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# St Peter and St Paul's Church EAST HARLING

## We would love you to join us on Sunday 11th February 2024 from 11.30am

Where an update on the project for the roof repairs will be given and an opportunity to give your views on the future of this important medieval buildina. Learn about the church's exciting new conservation and activity project and how you can help to shape it. PLEASE DO JOIN US-ALL WELCOME See Page 14 for further information

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#### ~ Welcome to our Services in February 2024 ~

## Midweek Communion every Wednesday at 11.30am in East Harling Church

Date	E Harling	Garbl'sham	Wretham	Bridgham	Larling
Sunday	11.00 am	9.30 am	9.30 am	11.00 am	
4 <sup>th</sup> Feb	All Age	Holy	Service of	Holy	
2 <sup>nd</sup> before	6.00 pm	Communion	the Word	Communion	
Lent	Soul Café In O S Hall				
		0.00			44.00
11 <sup>th</sup> Feb	9.30 am Holy	9.30 am Holy			11.00 am Holy
Sunday	Communion	Communion			Com'union
before Lent					
		7.00pm			
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup>	11.30am	Holy			
February	Midweek	Communion			
Ash	Communion				
Wednesday		Wednesday			
Sunday	9.30 am	Alline -		11.00am	
18 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Holy	11.00 am	9.30 am	Service of	
Lent 1	Communion	All Age	Holy	the Word	
	6 20nm		Communion		
	6.30pm Harling				
	Praise				
Sunday					
25 <sup>th</sup> Feb	9.30 am	9.30 am			11.00 am
Lent 2	Holy Com'union	Holy Communion			Service of
	Comunion	Communion			the Word
Date	Rushford	Shropham	Brettenham	Riddlesworth	Blo'Norton
Sunday	9.30am				
4 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Holy				
2 <sup>nd</sup> before	Com'union				
Lent 11 <sup>th</sup> Feb					11.00am
Sunday					Holy
before					Communion
Lent					
Sunday		9.30am			
18 <sup>th</sup> Feb Lent 1		Holy Communion			
Sunday		Communion	11.00am	6.00	
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Lent 2			Communion	Communion	

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#### Parish Records 2023/2024 ~

#### ~ Baptisms~

Welcomed into God's family:

Andrew Parr, Mathew Satchwell, David Wynn, and Derek Alan Ryder; who were baptised in East Harling Church by Rt. Revd Ian Bishop, Bishop of Thetford on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

**Fallon Smith** daughter of Lewis Smith and Kerri Simms who was baptised in East Harling Church on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2023

#### ~ Funerals ~

We offer our condolences to the family and friends of:-

**Margaret Rose Mary Macrow** whose funeral was held in East Harling Church on 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2024 followed by interment in the churchyard.

#### ~ Floodlighting ~

Requests to sponsor the floodlighting of East Harling Church should be posted/delivered to: Susan Dolling 4 Hamblings Piece, East Harling. NR16 2PZ

#### February 2024

4<sup>th</sup> **Geraldine Fletcher**; remembering you on your birthday. Lots of love Joyce, Darrall and Janette xxx.

16<sup>th</sup> **Alan Fletcher**, you left us 41 years ago. You are always in our thoughts and we miss you lots. All our love, Mum, Dad and Janette xxx.

27<sup>th</sup> Remembering you **Mum** on your birthday. We miss you lots. All our love, Joyce, Darrall and Janette xxx.

<u>Please make sure your requests are clearly written</u>, include the date and add your name and contact number in case of any queries. Donation of minimum £5/night should be enclosed (cheques payable to E Harling PCC please).

Thank you to all who sponsor the floodlighting of East Harling Church

## FOOD BANK

Please Remember!



Items for delivery to Thetford Food Bank can be left in the hamper at the rear of the pews in | East Harling Parish Church. Tinned and non-perishable dry goods (eg sugar, cereals) and toiletries welcome. No fresh fruit or vegs please. All items must be 'in date'. Your gifts will be collected regularly. Thank You!

