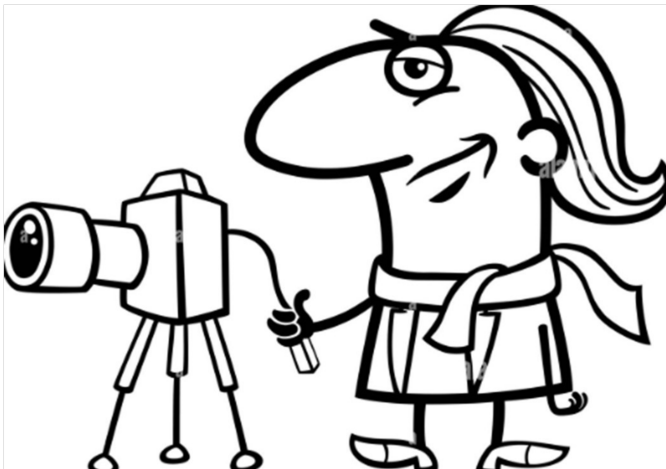


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August 2024

CRATFIELD PHOTOGRAPHIC 2024



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DEADLINE - FRIDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER

OPEN EVENING - FRIDAY 11TH OCTOBER

CLASSIC CARS & BREAKFAST SAT 12TH OCTOBER

WHY NOT SPEND THE SUMMER SNAPPING AWAY?

WELCOME

A very warm welcome to the Hodson family, Emma and Matthew, Axel, Jet, Maggie and Pearl and dogs Albus, Minnie, Luna and Stella who have just moved into Field House, The Street. We hope they will soon settle in and feel part of our village community.

Dates for your diary

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Friday 27th September
10.00am – 2.00pm**



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If you feel you can volunteer some help by making a cake I'd really appreciate a call on 07906 509302

Margaret Thompson

SUFFOLK HISTORIC CHURCHES RIDE AND STRIDE

Saturday September 14th

Last year 22 counties in England held a Ride and Stride church fundraising day and Suffolk raised the most with £200,312.70. The money raised helps to repair, restore and preserve our beautiful churches for future generations.

More info next month.

We haven't had one of these for a while...a poem from Brenda Thirkettle. For those of you who have never heard of Brenda, she was a Cratfield local quite some while ago and kept notes on the village from the 40s to the 80s as well as writing many poems about various aspects of the village.

THE CRATFIELD GREENS`

The Cratfield greens once numbered five,
Their open spaces helped people thrive.
They fattened their geese and watered their stock.
Provided wood for shelter and grass for their flock.
In all the clearings little fields were tilled.
Then houses were built and the barns filled.
The scattered greens each with its farmers
Were joined by lanes like Spong and Larters.
St. Mary's green known as the Bell
Had church and houses shops as well.
Swan green to the west near Deadman's Lane
Had a gipsy's grave unmarked and unnamed.
Silverleys had its meadows with its silver and dew.
Along came the Romans and made Tongs Lane through.
North of the village was the Northwood green
The largest but the first to be closed between
Silverleys and Little Haugh down by the stream.
Little Haugh with its carnsey our fifth forgotten green.
The greens exist in name only it's sad to relate,
Each has its own character with close neighbours to date.
May these names remain with us for many years more,
The Bell, Swan and Northwood, Silverleys and Little Haugh.

Carnsey	causeway
Haugh	meadows by the stream
Silver	wood
Spong	marshy narrow piece of land
Larters	farmer's name
Tongs	lane which is part of a Roman road
Northwood	green closed in 1842
Bell	green closed in 1847
Swan	green closed in 1847
Northwood	green closed in 1849

All the Nice Girls Are a Sailor

HMS Ark Royal was my first experience of “Women at sea,” something I had always strongly supported. There were 120 women¹ on board, of all naval branches, both officers and sailors. It was initially a strange new world for us ancient mariners. One of the first things I kept my eye on was to make sure that the ladies did their proper share of the sometimes unpopular communal chores which are necessary in the running of a big ship, but were not given an unreasonable share either. I should not have worried – you won’t be surprised to learn that they did more than their share without being asked. Even so, the sight of a young female sailor staggering up to the galley with a large sack of potatoes over her shoulder took a bit of getting used to! Professionally they were first rate – it was a sad fact of life in those days that women usually had to be better professionally than the men, in order to be considered as good as the men. Without exception they easily met this very unfair criterion. Since then, women have of course thoroughly proved themselves in combat too.

