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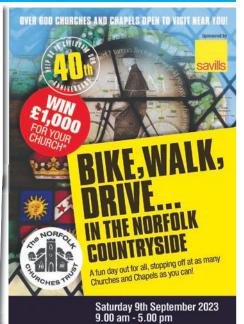


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STOKE HOLY CROSS ALLOTMENT AND LEISURE GARDENERS' ANNUAL SHOW

The 2023 show is on Sunday 3rd September in the Stoke Holy Cross Church Hall.

It is open to all and the Show Schedule is available from Len Finch on 01508 492253.

The hall is open from 8am to 10.45am for entries at 25p each. Its not just fruit and vegetables. You can enter cakes, bread, homemade drink as well as flowers and pot plants. There are children's classes too. The doors reopen for the show at 2pm (free entry).

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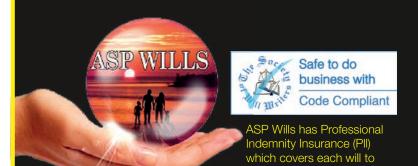
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Recently I was away at a big Christian festival we go to most years with people from the church, and I heard one of the speakers, a vicar I have known for a long time, tell a story about someone who went to a vet he knew to get their Alsatian puppies immunised. They were very excited, having bought them for a discount price in a supermarket car park. The nurse had a first look at them, and felt she might need the vet to help with this one. He came in and peered in the box, and was quickly able to diagnose the problem as... being quinea pigs.

In our household we have recently got a pair of very cute guinea pigs. Apart from the fact that I find it almost impossible to imagine that anyone could mistake them for Alsatians, of all things, I have already noticed the change they have made to our lives. First of all, they have worked out that the tasty vegetables are in the fridge, so every time I even go to get the milk to make a cup of tea, they shout and scream until I fish them out a bit of cabbage or whatever. But more than that, we've become friends with them, and I hear the sound of various voices as we say hello to them, or tell them not to argue, or whatever it may be.

Having not had pets before, or at least not since I was a child when I wasn't really responsible for them, I have been quite worried about them. Are they drinking enough water? Have I cleaned the cage out with the wrong chemicals? Is the run in part of the garden that contains deadly poisonous plants I'm unaware of (or even buttercups and daisies, which are both somewhere on a line from unsuitable in a large quantity to immediately deadly, depending on which website you look at).

It all reminds me a bit of the early days of parenthood, when you are given this baby and sent home with the expectation that you will know what to do with it. You are filled with this overwhelming love for this child, and don't want any harm to come to it.

God's love for us is better than the love of the best of parents. But God doesn't have to learn how to take care of us, and feel his way. He knows instinctively, and perfectly, what we need. He knows what is good for us, and bad for us, which is especially important at the times when we don't. He knows exactly who we are, is never confused or deceived, and he will never stop taking care of us. In Jesus he has given us everything we will ever need.



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FROM THE REGISTERS

We continue to pray for all those who have lost loved ones recently, or are remembering someone particularly at this time of year.

BURIAL OF ASHES

PAMELA SMITH

8th August

at Stoke Holy Cross

We are always happy to record the names of anyone from the villages whose funeral has been held recently, even if it wasn't taken by a member of our ministry team.

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Lyn muses

eptember; the nights are getting longer, the sunsets earlier and the sun rises later. The summer flowers are finishing and the baskets emptying and taken down for another year. Yet September is the month we can celebrate what has been gathered in. We can focus on what we have and not what we are losing, even in these challenging times with prices rising, we in the Venta Group of villages, have things to be thankful for.

This month will start with the Allotment Association (and other residents) showing off the fruit of their labours. Yes it takes people power to grow things, but as a well known harvest hymn says We plough the fields and scatter the good seed on the land, but it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand. I believe God is the creator, the one who brought plants into being and sustains them. May we celebrate what is shown and also what we can have from shops.

We will also this month have a service of remembrance and hope where we will have a time to remember and be thankful for the lives of family and friends who we see no more because they have died. Without other humans in our lives we are the poorer. I am so grateful for the conversations I have had with those who come along to Coffee and Chat, where honest conversations about the challenges we face in life can often finish by being grateful simply for the chance to meet others.

September is also the month where young people move on, having finished at schools and moving to new ones or further or higher education. The young people, and their parents, face the opportunity to focus on what is finishing, on what they have rather than what they are losing.

Several Christian denominations remember particular people or events in Jesus' life on days through the year.

On 14th September the Church of England has Holy Cross Day. A day when we can take time to think about what the cross means. Jesus gave up his life for us. His loss was our gain. The prayer for the day acknowledges the cross was painful but also what we have in Jesus, I invite you now to say/think about it:

Almighty God,
who in the passion of your blessed Son
made an instrument of painful death
to be for us the means of life and peace:
grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ
that we may gladly suffer for his sake;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for eyer. Amen

St George's Hall Dementia Support Group



n the second and fourth Monday of each month except bank holidays this is a great place to relax for the dementia and for their carers. Come and join us for fun activities and refreshments. There is always room for people living with dementia and their partners or carers whether on our subsidised outings or at our regular Café sessions from 10 am to 12 noon in St George's Hall at Upper Stoke Holy Cross. Referral not necessary.

We have had visits from the mobile Norfolk hearing van which members found very useful.

Dates for September: 11th when we have an outing to Bressingham gardens.