#### METHODIST CHAPEL WHITE HART STREET Methodist Services in February

4th 10.30am Rev David Ely communion service 6.00pm Soul Cafe at Old school Hall 11th 6.30pm Mr Pat Mottram

18th 10.30am Mr Dennis Cartwright

6.30pm Harling Praise at Methodist Church

25th 6.30pm Rev Steve Oliver communion service

#### Quidenham Carmelite Monastery Chapel (Roman Catholic) Public Worship

Daily Mass8.00amSunday Mass10.30amHoly Days8.00amFor further information contact:David & Gerda Bailey (01953) 717639

#### Special Service Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February

There will be a service for the celebration of Ash Wednesday for the whole Benefice to be held in

St John's Church, Garboldisham At 7.00pm









Dear friends and neighbours

Yesterday (January 13<sup>th</sup>) I was with a bumper crowd of people in the Old School Hall in East Harling for an initial meeting about a Men's Shed in the village. It was really encouraging to see so many people show an interest – and so many men expressing their desire to be involved in being part of the initial

committee setting everything up and so on.

We all need some help from time to time, we all have our own struggles and burdens to bear. But men often find themselves unable to reach out for help, or without the social networks to have regular support. This is a generalisation of course; there are men who have no such trouble, and women who find themselves without help or networks. But it is generally true that men are in particular need of support and companionship.

The Men's Shed will seek to address this, to give men a place to gather and to talk, and also to give them the opportunity to use their skills and interests for the wider community and for each other – and I look forward to contributing to it in my own way.

We live in a close community with many blessings but it is always possible for people to 'slip through the cracks'. It is really important for us to look out for one another, and for us to build community wherever we can. In the Wisdom books of the Bible, we read this:

Two are better than one because they have a good reward for their toil. For if they fall, one will lift up the other ... Again, if two lie together, they keep warm, but how can one keep warm alone? And though one might prevail against another, two will withstand one. A threefold cord is not quickly broken. (Ecclesiastes 4.9-12)

The Men's Shed will be a wonderful way for men to have support, build friendship, perhaps learn skills – for men to become 'two rather than one' ... but the threefold cord that is spoken of here is me, other people, and God. Alongside the opportunity of the Men's Shed, remember that a resource for strength, hope and joy is available to each and every one of us, at every point of the day or night. If you ever want to know more, or need to talk, do not hesitate to get in touch with me ... and I look forward to supporting the Men's Shed as it provides resources to our community in East Harling and beyond.

Yours with every blessing

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# Harling Theatre Company Presents **BLACKADDER** GOES FORTH



The Harling Theatre Company has immense pleasure in bringing one of TV's most enduring and poignant comedies to the stage.

It's 1917 and we're in the trenches of the Western Front during the Great War. Captain Edmund Blackadder along with Lieutenant George St Barleigh and his batman, Private S. Baldrick, are expecting the order from their incompetent and somewhat insane commander, General Melchett, to go 'over the top' into no-man's land.

Can Captain Blackadder find a way out of the trenches before the certainty of a meaningless death in the 'big push'? Will his best laid plans be foiled by George's naïve buffoonery or Baldrick's natural idiocy?

At once hilarious and heartbreakingly dark, we will bring our own twist to these well-known and much loved TV characters. Experience the full spread of emotions as we weave between the gallows humour of the British Tommy and the tragedy of their sacrifice on the fields of Flanders.

Our last production sold out so book tickets early to avoid disappointment. It's a cunning plan!

#### PUT A DATE IN YOUR DIARY WHEN & WHERE

Friday 22nd & Saturday 23rd March 2024 7.30pm with Saturday Matinee 2.30pm

The Old School Hall 2 School Lane, East Harling NR16 2LU

TICKETS still only £10 Www.ticketsource.co.uk/harling-theatrecompany Telephone 07729 777 077

#### EAST HARLING CHURCH CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

St Peter and St Paul's Church would like to thank everyone who took part this Christmas. We had a record number of trees... 85... and a record number of visitors... 748! So thank you to all our visitors too.



We raised a total of £1,690.04 towards the roof fund!

