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## FROM THE RECTORY

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### The Final Push?

I really hope this is the final push at the end of a tough season for the world, and that by the time you read this, the vaccination programme will be starting to do its work, the pressure on the NHS will be easing, and we will be finding out what kind of world awaits us.

All of us have felt the bite in one way or another, but alongside that, I am sure I'm not alone in feeling constantly impressed by the resilience, creativity and generosity that so many have shown in so many ways in our beloved village.

The pharmacy, surgery, school, shops, hairdressers, councillors, local businesses, volunteers, neighbours, across the board we've seen people rise to the challenge, adapt, work hard and persevere when crisis fatigue has set in. We've seen amazing initiatives: cheerful volunteers shopping and delivering prescriptions; Christmas hampers; leading the county in bringing winter cheer through lighting our homes and gardens; food sharing schemes; local grants; and so much more neighbourliness. We've learned that we really are privileged to live in this place, come what may.

Of course, there is uncertainty for many of us this year and beyond, and I know that for some there are going to be big changes to navigate, with jobs, incomes, relationships, homes. What form the recovery takes is not yet clear, but a recovery surely will come, and with the community spirit we have demonstrated, I know we will be supporting one another in that recovery. The future is bright. We've got this!

In the churches, our work has had to adapt, but our core vision is unchanged and absolutely relevant. We remain committed to following Jesus and sharing the journey. We find in the example and teaching of Jesus inspiration to love, persevere and hope, and we find strength and help to do it. And, as we have discovered, sharing the journey is crucial to our wellbeing. Personally, I am looking forward to coming back into circulation more, after some necessary time out last term.

*'He comes alongside us when we go through hard times, and before you know it, he brings us alongside someone else who is going through hard times so that we can be there for that person just as God was there for us.'* (2 Corinthians 1:4, The Message)

Adrian

## **FROM THE REGISTERS** (Mulbarton unless otherwise stated):

### **FUNERALS:**

9<sup>th</sup> Nov 2020 – Roger Edward Wills

14<sup>th</sup> Dec 2020 – Josephine Anne Daynes

3<sup>rd</sup> Dec 2020 – Valerie Riches (at Earlham Crematorium)

29<sup>th</sup> Dec 2020—Madge Edna Stewardson

4<sup>th</sup> Jan 2021 – Paul Bates (cremation) [*see below*]

13th Jan 2021—Derrick Moore (at Bracon Ash)

[Note from Ed: you are welcome to submit details of weddings and funerals of locals that have taken place at other venues—contact details opposite]

## **IN REMEMBRANCE**

### **Paul Bates – a much-missed Postman**

Paul was a key part of Mulbarton Village community, taking his role a postman with dedication, fairness and a laid-back sense of humour. At 55 his big heart gave up and he left us too early. A goodbye was held at the Crem on 4<sup>th</sup> January. Back at the Post Office, Lorraine and the team held a minute's silence and raised a glass followed by three cheers for Paul. He will be missed especially by his wife Sally, family and the Post Office team but also all those with whom he joked and reassured as he did his rounds.

## **GOOD FRIDAY (2<sup>nd</sup> April) & EASTER (4<sup>th</sup> April)**

We will be celebrating the most important festivals of the Christian year—but how, when & where is still uncertain at the moment! Hopefully in the churches, but we may have to stay on Zoom & YouTube....

Find out nearer the time on the church website:

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on our Facebook page;  
on the notice boards at each church;  
on posters in the shops; or by calling the church office (mornings, Mon—Thurs) 01508 579111



## **WELCOME to PARISH NEWS! - this quarter's Editor is Sue**

This issue there is a Village Quiz for all the family in the centre spread, and an invitation to see what birds you can see locally. All those useful contact details you need are now in the '**VILLAGE DIRECTORY**', on p.41.

**THANKS** to all our contributors; our advertisers (PLEASE SUPPORT THEM!), and to Pauline and her WONDERFUL team of deliverers!

Pauline asks us to add her '*continuing gratitude to the willing volunteers who, through all weathers and plague, are still delivering this mag to your door.*'

**DEADLINE** for items for the SUMMER issue (June - August) will be **FRIDAY 30th APRIL**—though sooner the better to help us plan. So get dreaming!!

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## **Village Information, especially for newcomers!**

Hello to all reading this Spring Edition of our fabulous Mulbarton Parish News, and a special welcome to newcomers – it's a great source of information especially if you aren't a computer user! with contact details etc. for local services, organizations, and a local Directory (page 41).