The biggest changes were, unsurprisingly, in the domestic life of the ship. In the main galley (which I used often to visit during mealtimes to make sure the crew were being well fed, and to chat to people in an informal way) the menu changed considerably with far more vegetarian and salad choices available and rather fewer dishes with chips and heavy foods – it’s amazing what a young man will do to try to impress a young lady! Behaviour ashore changed dramatically as well. Young sailors would go ashore in mixed groups and behave in a much more sedate fashion than of old. Gone were the days when a small group of sailors could more or less demolish a bar in Gibraltar or Mallorca, as I remember happening in the 1960s. Gone too were the days of sailors returning to the ship at 2am, barely able to find their way up the gangway (or “brow” as it is known in the Navy). The whole atmosphere on board changed and became more vibrant, but no less professional and capable.

Of course, if you put healthy young people of both sexes together in close company for a long time, you are bound to find some romantic relationships developing, although it was very rare indeed to see any open sign of this. Sometimes when the ship was in harbour, a couple would move into hotel or rental accommodation for a few days but as long as they were on board and working whenever they were supposed to be it was not my concern. In theory the RN had a “no touching” rule, but we found that this was quite impractical

because people touch each other all the time in perfectly innocent ways. Instead in Ark Royal we had a sort of “You know what we mean, so don’t do it” rule. The only “taboo” was relationships between officers or petty officers and junior ratings because of the risk of favouritism being shown or the wider relationships between ranks in the ship being abused, and we did watch out for that possibility. Interestingly, if any couple developed a serious permanent relationship or were married, the navy-wide rule was that one of them had to be drafted to another post. It sounds harsh but if you think about it, it was sensible. In general, it all worked extremely well, with very few problems. In fact, I took the view that things were only problems if you thought they were. At the time this opinion did not meet with wholehearted enthusiasm and support at Fleet Headquarters.

When, in due course, I eventually handed over command and left the ship in Naples, I was towed away from Ark Royal in the Captain’s car – a bright red, brand new and pre-release Jaguar XJ12 (of which more anon), lent for free to the Captain of Ark Royal *pro tem* by Jaguar Cars on condition that we gave it plenty of public exposure, although of course we had to pay for all the petrol used, whether on official or on private business (the latter I had to pay for myself). I was towed away entirely by a team of lady sailors; certainly a first for me and sadly also a last!

1. About 13-14% of the total crew

Jeremy Blackham

2024 MOBILE LIBRARY DATES

TUESDAYS

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HISTORY CORNER The Laxfield Parish Hearse

In January this year the Clerk to Laxfield Parish Council received an email from the Food Museum in Stowmarket with this startling information:

We are carrying out an audit of objects in the collection at the Food Museum, Stowmarket (previously the Museum of East Anglian Life) and have recently discovered records for the Laxfield Hearse and Laxfield Bier held here. Our records state that the objects are "On loan from Laxfield Parish Council" - set up on 24.6.1969.

According to the email the buildings used to display and store the hearse and bier were both due for redevelopment in 2024 and the Food Museum was looking to return all items on loan and find temporary storage for thousands of other objects.

Who in Laxfield knew such objects existed? The date of the loan is about the time the then Parish Council was arranging the bygone exhibition in the village hall which became the basis of Laxfield & District Museum's collection to be put on permanent display in Laxfield Guildhall in 1970. The information the Food Museum had is as follows:

The information for this item was supplied by Mr B.G. Quinton, who used to drive the hearse when he left school at 14. It was made by his father, village builder and wheelwright, who also became undertaker just after WW1 when he made the hearse. This was originally a bier, pulled by a 'T' handle, and was converted by adding a driver's seat and fore body from an old carriage (possibly a Victoria). Mr Quinton Snr. died in 1971 aged 84.