The raffle winning tickets were as follows: $1^{st}$  Prize of £1000347 $2^{nd}$  Prize of £500140 $3^{rd}$  Prize Hamper0312(winners have been notified)



We hope everyone enjoyed it as much as we did, and look forward to the next one. Our target will be 100 trees, so if you'd like to help us reach that target, look out for information in Contact later in the year.

# Booking Clerk Required

This is a voluntary role which forms part of our Management Committee of the village hall

## **Duties Include**

responding to hall hire enquiries online and occasionally on the phone
liasing with regular hirers about any changes to their bookings
overseeing our online calendar/ booking system which we'll be rolling out soon.
providing information to the treasurer to enable invoices to be raised
Occasionally showing potential



hirers around the hall Fancy joining a friendly group of local volunteers who all want the same thing - to keep Harling Old School Village Hall open and providing much needed facilities to our

local community? Contact chair.hosh@gmail.com for more info

# WHAT'S ON AT THE VILLAGE HALL





Wed Feb 7 Coffee morning 10-12 noon

Wed Feb 21 Soup Lunch 12 for 12:30 £7pp incl dessert



CHECK OUR WEBSITE WWW.HARLINGOLDSCHOOLVILLAGEHALL.CO.UK

#### <u>GET IN TOUCH WITH NATURE WHERE YOU</u> <u>LIVE – GO BIRDWATCHING!</u>

Birdwatching...... Where do I start. When I was asked to write a bit about birdwatching I was taken aback and honestly wasn't sure what to say.

I started to think am I actually a Birder, a Birdwatcher or a Twitcher?. I guess I am a bit of all three, let me explain the difference.



A Birdwatcher or birder is a person who observes birds in their natural surroundings as a hobby - but a

Twitcher is a person who is in pursuit and the observation of rare or particular birds, sometimes travelling all over the world to see one particular bird.

We recently had the RSPB, Big garden Birdwatch 2024 and I hope you were able to take part. This happens every year and is always a great success. It is important to help map bird numbers. It identifies if there is a decline in certain numbers of bird types and can highlight changes in or losses of their habitat.

It is always good where possible to help feed and provide birds with water. Proper bird feeders with a mix of seeds and nuts and some water in a bowl or birdbath are good to keep topped up, particularly in winter and are available in lots of places or you could make your own.

I would encourage anyone to have a go at bird watching, you do not need any fancy equipment. Spotting and identifying birds whilst on a walk, in the garden, out of the window at work or at school really does open your eyes to the nature we have around us With



varying numbers of birds in our gardens. It is great as it's accessible for everyone, anybody can take part. I started by getting to know our garden birds. The likes of Robins, Blackbirds and sparrows...... can you think of any others?

Birdwatching is a great way to get out and about in nature, I find it calming and a great way to get away from the busyness of everyday life.

I have been fortunate to travel to some beautiful places and see some great birds but locally we have some amazing places too. Knettishall Heath is a great place to see birds and nature in general. In Thetford, where the British trust for Ornithology is based (close to Nunnery lakes) there is a really calm and relaxing spot to see lots of different water birds and slightly further afield at Lynford Arboretum is a well-known spot for birds (and birders). The closest RSBP site is at Lakenheath Fen, a great place for a walk and to see all sorts of birds all year round, with lookouts and hides to sit and watch from and easily spend a few hours away from it all.

There is lots of useful information on the RSPB website <u>www.rspb.org.uk</u>







We are looking for adult volunteers to join our thriving GirlGuiding Units in East Harling. Rainbows are aged 4-7 years, Brownies 7-10 years and Guides 10-14 years.

We need your help to inspire girls to know that they can achieve anything. Sign up today to help up build confidence in girls, create lifelong friendships, and learn new skills. We have enthusiastic and engaged girls and are looking for more adult volunteers to help us.

If you can offer an hour a week to join in the fun then please get in touch with either Sarah <u>1stharlingrainbows@gmail.com</u> or Sonia <u>soniaguiding@outlook.com</u>.

Alternatively, you can apply online <u>https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/get-involved</u>

You are creative, enthusiastic, awesome.....pass it on!

#### Everyone is invited to



## Soup Church

fabulous fresh

Homemade lunch

East Harling Methodist Church White Hart Street

11.30am Tuesday 20th February Theme: Just Food!