Another source of information is the free Welcome Booklet available from the Parish Council Office at the Village Hall 01508 578134 (24hr answerphone) or to view via their website <http://www.mulbartonpc.org.uk/> As well as these, there's a Village website, [www.mulbarton.info](http://www.mulbarton.info) where you can find a printable Village Map, and links to a Google Village Calendar on the 'Landing' or 'Notice Board' pages for easy reference to local events! Please e-mail me via the 'Contact us' button if you have a comment or question about any of these.

I send regular 'info-mails' to a number of local contacts, (sent Bcc so personal details are not shared with any other recipients), and names can be added (or removed) on request in writing please to comply with GDPR. There is a link to a printable PDF version of the latest one at the top of the Notice Board page of my website, together with a link to the latest Police Connect Scam Alerts which I receive to share with villagers – do please check this out if you're receiving threatening calls or e-mails, hopefully to be assured it IS just a scam!! Please note that all dubious e-mails you receive should be forwarded to [report@phishing.gov.uk](mailto:report@phishing.gov.uk)

If you are new to Mulbarton, or have a new neighbour, do let me know so I can pop a map and welcome note in the door! Thank you again, for all the encouragement and support I receive! Marina 578186 / [marina@mulbarton.info](mailto:marina@mulbarton.info)

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Greetings for a safe, happy and hope-filled 2021!

After a lot of thinking and praying the Team has decided to close down Messy Church, which has taken place over the years in Mulbarton Primary School. It has been a big decision. We have had 8 wonderful years together with an excellent team of 18 people (at closure) including 4 Junior

Leaders who had been with us since the beginning (2012).  
I thank God for each one of them and for our time together.

The virus has meant that we could only meet once in 2020 and with lockdown continuing it is unclear when we would be able to meet again. All things considered we felt it was best to stop, in the hope that some younger adults may decide in the future to start another Messy Church.

We have been blessed by funds given by those who attended and local donors, for which we are hugely grateful. We used some of the remaining funds to provide Christingle resource bags for the zoom service held on 20 December and Messy Church Christmas Family Time books to children in our neighbourhood and we have given a token gift to each member of the Team. The remaining funds will be kept for "Children's work in Mulbarton Benefice" which can be used to resource activities run by any of the churches to help children grow in the Christian faith. For example, we hope to produce some resource bags for Easter in a similar way to those distributed at Christmas. It remains for me to say a huge thank you to Mulbarton Primary School, all the Team and each family who joined in with us. If you would like us to keep in touch with you regarding any activity, we are able to run remotely for children and families in these days of endings and new beginnings, please contact me: *Cathy Nicholls* [cathynicholls@allbelievers.org](mailto:cathynicholls@allbelievers.org)

PS. The team would like to take this opportunity to say a big 'thank you' to Cathy Nicholls. The success was due to her leadership and inspiration. Cathy worked very hard, and gave the 'lions share' not just to the team, but also the families and activities on every occasion.  
*Cyndy Bowles*



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# PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

## Mulbarton Parish Council – Spring 2021

We are very fortunate to have the Common in Mulbarton as the focal point of our community in these difficult times of the pandemic. At around 19 hectares, it is one of the largest commons in England, and it is also the central part of the village conservation area. Whilst the Common is privately owned, it is managed and administered by South Norfolk Council jointly with the Parish Council, which plans and funds much of the ongoing maintenance.

Over the last few months, the car park on the east side of the Common has been resurfaced by a local contractor, and the recycled plastic bench destroyed by fire at the centre of the Common is about to be replaced by a rustic-style wooden log seat, made from a fallen oak tree from High Ash Farm. Both of these projects have been arranged and funded by the Parish Council. Future maintenance work will include attention to some of the ponds, which are important wildlife habitats, as well as other routine tasks.

The Parish Council have secured a donation of tree saplings from the Woodlands Trust. These 30-odd mixed woodland trees will be used to

replant the area of common land in front of the Doctor's Surgery. The saplings are due to arrive in mid-March and it is hoped that if Covid 19 restrictions allow, local children can participate in a tree planting day.

The Parish Council has met regularly and developed the "Art of Zoom" to continue its work of maintaining the areas and facilities it is responsible for and looking to develop such facilities as a cycle park at the Village Hall. There is now an improved system to look at and recommend work to the full Parish Council which has speeded up the decision process and allowed more projects to be achieved.