25th September normal Café session plant potting with Mary.

For more information ring 01508 494742, 01508 493661 or 01508 495580.

Our website is st.george's-dementia-support-group.org

STOKE HOLY CROSS THURSDAY CLUB

for the over 55's meets at St.Georges Hall the first Thursday each month Thursday 7th September 2023 at 1.30pm

Outing to Southwold/Dunwich is on Wednesday 6th for members

Bingo 14th & 28th at 1.30pm (eyes down) (Raffle Prize please)

Bowls 21st - £2.00 at 1.30pm



Restoration Station Holiday Club

rom 24th-26th July we were excited to welcome 38 children and some amazing helpers of all ages to the Restoration Station. Inspired by The Repair Shop, we spent three brilliant days thinking about the new things we can make out of old ones, and the ways that Jesus wants to remake and restore

So we had a look at the many things we could make out of a Pringles tube. We also learnt about Japanese kintsugi pots where broken things are made new and even better than before. If a treasured piece of crockery is broken in Japan the owners sometimes repair the cracks with gold so they can continue to enjoy it and maybe treasure it even more. At Holiday Club the children were able to decorate pots using gold coloured paint to reflect the Japanese process of restoration.

We also heard from creative people like Henry about the bag he had made out of trousers (or maybe the other way round?) and Amanda from the Women's Shed in Poringland talked about the projects she had made.



We were extremely impressed about how good everyone was at learning this amazing verse in the bible, 2 Corinthians 5:17: "Anyone who belongs to Jesus has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!

Thank you to all the families and our fantastic team for being a part of the Restoration Station:

Do look out for next year's Holiday Club details from 22^{nd} - 24^{th} July 2024!



















St. John Ambulance Stoke Holy Cross Unit

Jack Prior , Unit Leader welcomed everyone to Poringland Primary School for the Unit's Presentation evening. District Manager Alice Gray enrolled Everly Davies, Isabella Innes, Joey Loveridge, Freya Willimott and Indiana Wall as Badger members of St. John Ambulance. They received their Badger Bronze Paws certificates followed by their Badger subject certificatesfor Global, Performance and First Aid from Badger helper Alice Treby. Everly Davies was awarded the Badger Trophy for being a Friendly and Dedicated Badger.

County President Georgina Holloway enrolled Samantha Clare, Jasper Foan, Martha Lennie and Pallavi Shastri as Cadet members of St. John Ambulance. Bronze Award certificates were presented to Bethany Benson, Max Hill, Abby Lewis, Reuben Page, Ella Quadling, Phoebe Scriven, Pallavi Shastri and Ori Soumahoro. Silver Award certificates were presented to Isobel Adams, Ruby Crutchfield, Poppy Goodbody-Mason, Megan Norris and Alfie Robinson. The Gold Award certificate was presented to Millie Goodbody-Mason.

Youth leader Caitlin Mapes presented Proficiency Subject certificates which included subjects in Event Cover, Society, Power of Communication, Complex Care and Misuse and Addiction



District Voluntary H/R Lead Lynford Brunt presented

the Grand Prior Award to Millie Goodbody-Mason this is the highest award achieved by cadets. Later Millie gave a talk and explaination about St. John and what happens at the weekly meetings, plus various courses and events the cadets are able to cover.

Divisional trophies were then presented. Poppy Goodbody-Mason was awarded the Shield for Best Uniform, Abby Lewis received the Ann Green trophy for Best Newcomer and Alfie Robinson was awarded the David Warren trophy for Cadet of the Year

The evening came to a close with Jack thanking his team of Annika Abbott, Caitlin Mapes, Sam Neale and especially Millie Barnes who apart from helping with the cadets has also been running the Badger sessions.

Margaret Peters Unit H/R Lead

Scones and cream at Caistor St Edmund Church

had a great time serving cream teas at Caistor St Edmund Church on four Sunday afternoons in July and August. Our fame has obviously spread because we had people waiting to be let in before we were even open and there was a constant stream of visitors all afternoon. People enjoyed bringing their families or chatting to friends and neighbours. The stall with fresh produce, home baked cakes and plants also proved very popular.



In total we raised £2435, which is a record amount for four afternoons. We want to say a huge thank you to all the helpers for their hard work serving the teas, washing up, preparing the scones and cakes and bringing produce and plants. Half of the proceeds will go to our chosen charity, Hope into Action in Norwich, who provide homes, friendship and support for homeless people in collaboration with local churches. It was lovely to welcome some of their workers at the cream teas.

The other half will be used to support the upkeep and running of the church. We are so lucky to have such a beautiful church with its amazing history and setting in our village and it is wonderful to see events like this supported by the local community.

Changing Seasons

By Pauline Montgomery

Changing seasons on Jubilee Meadow The seasons maybe changing But.....

There's still music in the meadow Made by insects, birds and bees. There's still colour in the meadow From the flowers still in bloom. There's still excitement in the meadow When new species are being seen. There are changes in the meadow As plants release their seed Blowing in the wind. Untamed, wild and free. Tall grasses swaying and waving As if to say farewell. The meadow may be changing But...... There's still so much to see.







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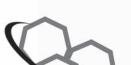


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3rd September All age worship in the churchyard

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10th September Listening to God at 7.30pm. Join us to worship, pray and listen to

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17th September Service of Remembrance and Hope for bereaved families,

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