#### <u>EAST HARLING WI</u>

We hope's that everybody in the Village had a good Christmas - somehow my December e-mail to Contact went astray!!!

East Harling WI will be having an evening with Jane Kelly in February, where we will hopefully attempt to make a simple item with willow.

East Harling WI meet on the third Tuesday of each month at the Old School Hall for 7.30pm. We are a small friendly group, and look forward to seeing new and old faces, please feel free to visit us at any time. Membership starts from the 1st of April, but non-members are welcome to come along for a small donation of £2.00 towards hall hire etc.

If you would like to give a talk or demonstration of your passions, skills or history please get in touch. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me Jackie Underwood on 07725 126115.

#### NORFOLK WILDLIFE TRUST BRECKLAND LOCAL GROUP

We started the new year with a Brecks reserves update from Amy Plows, NWT Assistant reserves officer for the Brecks. For a very cold January evening it was a good turnout and Amy was pleased to meet so many members and non-members. She gave us an excellent and concise update and incite into the work of the Brecks team, both on the ground and behind the scenes.

Wednesday February 14<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm we have Martin Hosier, local photographer talking about wildlife from a warmer clime, but he's kept us guessing as to exactly where. This is after a short AGM to which all NWT members are welcome. Commencing at 7.30pm at The Methodist Centre, High Street, Watton. IP25 6AB. Cost is £3 non-members, £2 members. Refreshments will be served.

#### EAST HARLING GARDENING CLUB

At our January meeting we had a fascinating explanation and demonstration of willow weaving by Jane Kelly. She runs workshops both for herself and on behalf of Suffolk Wildlife Trust. Her next workshop for the Trust is making an obelisk.

We now have a Facebook page (East Harling Gardening Club), see pictures and notices all in one place.

February meeting (on Tuesday 13th at 7.30 in the Old School Hall) is a talk by Tony Fry about Lynne and his time at a religious community in Dorset and growing for the group. March will be a **brief** AGM followed by a social event of one of our infamous quizzes with nibbles. The committee are putting together a program for the coming year, but a few highlights to whet your appetites:

May we will have the annual plant sale in the Old School Hall - get your plant off to a good start.

4 August (Sunday) a coach trip to the RHS garden at Hyde Hall in Essex, cost £20 to include the coach and entry to the gardens.

1 September coach holiday to south Wales (4 nights) members get priority.More details to follow.

September our annual flower and vegetable show

December - Christmas lunch

Tuesday 17 December a return trip to Cromer end of the pier show cost £40- members get priority.

We meet on the second Tuesday of each month, in the Old School Hall unless otherwise notified. Annual membership from  $1^{st}$  April currently costs just £10 (May rise slightly after AGM), or we welcome visitors at just £3 per meeting.



# St Peter and St Paul's Church We would love you to join us on Sunday 11th February 2024 from 11.30am

Come along to learn about the church's exciting new conservation and activity project and how you can help to shape it.

St Peter and St Paul's needs urgent repairs and this consultation event will bring you up to speed as we prepare an application to the National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF).

The repairs provide us with a great opportunity to deliver a new programme of heritage learning, conservation and interpretation for all ages in East Harling and beyond. Really important in this is how the project connects to the village and how it works in partnership with our community. This is an essential part of delivering a successful project with the NLHF. East Harling is one community and by working together we can celebrate our heritage and share skills and ambitions for a sustainable future. On 11th February members of our project team will:

\* Give an overview of what needs to be done to repair the church and to secure funding from the NLHF, which if successful will be a major investment for East Harling

\* Explain our initial ideas for project activities and partnerships

\* Provide opportunities for discussion and feedback – it's critical that we hear how the project can best deliver for our community

We hope that you can join us on 11th February so that we can better understand how we can work together to deliver this important project. The event will be open from 11.30am, with the presentations beginning at noon. Drinks and refreshments will be provided.