A question-and-answer meeting with EDF Renewables, who are planning an 81 hectare solar farm at Bloy's Grove on Brick Kiln Lane near to the A140, was held in early January and was open to the public. While the Parish Council is fully supportive of renewable green energy there are concerns regarding the impact of such developments on the village. The railway bridge just off the A140 is causing EDF difficulties with regards to getting construction vehicles onto site and they are looking at alternative routes for its HGV deliveries over the minimum six month build period. Their three suggested routes can be reviewed on the Parish Council website ([www.mulbarton.org.uk](http://www.mulbarton.org.uk)) which also has a link to the EDF Renewables Bloy's Grove website. EDF envisage up to 36 HGV deliveries a day which, with return journeys, means 72 HGV journeys through the village which South Norfolk Council would like to see restricted to the hours of 9am to 3pm. The Parish Council are concerned regarding the safety of our children, parents and senior citizens who live along Cuckoofield, damage to the roads and hedgerow habitats plus the number of large vehicles passing each other in the village. With the possible wind farm substations, the proposed solar farm at Bracon Ash, and the redevelopment of Thickthorn roundabout, there is a concern over the amount of traffic which will be squeezed onto the B1113 and through the village.



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## Parish Council Report, continued from p. 11:

The present solar farm on Brick Kiln Lane used smaller lorries and this is the route which the Parish Council has strongly requested to be used in their submission to EDF and SNC. The screening application by EDF can be seen on the SNC planning portal ref 2020/1409. Details of the Parish Council response can be seen on the Parish website.

Wind farm developments are an ongoing concern for the Parish Council. A new government White Paper on Energy was issued on 14th December, calling for Pathfinder Projects using offshore transmission. This would avoid new substations being built in Swardeston or at Dunston Woods. The Parish Council sent in a proposal a few days later, but on 31st December the government approved the Hornsea Three project on the basis of plans submitted four years ago. There is still time for a legal challenge, and we are waiting to see what happens next. The Dudgeon and Sheringham Shoal wind farms extensions are just entering the planning process, and all these projects would affect the B1113 for a prolonged period, as well as bringing large scale industrial development to our area. A judicial review challenging the government's decision last July to approve the Norfolk Vanguard wind farm project was heard in the High Court in January.

When you receive your Council Tax statements you will notice there is no increase in the amount paid to the Parish Council this year. Following the annual budget setting and after discussions it was agreed that due to issues caused by Covid it would not be reasonable to raise the amount this year, despite the fact that with the pandemic and other events prices are rising in relation to the running of the village.

Parish Council meetings are held virtually on the first Monday of each month and can be accessed via Zoom. It is very encouraging to see a growing increase in the number of participants over the past few months. Please contact the Parish Clerk at [mulbartonparish@btconnect.com](mailto:mulbartonparish@btconnect.com) by 7pm on the preceding day to obtain a link. There are still vacancies for Parish Councillors, who can be co-opted onto the council: if you are interested and want to find out more please contact the Parish Clerk. All the councillors are volunteers who bring their skills, interests and time to the roles and responsibilities they adopt.

The Parish Council always like to use local contractors when possible. If you think that you or your company are suitable for providing maintenance work or to work on new projects please contact us with your services and contact details so we can add you to our tendering list and we can consider you in the future when opportunities arise.

The details of all the proposed wind farm developments can be found on the Parish Council website: [www.mulbarton.org.uk](http://www.mulbarton.org.uk) Phone: 01508 578134  
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The Census is **March 21<sup>st</sup>**. Please help by completing the form when asked to at [www.census.gov.uk](http://www.census.gov.uk)

I do hope you have been OK from flooding which has been widespread this year. Several of the villages in our Ward are affected. South Norfolk is participating in a wide-ranging review of the recent problems, to be chaired by General Lord Richard Dannatt. If you have flooding concerns please contact [water.management@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:water.management@norfolk.gov.uk)

Wind and solar farms – I attended the webinar consultations for 'Bloys' solar farm in Mulbarton and 'Luminous' in Bracon Ash. There was some recognition of local needs and knowledge. These will probably be installed over the next few years. Alongside the Thickethorne roundabout upgrades and Windfarm substations, we are due a lot of disruption which we have little control over.

