --- (Footcare Specialist) --- 07785 295358

Rita --- (for further information or to cancel an appointment) --- 01508 218407

WACTON COFFEE MORNINGS

The dates for our next Coffee Mornings are Tuesday 3rd and Tuesday 17th May. We meet in the Village Hall on the first and the third Tuesday of every month from 10.30 through to 12 noon.

Caroline and Rita look forward to welcoming you for coffee, tea and cake as usual and of course lots of chats We are also pleased to invite anyone living locally from any of the local villages and can assure you of a warm welcome. So, if you are passing and see our "Kettles On" board displayed outside Wacton Village Hall do pop in we'd love to meet you.

Caroline and Rita

The 'Manor' houses owned by the Burroughes family
by
Robert Maidstone

In 1766 Reverend Randall Burroughes bought the Manor of Stratton Hall. In modern terms Manors were just big estates usually comprising of several farms, land and properties. Often, but not always, one farm was lived in by the Lord of the Manor and called 'the Manor house/farm'. In Stratton the principal farm was on Hall Lane, the property we now know as the Hall, and was then called the Manor House.

Randall lived in the Manor House and was rector of both Shelfanger and Bressingham although he probably employed a curate to take services for him while he himself was curate at Wacton from 1780.

His son Ellis Randall was also ordained a priest, being of Long Stratton Manor, and taking first the living at Stowupland in 1790, then Sutton in 1792, and Tasburgh in 1802 although he lived at Stratton. He became curate of Stratton St Michael and Morningthorpe in 1814 and 1815 respectively.

Meanwhile he had married Sarah Nasmyth Marsh in 1795 and they eventually had 11 children, of the five boys one died shortly after birth but the others grew up. The eldest Ellis became a the curate of Morningthorpe in 1820, married Elizabeth Phillips Wilder in 1823 and moved to Newton Flotman. The next, Walter, too became a priest but never married, he lived at Morningthorpe becoming curate of Starston, Tharston and Wacton before his death in 1850. The third son Robert Marsh joined the East India Company and was the 2nd Officer when he died onboard the Sir David Scott in the Java sea in 1833. The last son Randall Ellis became a solicitor in Norwich, he too never married.

In 1829 the Manor House was described as "a well situated house surrounded by a deep moat" which may well have described the property we now know as 'Hall Farm' as the 1839 Tithe Commutation Map shows no buildings between the corner of The Street and Flowerpot lane and up to where Manor road now is.

Ellis Randall died in 1832 at Stratton and until his wife Sarah, died in 1838, it appears the unmarried girls lived in the Manor House on Hall Lane, but by the 1841 Census were living in Morningthorpe with Walter.

Of the boys Ellis, Walter and Randall Ellis all owned property in Wacton and Long Stratton and probably elsewhere.

Sometime after 1832, Ellis moved back to Stratton and it would appear he built 'Stratton House' a new red brick mansion house that is described in the March edition of the Sexton's Wheel. It is possible that Ellis let the Manor House on Hall Lane.

Ellis and Elizabeth had two children both of whom went to school in Brussels, Ellis Phillips who died aged 19 in Germany and Randall Robert who married Jane Sarah Bax in 1855. Ellis died in 1854 in Sardinia

Randall Robert was a Colonel in the 3rd Battalion of the Norfolk Regiment and a JP. He lived in Stratton House in 1861 with his wife and they had five girls. By 1871 it appears they had become estranged as Jane and the girls were living in Cheltenham, and Randall Robert was lodging in London where he was an MP for Norfolk. In 1883 he was referring to the house as the Manor House in the register of electors but I can find no census records to confirm where the family were living, maybe they were abroad.

Randall Robert died in 1888 in Florence, and it appears he left his wife a life interest in the Stratton estate so little was sold off until after Jane died in 1909. It appears Jane and four of the daughters did register to vote as occupiers of the Manor House in 1898 and 1900 however by 1911 they were living at Eastbourne.

Meanwhile Randall Ellis had died in 1898 and his estate was too being sold up, with parts presumably left to Randall Robert and then to the latter's girls.

So not only did the Burroughes name their sons Randall or Ellis, or a combination of them, but they owned two houses that were called at one time 'the Manor House' and two members of the family owned farming estates in and around Stratton that were sold off around the same time.

WACTON COMMUNITY LUNCH

Thursday May 25th
12.00 noon

Come and enjoy a home-cooked lunch in Wacton Village Hall. This is the first of our monthly Community lunches to be held thereafter on the fourth Thursday of every month. There will be a main course followed by tea or coffee and the cost is £5.00 per person.