# We look forward to seeing you!!!



**The Bishop of Norwich's Lent Appeal 2024** will help to raise money to provide water tanks for Ordinands' Homes at Newton Theological College in Papua New Guinea. Most of the student houses at Newton College are in great need of refurbishment and nearly all need

significant repair, but the primary need is to provide them with clean water from rainwater tanks and to reconnect toilets to septic tanks. The sinking of a new bore earlier this year will also supplement the surface water provision.

It will cost around PGK 2,000 (around £400) to install a water tank between every two student houses and the 2024 Bishop's Lent Appeal aims to raise to raise enough to provide twenty-five tanks between fifty student homes.

The Bishop of Norwich, Graham Usher, writes: "Your donations and fundraising will enable ordinands and their families to thrive, so supporting the next generation of Christian leaders in Papua New Guinea to have the best possible start with their training."

Look out for details of our fundraising suppers during Lent and our Lent Group later in the month. More details and ways to donate can be found on the Diocese of Norwich website.



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EAST HARLING WELCOME HUB, WHAT'S	<b>Shrubs, trees and deciduous hedges.</b> Bare root plants are still available at a fraction of the cost of potted ones, and will establish quickly as the soil warms up			
The Welcome Hub, started out as a Warm Hub, Hubs were set up across the Country during the winter of	<b>Hedges:</b> Cut deciduous hedges hard to promote new growth before birds start building nests.			
2022 to help people reduce the cost of heating their homes and provide free refreshments to those in need. A safe, warm and friendly environment for	<b>Birds:</b> Clean out and disinfect bird boxes if safe to do so. Put up new boxes ready for the spring			
people to socialise. The Parish Council set up the hub, with the intention	<ul> <li>Pruning: Prune bush roses hard to outward facing buds Prune apples and pears if you haven't already.</li> <li>Perennials: Remove dead material before new shoots begin to grow. Split established plants. Plant new perennials. <i>Tip</i> small plants from garden centres establish quicker than larger ones and in a couple of years will be as big as and healthier than large, more expensive ones.</li> </ul>			
to just run it over the winter months, but it became so popular, that we decided to keep it going a little longer, and to rename it, The Welcome Hub. During the year 2023 we hosted many and varied events, from defibrillator training to a macramé workshop, basket weaving and MIND Norfolk, to a				
talk about Men's Sheds in January 2024! Every Monday we open up the doors of the Old	<i>Tip2</i> Look around the village – there are several stalls with people selling surplus plants at a fraction of the garden centre prices.			
School hall at 11 am, and we serve tea and cake, sandwiches for lunch during the summer and soup and bread during the colder months. We take no money for any of the food or events on offer,	<b>Dahlias:</b> Tubers are now available in the garden centres. If you do buy them protect them from frost but don't store in a dry centrally heated room. <b>Gladioli:</b> as dahlias			
donations are accepted, but not expected. Financially, we have been supported by Norfolk	<b>Sweet Peas:</b> Sow in pots in a cold greenhouse or cold frame. Soak seed overnight (no longer!) before sowing			
Community Foundation, this helps us pay for the cost of hiring the hall and equipment. We are a group of	Annuals: not until next month			
eleven volunteers and we really enjoy running the Hub each week, meeting with regulars, seeing new faces and joining in ourselves with the special events that run.	<b>Vegetables:</b> <i>Tip</i> most packets of seeds contain far more than you need. If kept cool and dry, and resealed most seeds will remain viable for several years (not parsnips). Sow in a heated propagator or greenhouse peppers, chillies, cucumbers and wrinkled peas.			
We always make sure there are the daily newspapers books and games to use or take home, plus we have a quickly quiz! No prizes, it's just for fun.	Sow under glass without heat: broad beans, brussels sprouts, cabbage, radishes and salad onions.			
The radio is on in the background, and it's just a very relaxed and friendly space to be in.	Sow outdoors (when ground is not frozen or waterlogged): parsnips, round seeded peas and summer spinach. Plant early potatoes.			
We welcome children and well behaved dogs who will always get made a fuss off.	Harvest whatever is ready – remember when the weather warms up many of the overwintered crops like kale and leaks will flower and become only good as compost			
We aren't a charity, and if you think to yourself you don't need charity, then put a few pounds in the donation pot, we won't turn it down.	<ul> <li>leeks will flower and become only good as compost.</li> <li>Rhubarb: Autumn through to late winter is a good time to plant or revitalise an old crown of rhubarb. Dig in plenty of well-rotted garden compost or manure. Plant so that the top of the crown is just showing. To revitalise an old crown, dig it up and split with a spade. Plant some of the younger outer pieces with at least one bud showing on each "new" crown.</li> </ul>			
If you would like to find out more you can give me a call on 714656, or pop along one Monday, we are there until 2pm , and see what you think.				
Kate	<b>Trays, Pots and Tubs:</b> Plastic pots and tubs and trays cause environmental problems when disposed of, and there			
THE GARDEN IN FEBRUARY	are now more environmentally alternatives coming onto the market. However if you have plastic pots you can reduce your environmental impact by washing and re-using them.			
<b>Snowdrops and winter aconites</b> If you are lucky enough to have clumps of these now is a good time to plant them "in the green" - far more successful than planting dry bulbs in the autumn.	Toilet roll middles and newspaper rolled into tubes can be stood in a tray and used for sowing individual seeds such as peas and sweet peas, then when you plant out plant the whole container (below soil level or it will act as a wick and dry out the area around the roots). Brown plastic meatnd vegetable a trays can be recycled or with several small holes made in the base they make good small seed trays			
<b>Lawns:</b> A good month to lay turf so that it has time to root down and establish ready for the summer. (wait until early April to sow seed).				