Length of body: 7 feet Width of body: 3 (?) Height of body: 2 feet 11 inches Brass Rails: 4 feet Total length: 11 feet Driving seat: 3 feet 3 inches x 1 foot 2 inches Wheels: Front: 3 feet (12 spokes) Rear: 3 feet 6 inches (14 spokes) Shafts: 6 feet

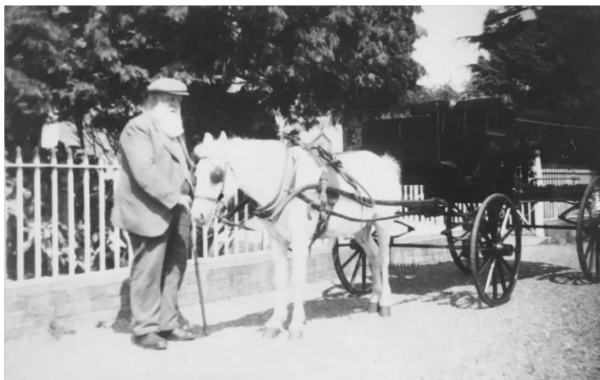
The photograph which accompanied the email, and shown here, gave rise to a lot of excitement. It is a wonderful carriage with much local history attached. The Parish Council immediately contacted the Museum but our ancient doorways and indeed inner space were never going to allow us to house this magnificent artifact, as much as we would love to. We then all looked to Laxfield Church but again space and practicalities were against this as a solution. Time was ticking by, and the hearse would need to leave the Food Museum around Easter time.

Then the answer arrived in the shape of an elderly resident, who by chance

got to hear of the vehicle's plight and said words to the effect that she remembered it and that it was always kept in the Hearse House. Another 'Who knew?' moment. Where was the Hearse House? It transpired that it is a large shed-like structure in the local cemetery, which most residents assumed was the gardener's shed. So, now it needed clearing out and cleaning – a task successfully and speedily completed by a member of the parish.

The next step was to find the means of transporting the hearse. A member of the Parish Council had access to a suitable trailer and the move was completed by the end of March, just before the Easter deadline.

Thus, the Hearse, that very few Laxfield residents knew they had, is back in its purpose built house. But what next? Time for research and then deciding how to show it to the public. Initial research has found this picture and inscription on the reverse in the Museum archives, showing the hearse in 1935 outside the Baptist Chapel, the reins of the pony called Chips belonging to Mr Cullingford, being held by Edward Read, aged 80, for the fee of 6d., which was apparently put to good use in the nearby local, The Royal Oak. As is often the case, other information has started to arrive and will add to the story. Ideas such as displaying the hearse outside the museum on certain days or opening the Hearse House to visitors are currently being explored. But the hearse is now back. Who knew?



Museum opening times are 2-5 every Saturday & Sunday & Bank Holiday until the end of October. Additional opening from 9.30-12.30 on Laxfield Community Market days.

August Sports Quiz

1. Which year is officially recognised as the beginning of the modern Olympic Games?
1886 1896 1906 1916
2. What sport is considered the most popular in the world?
Football Tennis Golf Basketball
3. What kind of sport is connected with the term ring?
Figures skating Boxing Water polo Cricket
4. What colour ball is used most in Snooker games?
Green Blue Red Yellow
5. In what year was the International Football Federation (FIFA) founded?
1904 1923 1948 1960
6. In what country is the 'Masters of Golf' tournament held?
United States United Kingdom Australia Germany
7. What is the maximum number of players on the field at the same time in a volleyball game?
4 5 6 7
8. Which tennis player has won the most Grand Slam titles in the men's singles?
Roger Federer Novak Djokovic Daniil Medvedev Carlos Alcaraz
9. Which boxer held the world heavyweight title for a record-breaking 11 years and 7 months?
Muhammad Ali Rocky Marciano Jack Dempsey Joe Louis
10. Which country has won the most Rugby World Cup titles?
Australia Great Britain New Zealand Germany
11. Which athlete set the world record by running a mile in under four minutes?
Usain Bolt Roger Bannister Emil Zátopek Carl Lewis
12. In which sport is the Ryder Cup contested?
Tennis Golf Badminton Football
13. Who is the most successful female tennis player of all time with 23 Grand Slam singles titles?
Coco Gauf Emma Raducanu Serena Williams Martina Navratilova
14. In which city did the Summer Olympics take place in 2020 (held in 2021)?
Paris Oslo Tokyo London
15. In which sport would you find the terms 'triple axel', 'salchow' and 'lutz'?
Darts Boxing Diving Figure Skating

Answers on page 22

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VILLAGE HALL UPDATE – AUGUST

A HUGE thank you to Heveningham Hall Country Fair Trust for the recent grant which has allowed us to replace the flooring in the bar and back kitchen/lobby area. I am sure you will all agree it makes a huge difference - do take a look next time you are at the Pop Up Pub or another event.