Please don't forget we are due to have County & Police and Crime Commissioner Elections in May. In these difficult times it would be good to register for a postal vote. [https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/934119/Postal-vote-application-form.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/934119/Postal-vote-application-form.pdf)

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*Dr Legg's report on page 17 >>*

**BUBBIES'**

If you are expecting a baby or you have a young baby, then Bubbies Facebook page may interest you. Bubbies is a non-profit making, Bumps and Babies style group aimed at people living in Mulbarton and surrounding villages. We are unable to meet physically during the pandemic and so have a Facebook page which aims to help new and expectant parents get to know each other. We can also host occasional zoom chats when requested by members.

The group encourages positive, informative, inspiring and humorous posts associated with a pregnancy and baby theme. We have had several new members join us in January and would welcome more.

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## **District Councillors Report** (continued)

### **From Councillor Dr Legg:**

The heavy rain over the Christmas period brought extensive flooding to South Norfolk District with many homes and businesses flooded. The Council was able to help with the provision of emergency accommodation. Some 31 skips were provided for the disposal of damaged household goods. At the time of writing there are still some residual flooding issues with gardens under water and intermittent road flooding. In my opinion some of the problems could have been prevented. There no longer appears to be any routine roadside gully clearance. Some sewage pumping stations do not appear to be fit for purpose and there is much water run off from fields and blocked ditches. The pattern of rainfall appears to be changing. Further heavy rainfall is likely in the autumn and measures must be taken to minimise the effects.

The Lead Local Flood Authority at Norfolk County Council is to produce a report. This may take many months. South Norfolk Council as a Risk Management Authority has some limited powers to undertake minor drainage work and is investigating what it can do. Mulbarton falls within the area covered by The Norfolk Rivers Drainage Board. As a member of The Board I would like to hear from any resident who has been affected by the flooding at Christmas.

The main part of the Greater Norwich Development Plan has been published and is open for consultation until March 20<sup>th</sup>. The Village Cluster element which applies to South Norfolk is expected to be published in April.

*Nigel Legg*

Contact: [nlegg@s-norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:nlegg@s-norfolk.gov.uk)

NOTE: details of all your District Councillors are available at <https://www.south-norfolk.gov.uk/about-us/councillors-and-committees/your-councillors>

### **Christmas in Mulbarton**



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We have had a very interesting few months at Mulbarton Primary School with opening and closing and then partially re-opening. Through all these difficult months the school community of children, parents and staff have continued to be amazing. We have risen to the challenges and remained safe and happy whilst ensuring the children have the best education we can give them.

Education looks very different now with many of our parents juggling their own work demands alongside home educating. The school is supporting with high quality on-line resources and guidance as well as by sourcing devices from any available avenue. If anyone in the community has a useable redundant laptop or other digital device they are willing to donate to a family please do contact us on 01508 570326 or email [office@mulbartonprimary.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:office@mulbartonprimary.norfolk.sch.uk)



Recently we took delivery of 50 books donated by the Words Week team for our libraries. The books were to commemorate 50 years as a school on this site. Our oldest children enjoyed sampling some of them during this last week. We are very grateful to the team for these



wonderful additions to the libraries.

For any of the community who are looking forward to their child joining us in September please be assured that we will be running 'Welcome to School' sessions as soon as we can. There is a short video on the school website which will be helpful to share with your child.

We do not know when we will be back to normal but in the meantime we will continue to follow our school motto of "Helping each other to learn and grow".

Keep safe everyone.

*Bev Theobald* (Head Teacher)

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## HUMBLEYARD SURGERY, MULBARTON

The practice took on the mammoth task in December of putting forward Cringleford surgery as a covid vaccination centre for our Primary Care Network (PCN), which covers our 3 surgeries together with practices in Wymondham and Hingham.

We started vaccinations on 17th December 2020 and to date (mid-January) we have vaccinated most of our over 80's, care home residents and staff and housebound patients over 80.

We have pooled resources from across our PCN including GPs, nursing staff and administrators, so it has been a huge community effort on behalf of these practices to ensure those most vulnerable in our area of South Norfolk are vaccinated as quickly as possible. We hope to have a steady stream of the Pfizer and Astra Zeneca vaccines being delivered on a regular basis so that we can roll this out to our patient population as quickly as possible.

A new vaccination hub has opened at Castle Mall in the city. If you are offered an appointment there, but already have an appointment with us, we would ask that *you keep the appointment made with us*. Duplicate appointments at different sites will lead to vaccines being wasted and will have a negative impact on other patients who are on the waiting list for a vaccination.