Good Gardening *Kevín* 





## Eco Tips for February

The 40 days before Easter gives us the chance to reflect on the practice of fasting and giving up something that brings a real benefit to nature and helps to address climate change.

Maybe try one of these? -

- Reduce your plastic use- for a start go without clingflim. (Alternative wraps are now available made of beeswax and cotton which can be used again and again and can be composted at home).
- Switch off from the digital world switch off for the first and last hour of your day or go for a Switch Off Sunday.
- Try and reduce your food waste every week
- Have meat free lunches
- Grow something even if it is just cress on your window

For more practical ways to enjoy, nurture and defend nature, sign up to A Rocha UK's Wild Christian email at: arocha.org.uk/wild-christian and for more information follow the link https://arocha.org.uk/go-green-for-lent/

#### **BOOK REVIEWS - Thanks to Sally!**

You will be reading this at the end of January / early February, I can hardly wish you a Happy New Year now, it is a bit too late. I do hope though that some of the readers of the CONTACT magazine were either given books or received vouchers over the festive period.

Here are some books you may or may not have thought of reading. Some are crime books but not all, you will be relieved to know. Unfortunately, I have been unable to read many books due to longcovid which started in October 2023, but I can now read which means progress! If you have any feedback on this column, perhaps you'd feel like contacting the editor, I am sure she will be happy to receive comments. (*Yes that would be great. Ed*) This column is only written for books I enjoy. Here's to February 2024 already.

"Murder in a Country Village, by F.L Everett". This book is available as a paperback, kindle option you name it. This is the second novel by this new author, and I like the way she describes the everyday things. Her first novel, "Murder in the Blitz", I just loved for the very same reasons. I just cannot put this second one down, In three quarters of the way through now and read it when I am awake enough. Like any mystery novel I just want to get to the end. Try it, a new author but well worth reading.

"The Benefit of Hindsight by Susan Hill". I'm a fan of all Susan Hill novels, I have read all of them and as it appears there aren't going to be any more in this series I have started again, they are still great crime books in my view. For those of you who may not have read any Susan Hill books other than "The Woman in Black" I'd recommend her Simon Serrailler series. Once you start, well, no comment. This is one of the books in that series after the prime person has encountered a horrendous attack and lost a limb. He is now trying to deal with his job as a chief inspector of police solving crimes, but clearly struggling with what happened before, but "not quite" dealing with it. A sound crime book, it might not be your thing, but try it?