Another massive thank you to Robert Sannick for mowing the grass around the hall just in time for the July Pop Up Pub – with the village mower out of action and no idea when it will be back in action we are hugely thankful to anyone who can volunteer to help keep the grass under control. As soon as the mower is repaired, we owe another huge round of thanks to Dan Elford for keeping the grass under control – ably assisted by Linzi wielding the strimmer.

POP UP PUB – FRIDAY 2ND AUGUST – BBQ NIGHT!

Following the huge success of both the Pizza and Creole Nights we have our annual Village Hall BBQ lined up for August with delicious local Cratfield Burgers and Brundish Sausages. Come along and kick start off the summer holidays with no cooking and no washing up. Orders for the BBQ will be taken at the bar – taking cash and card payments too! Doors open 6.00pm – food from 6.30pm

September– Oli's Mexican Night – back by popular demand!

PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION – FRIDAY 11TH OCTOBER 7 - 9PM / BAR OPEN TOO

The entry forms are included within this magazine - don't forget to set the entry forms aside somewhere safe such as a notice board or on the front of the fridge!

Who can enter? Anyone – yes anyone! You do not need to be a professional photographer or have professional equipment, over the years many winning photos have been taken on phones and tablets – it is just £1 a photo and children can enter for FREE!

How do I enter? Ensure your printed photos are either 6"x 8" or 8"x 12" and submit them with the payment details and entry form included in this magazine in an envelope to the address on the form. To ensure the competition is judged fairly please only submit the stated sizes and please do not submit any mounted photographs. Spare forms are at the back of the church and available at the Pop-Up pub nights in August and September.

What happens on the night? The bar is open and you are able to view all the other photos, the winners will be announced around 8pm and prizes given out. Feedback from the judge on why each photo was selected will be read out – along with any highly commended photos. If you have not entered, please do feel free to come along for a drink and see the entries!

I have some photos to enter, how do I get them printed? There are a number of online sites you can upload your photos to (Photobox, Snapfish

Boots Photo etc)

What are the categories again?

Cratfield Hobbies

Suffolk Street Scenes

All Suffolk Creatures great & Small

Keep an eye on the village Facebook page for suggestions and hints and tips on the categories. Please note, the competition is judged by an independent judge and not anyone on the committee.

CLASSIC CARS, BREAKFAST & COFFEE - SATURDAY 12th OCTOBER

10am – 1pm We already have a number of people registering classic cars they want to bring along on the Saturday morning – so pop the date in your diary to come and take another look at the photos, see the classic cars and grab some breakfast too! If you would like to bring along a classic car please do let us know on cratfieldvillagehall@gmail.com

CRATFIELD VILLAGE HALL 100 CLUB

Our 100 Club winners for August are: 1st prize (£15) number 11 - Sue Eade; 2nd prize (£10) number 9 - Jo Nunn; and 3rd prize (£5) number 75 - Anne Bedford. Draw by Nigel Britton. Congratulations to the winners!

INDOOR BOWLS – ALTERNATE TUESDAYS

The dates for 2024 are - Aug 6 & 20 / Sept 3 & 17 / Oct 1 & 15 & 29 / Nov 26 / Dec 10. Do come along and have a go – no experience required – all good fun! Tea & Coffee available and there is a suggested donation of £2 to play. Any queries please contact Nigel 07445351861 or Elliott 07963676207.

A PROMOTION FOR THE COMMITTEE....