All are welcome and if you have any dietary requirements, or other queries, please call **Angie Baldwin (07771438062)**

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WACTON ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

'Beating the Bounds' on Sunday May 22nd at 3pm

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Wacton Church holds a coffee morning every month (the second Saturday of each month) at 10.30 am,

The next coffee morning will be on Saturday 14th May 2022!!



WACTON SOCIAL CLUB

Wacton Social Club are starting their club nights again at Wacton Village Hall.

We are having our club night on the 20th May and we will be open on the 10th and 24th June. Doors are open 7pm – 11pm.

Looking forward to seeing familiar and new faces. All are welcome.

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A Norfolk ruin and a Suffolk dragon

The first Monday of April started with rain and continued to be gloomy and squally. Only four people set out to explore the delights of Scole. The spring flowers (all natural) on the graves around Scole church certainly brightened the scene. We discovered that Scole church was burnt down in 1963, a sad story, but we did admire the resulting comfortable chairs and brilliant modern stained glass.

We walked up what some of us remembered as the old Norwich Road then turned right towards the playing field where we joined a footpath. Blackthorn was still blossoming but stitchwort, red and white dead nettles and cow parsley were coming out underneath. We came to a very high black fence which, to judge by the chimneys, must be concealing a magnificent house. No sooner past here than another mystery came into sight: a high flint tower, divided in two, and standing in the middle of a field [picture]. The OS map had prepared us for "St Mary's church (remains of)". A hunt through a list of Norfolk ruined churches on Google led to a clear picture of the ruin just as we had seen. However it was described as "St Andrew Bickerston, another medieval village that no longer exists." There was no information at the site so the mystery remains (unless any Sexton's Wheel reader has any information, of course.)

From the ruin we had a fine view of Billingford windmill looking resplendent with shining white sails. After following some of Angles Way we turned away from the windmill past a field of rape which was already coming into flower. The wind hit us as we walked uphill. Cowslips by the path were tossed in all directions but soon bounced back, (picture). We turned into a lane where a solitary picturesque cottage surprised us by being number 47. We never did find the remaining 46!



This walk was a figure of eight so we soon rejoined the path by the ruin but then diverged to come back into Scole along Bungay Road. It wasn't quite midday and the sun was making a brave attempt to shine so we took a diversion into Suffolk. It was hard to imagine that the quiet lane and pedestrian bridge had once been the main Norwich Road. We played Pooh sticks on the bridge and sat for a while on a bench looking at the River Waveney from the Suffolk side. By the car park of Scole Pocket Park we visited the Scole dragon [picture]. It was looking a bit battered but was still magnificent.

Our final surprise as we returned to our car was to find the famous Scole Inn was turning into an old people's home. That could be a great place to live but not yet!



In May we hope to explore Ashwellthorpe woods. Meet at the toilets in Long Stratton car park at 10am May 2nd. Everyone welcome

LONG STRATTON LIBRARY

We continue to restore services at Long Stratton Library. We currently have:

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3. Just a Cuppa on Mondays from 11am
4. Bounce & Rhyme on Tuesdays at 2pm
5. Lego Club (age 8+) on Tuesdays at 3.45pm
6. Stitches & Knitters on Thursdays at 4.45pm
7. Coming soon we have a Lego Club for ages 2-7 - ask staff in-branch for further details

You can keep in touch with us on Facebook by searching for '**Diss, Harleston and Long Stratton Libraries**'. You can also call us on **01508 530797** with any questions.

Our opening hours are as follows - please note that Open Libraries is unavailable for the time being.

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2. Tuesday 1-7pm
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THURSDAY CLUB

We meet every second Thursday of the month in Long Stratton village Hall @2pm. New members are always welcome both male and female. You can be assured of a warm welcome. Speakers, quiz, raffle, sales table, refreshments and outings can be enjoyed with us. Look forward to seeing you.

CHURCH SERVICES - May

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09:30am - Holy Communion - Wacton

8th May - 11:00am - Holy Communion - St Mary's
6:30pm - Evening Prayer - St Michael's

15th May - 11:00am - Morning Worship - St Mary's
6:30pm - Village Praise - Wacton

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11:00am - All Age Holy Communion - St Mary's
3:00pm - Beating the Bounds - Wacton.

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29th May - 10:30am - United Service Celebration - St Mary's

Congregational Church Services

Sunday 1st May at 10:45am – Family Service incl. Holy Communion – Mr Colin Basham

Sunday 8th May at 10:45am – Family Service - Rev Ian Jones

Sunday 15th May at 9:45am - Community Family Breakfast

Sunday 15th May at 10:45am – Family Service - Pastor Malcolm Simpkin

Sunday 22nd May at 9:45am – Monthly Prayer Meeting
May at 10:45am – Songs of Praise Service

Sunday 29th May at 10:45am - Family Service - Mr Keith Scarff

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