"The Jewel Garden by Monty & Sarah Don". I would like to say I'm a fan of gardening. Not quite true. I like the idea of gardening, but in this rather wet, cold and non-inviting climate I am less than keen. I am sure there are some keener gardeners out there already who have planted chillies, tomatoes, broad beans, peas and anything else. I've not quite got there (yet). This book however really shows you in very clear terms how Monty and Sarah got to where they are today through very tough times. They never stopped doing what they thought was right. Never. If that's not determination and self-belief I don't know what is. It's worth a read, most certainly, but don't read it if you're feeling a bit down with the January blues.



#### DIARY DATES 2024

#### For fundraising events, outings etc. in the parishes in the Harling United Benefice. Full details appear in the magazine

#### FEBRUARY 2024

- 3<sup>rd</sup> East Harling Church Community Café 10-12
- 6<sup>th</sup> E Harling Film Night OSH 7pm for 7.30pm
- 7<sup>th</sup> OSH Coffee Morning 10-12noon
- 7<sup>th</sup> Bridgham Village Hall Wed Social 11-1pm
- 8<sup>th</sup> E Harling Camera Club Rudd Room at EH sports and social club for 7.30pm
- 13<sup>th</sup> E Harling Gardening Club OSH 7.30pm (Tony & Lynn
- Fry talk about growing for the community at the Friary)
- 15<sup>th</sup> Roudham & Bridgham Parish Council at Roudham and Bridgham Village Hall 7.30pm
- 21<sup>st</sup> OSH Lunch 12 for 12.30
- 21<sup>st</sup> Bridgham Village Hall Wed Social 11 1pm
- 24<sup>th</sup> Bridgham Church Coffee Morning in Village hall 10-12
- 27<sup>th</sup> East Harling Parish Council OSH 7pm

#### MARCH 2024

- 2<sup>nd</sup> E H Church Community Café 10-12noon
- 2<sup>nd</sup> E H Church Talk by Charlie Haylock –doors open ``` 6.30pm tickets only
- 5<sup>th</sup> East Harling Film Night OSH 7pm for 7.30pm
- 6<sup>th</sup> OSH Coffee Morning 10 12 noon
- 7<sup>th</sup> E H Camera Club in Rudd Room at E H Sports and Social Club from 7.30pm
- 12<sup>th</sup> East Harling Gardening Club OSH 7.30pm
- 21<sup>st</sup> Roudham & Bridgham Parish Council at Roudham & Bridgham Village Hall 7.30pm

22<sup>nd</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>E Harling Theatre Club presents Black Adder Goes Forth in the Old School Hall (see page 9 for more details)

- 23<sup>rd</sup> Bridgham Church Coffee morning in church 10-12
- 26<sup>th</sup> East Harling Parish Council OSH 7pm

#### **APRIL 2024**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> East Harling Film Night OSH 7pm for 7.30pm
- 6<sup>th</sup> E H Church Community Café 10 12 noon
- 9<sup>th</sup> East Harling Gardening Club OSH 7.30pm
- 18<sup>th</sup> Roudham & Larling Parish Council 7.30pm at Roudham & Bridgham Village Hall
- 23<sup>rd</sup> East Harling Parish Council OSH 7pm

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## AN EVENING'S ENTERTAINMENT WITH CHARLIE HAYLOCK IN EAST HARLING CHURCH

CHURCH ROAD NR16 2NB

#### SATURDAY 2ND MARCH 2024 AT 7PM



TICKETS £7.00 CALL DOROTHY 01953 717128 TO INCLUDE REFRESHMENTS

This is an intriguing and sometimes hilarious look behindthe-scenes in the making of the Netflix film "The Dig"... about the Sutton Hoo ship burial & the people involved Charlie will show how Ralph Fiennes, who played Basil Brown, and the other "Suffolk" actors learnt their Suffolk accent ... and not sound like West Country pirates!





#### Open at 7.15pm for crisps, popcorn, soft drinks, teas & coffees Bring Your Own Bottle!

A famous Rock Star's journey seen through the eyes of his manager, the highs and lows of an amazing and controversial music and film career. Staring Tom Hanks and Austin Butler—it's a must see!

Rating PG 13 This is the film we could not show in December!!! So do come along

£5.00 per entry EVERYONE WELCOME