Once again we would like to thank our own Humbleyard Practice patients for your understanding. On vaccination clinic days we have had to move staff out of Cringleford surgery to our other two surgeries (Hethersett & Mulbarton). This will be an ongoing process to enable the vaccination programme to continue as swiftly as possible whilst maintaining safe social distancing for our staff and patients.

Whilst we realise this may inconvenience patients who may have to travel to be seen, we hope that you will support us in taking the decision to play our role in doing what we can to ensure our lives can return to something resembling "normal" in the near future.

*Thanks and congratulations from the MPN team on all you have achieved – in difficult circumstances and all weathers!! We are sure the village appreciates your efforts and would give you all a hug if we were allowed to!!!*



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## Gluten Free Carrot Cakes (Great for Easter!)

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225g carrots peeled

130g raisins

2 large eggs

130g caster sugar

120ml corn oil

½ teaspoon vanilla extract

Grated zest of 1 orange

120g Gluten Free self-raising

flour and 1 teaspoon xanthan gum (optional for GF only)

1 teaspoon bicarbonate of soda

1 teaspoon ground cinnamon

80g cream cheese

200g icing sugar

55g butter melted

1. Preheat the oven to 160°C and line a muffin tray with 12 cupcake cases.
2. Finely grate the carrots and drain off any liquid. Combine this with the raisins and set aside.
3. In a large mixing bowl, cream together the eggs and caster sugar with an electric mixer. This should take about 3 mins on high speed. Slowly pour in the oil, vanilla extract and orange zest with the electric mixer on medium. Beat well until fully combined.
4. Sift together the flour, xanthan gum, bicarbonate of soda and cinnamon. Gradually add these ingredients to the egg and sugar mixture beating well after each addition.
5. Add the carrots and raisins and use a spoon to mix together until it is all evenly blended.
6. Spoon the mixture into the cupcake cases evenly. Bake in the oven for 20-25mins or until they are browned and feel spongy to the touch. Remove from the oven and leave to cool.
7. Once the cakes are cooled you can make the icing by combining the cream cheese, icing sugar and melted butter. Wisk these together to make a smooth paste. Spoon or pipe this onto the cupcakes and enjoy or decorate further with your choice of decoration.



*Kindly shared by Emma Mills*

# Mulbarton Common walk and picture quiz

Start near the village school, walking anti-clockwise around the common. Use the pictures to aid your directions and spot landmarks which will help you answer the questions. Enjoy!



1. There are some saplings growing in the area between the school and Long Lane. When were they planted?

Keep walking on the path around the common towards the church.

2. What time is the first 37 bus at this stop on a Saturday?



3. What occupation does this symbol represent?

4. What numerals can you find on the numberplate of this bus?



5. Which special lady is remembered under these trees?

6. Find this unusually shaped gravestone.  
How old was John Spurgeon when he died?

Walk around the duck pond and back towards the common for the following few questions (**on page 26**).



**Did you know that you can find a historic tour of Mulbarton to use for an informative walk at <https://www.mulbartonhistory.org.uk/take-a-tour/>**

## Mulbarton Primary School Bird list January 2021

Over the course of the week, the following birds have been spotted on our school grounds:

Mallard 4 male and 1 female in a small group flying over school and on the pond by the common  
Red Kite – upsetting the gulls and rooks  
Lesser Black-backed Gull  
Herring Gull  
Black-headed Gull -large flock on the common  
Woodpigeon  
Collared Dove – a pair  
Green Woodpecker – heard ‘yaffling’ by the yurt  
Dunnock  
Robin  
Wren  
Blackbird

Song thrush  
Redwing – a group of 5 at the bottom of the upper school field  
Blue Tit and Great Tit - several pairs prospecting for nesting sites at the front of the school  
Long-tailed Tit  
Starling  
Magpie  
Jackdaw – roosting in large conifer behind Dolphin class and also in large oak tree by pond  
Rook – starting to nest-build in the tall trees  
Crow  
House Sparrow  
Chaffinch

Do you know which each of these pictured are? Answers below:



As Spring should be in full swing once you receive this copy, why not get out around the village and see what birds, flowers and even small mammals you can spot. Send your pictures in to us and maybe we can include a few in the next issue. You could even join in the Norfolk Wildlife Trust Survey - <https://www.norfolkwildlifetrust.org.uk/wildlife-in-norfolk/wildlife-spotter-survey>

Answers : Red Kite, Dunnock, Song Thrush

7. Which two colours has the pump by the pond been painted in the past?



8. Approximately what hour does the clock on the village sign indicate?

Now carefully cross the Norwich Road near the sign and walk down the gravel track nearly opposite to find the next building.