We are now in receipt of a portrait of the King which was organised by the Parish Council. It came with the following instructions - ‘*We recommend engaging a member of your designated facilities or maintenance team to ensure the hanging of the portrait is hung safely using appropriate fixings for the location and wall type*’ – which resulted in everyone on the committee all looking at each other and wondering exactly who the ‘facilities or maintenance team’ are!

CRATFIELD VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE MEETINGS – 7.00pm

Thursday 8th August / Thursday 21st November (and AGM)

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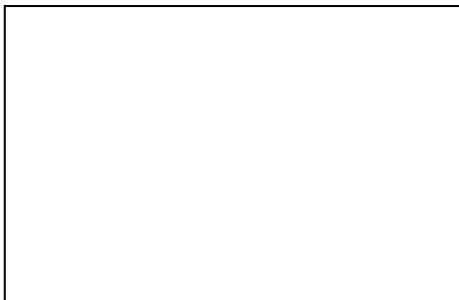
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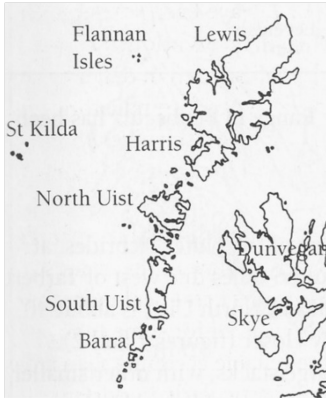
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Barra (about 6 x 5 miles: Pop. 965) – Part 2
MacNeil Clan Chiefs and Kisimul Castle



Barra, at the southern tip of the Outer Hebrides, is extraordinary in a number of different ways: it is positively verdant, compared to 'The Uists' which are due north, it is overrun with MacNeils (to the point of making their surname redundant), there is the unique airport where planes land on the beach – and there is Kisimul Castle, sitting on its own little island, around which the ferry 'pirouettes', in readiness for disembarkation at Castlebay just opposite.

The earliest fortifications were built in the 11th century, but the current castle dates from the 15th and includes a keep, hall and castle. The island is small, so the design is, shall we say, compact!

However, the castle was burnt down in the late 1700s and remained uninhabited for over 200 years. In 1838, the MacNeils fell into debt and had



to sell the island,

whereupon 2 consecutive sets of unscrupulous owners thought nothing of 'clearing' crofters – sending them packing, impoverished, to the U.S. and Canada - to make way for sheep, which were more profitable. There are now many MacNeils in America and it was the 45th Chief of the Clan – Robert Lister MacNeil, an American architect – who bought back the ancestral home in 1937. He restored the castle and turned it into a place of pilgrimage for MacNeils from all over the world. He died in 1970 and is buried in the castle chapel. His son, Ian MacNeil, was the 46th Chief and he held this position at the time that I visited the island. He has subsequently died (in 2010), and his story is an interesting one:-

It was in 1838 (the year that the island was sold) that the Chief of Clan title transferred to a cousin who had emigrated to America, as the previous chief had no children – hence the U.S heritage of the latter-day chiefs.

Nevertheless, Ian MacNeil spent a considerable period on the island and went to school in Castlebay, just opposite the castle. He later ran the crofting estate for nearly 35 years, splitting his time between the island, his native America - where he was professor of law at Northwestern University in Chicago - and Edinburgh. While teaching in America, he told his wife he thought he had the first black U.S. president in his class, a reference to the young Barack Obama, who was one of his students: how right he was! He was an expert in contract law as well as in crofting and crofting

legislation: he put this to good use in defending Barra's interests, whether it was arguing for the interests of the island's fishermen or its crofters – and protecting the island's unique air service from proposed cuts. In 1979, he offered to transfer the freehold of all the crofting land to the crofters for a nominal fee, but the crofters preferred the status quo, as he was such a benevolent and popular landlord. In 2001 he leased the castle to Historic Scotland for 1000 years for the annual sum of £1.00 and a bottle of whisky! He was a kind, learned, humble and popular man: his son, Roderick Wilson MacNeil, is now the 47th Clan Chief.

To visit Kisimul Castle, you rendez-vous with 'a man with a boat', since that's your only way of getting there! I forget the name of our host for the day, but I can guarantee his surname was 'MacNeil'! He wore a dark blue sailor's cap and his gentle, lilting voice was a delight to listen to. He told us stories that he must've told 100 times before, but, with his engaging smile, it was as if each one was being told for the first time. (Barra people are renowned for their friendliness.) We saw the grave of the 45th Clan Chief in the castle chapel and a large flag that was hanging there, displaying the MacNeil heraldic devices. All the MacNeils claim descendancy from the 4th century High King of Ireland, Niall of the Nine Hostages – so-called because he liked taking quite a lot of ...err... hostages! The MacNeils recognise him as the very first Clan Chief. The little island where the castle is sited is very fortunate, since, through a geological fluke, a fissure in the rocks supplies it with fresh water. How this was discovered centuries ago beats me, but a fresh water well is found within the castle walls. Kisimul Castle: a special and unique place!



Next month: The northern half of the Outer Hebrides:
Harris & Lewis

Andrew Weight



Cratfield Parish Council

Meeting Dates 2024

All meetings are held in The Village Hall, Manse Lane Cratfield, IP19 0DJ

- Tuesday 12th March 2024 at 7.30 pm
- Tuesday 14th May 2024 at 7.30 pm
– Annual Parish Meeting & Annual Parish Council Meeting
- Tuesday 9th July 2024 at 7.30 pm
- Tuesday 10th September 2024 at 7.30 pm
- Tuesday 12th November 2024 at 7.30 pm

*The agenda is displayed three days before the meeting in the village noticeboards and on CPC's website: www.cratfield.onesuffolk.net
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Letter from the Vicar August 2024

Rest and restoration are very important ideas for us to grasp hold of as human beings. In fact, all of us need a time of stopping, be that in a weekly Sabbath, or in a time of holiday. There is nothing wrong with this being a 'staycation' and this may actually be a great option, especially in these financially straightened times, or if you perhaps have caring responsibilities that make going away problematic. The important thing is to stop and take a rest from our usual cares and responsibilities in order to be fully healthy and restored. It is an opportunity to do something good for ourselves, which need not be expensive, or even involve us going away from home.

This is not a selfish or unreasonable desire. In fact, this is the way God made us, not just for endless work, but as people who need times of rest too. That is why he commanded the Sabbath (not just a polite suggestion!). Not resting can have serious consequences for our health and well being, sucking the joy out of life. At the least it can have the consequence of making us far less productive (something the workaholics amongst us should take note of).

August is a month when many people think of this break from every day life. A time when we have good(ish) weather in Britain and things generally slow down for most people. If this is true for you then start that planning. There are so many amazing low cost or even no cost activities going on all around us to take advantage of. Even if August is a bad month for you, start dreaming now and planning a time when you can relax and forget your cares even for a short time. I wish you all a time of rest and restoration during this month.

God bless you.

Rev'd Enid

Sports Quiz answers

1.1896, 2.Football, 3.Boxing, 4.Red, 5.1904, 6.United States, 7.6, 8.Roger Federer 9.Joe Louis, 10.New Zealand, 11.Roger Bannister, 12.Golf ,13. Serena Williams, 14.Tokyo, 15.Figure Skating

August Cratfield Church Services

Sunday 11th	Sunday 25th
1 Kings 19:4-8 Ephes 4:25-5.2 John 6:35, 41-51	Josh 24:1-2a, 14-18 Ephes 6:10-20 John 6:56-69
9.00am Village Worship CM	9.00am Holy Communion CM

August	4th	11th	18th	25th
Bedfield	9.00am Holy Communion EP		10.30am Baptism Family Service CM/EP	
Brundish		9.00am Morning Praise EP		9.00am Holy Communion RA
Laxfield	10.30am Celtic Service LE	10.30am Animal Service LE	10.30am Holy Communion RA	10.30am Fourth Sunday FS team
Monk Soham		11.00am Morning Prayer RA		11.00am Holy Communion RA
Tannington	11.00am Holy Communion EP			
Wilby	10.30am Village Worship SP	10.30am Holy Communion EP	10.30am Village Worship SP	10.30am Morning Prayer SP
Worlingworth	Support Tannington	11.00am Let's Celebrate BS	11.00am Holy Communion RO	11.00am Morning Prayer BS

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