9. What is on the weathervane on top of this building?



Staying on this side of the main road, take a grass path through the trees towards the houses on the West side of the common.



10. Which fruit is in the name of this house?



11. What do you think might have been the trade of the person who lived here?

Keep on the track behind the house in the last clue, cross the main road and walk diagonally across the main common towards Birchfield Lane.

12. What creature is depicted on this road sign?



Well done ..... we hope you found out a bit more about our lovely village!

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Hello again ladies. As you read this it will have been a full year since Mulbarton Evening W.I. was able to meet. Although we now have a vaccine, it doesn't look as if we will be returning to 'normal' for many months.

When we are allowed to, our W.I. will meet again meet on the third Monday each month, in the main room at the Village Hall, at 7.30pm. We are a friendly bunch and a warm welcome awaits visitors and new members.

Local ladies, especially those new to the area, please do come along. Forget fuddy duddy - that was always a myth! You will make friends, hear some interesting speakers, learn some new skills and enjoy yourself!

We have a programme planned, but it is still very uncertain when we will be able to meet and whether speakers are willing to come.

**WHEN THE GOVERNMENT ALLOWS INDOOR MEETINGS, YOU CAN CHECK WITH ME OR ANOTHER COMMITTEE MEMBER TO SEE IF MULBARTON WI IS ABLE TO RE-START MEETINGS.**

**IF** meetings are allowed we have planned: Mon 19th April we have Juliet Webster coming to tell the story of her 3 great aunts, who in the summer of 1912 ,set off for a 2-week tour of Norfolk in a horse drawn caravan.

Familiar places, intrepid ladies and amusing adventures. Mon 17th May we are due an illustrated talk by Phillip West. The subject being the North Norfolk coast, Wells to Cromer. Getting us back in the holiday mood.

**For further information please contact** Anne Hackett Secretary. 01508 570040 e-mail [ae\\_hackett@btinternet.com](mailto:ae_hackett@btinternet.com). Tel 01508 570040 or e-mail [ae\\_hackett@btinternet.com](mailto:ae_hackett@btinternet.com)

### Mulbarton Mardlers

We hope that you are all well and that most of you have now had at least a first vaccine! Unfortunately, we still have to suspend the group meeting for the foreseeable future. However, we want to remind you that we are here on the end of a phone for any Mardlers who would like to chat, and for those who need shopping or prescriptions collected. Just give us a ring: Sue Mellows 578034, Sue Parker 218692, or Tracey Salisbury 578068.



## **Mulbarton Words Week Update and thanks**

As you may have read in the last issue of the Parish News, the present committee of MULBARTON WORDS WEEK is standing down. It has been a pleasure organising the annual festival for 5 years. However, we could not have achieved what we have without the support of so many others. To the array of talented local people who came to talk and sing, making each event memorable and unique, **thank you**, you were terrific. We trust you think fondly of your visits to Mulbarton.

Thanks to Lynne Middlemiss, Chris Brown and Tracy Kenny from Kett's Books in Wymondham for giving of their time and expertise. Alex Middlemiss, thank you for setting up our website. Terry Burchell attended many events every year, capturing moments on photo and film. Great work Terry, much appreciated.

Other staunch supporters were members of Mulbarton Church. They began each Words Week on Sunday Morning with a Café Church meeting, each on a different theme; also Jill Wright who led the popular evening history walks around the village. The Mulbarton Parish Council and the District Council generously gave us grants to help with our expenses. Our thanks also go to the manager and staff of The World's End, where we staged our popular monthly quizzes, and all of the Mulbarton residents for supporting events and doing so many "housekeeping" tasks, stewarding, providing help in setting up rooms for events and delivering leaflets.

This has been a village team effort and we have ended with a creditable bank balance and the committee's last act will be to pass this balance to the school to be used for the promotion of literacy and to encourage the love of reading.

*Chris and team.*

*NB See Quiz on P.31 for a challenge!*

## **MULBARTON HERITAGE GROUP**

Thanks to a special project run by the Norfolk Record Office – and to a lot of input from one of their staff who lives in our village – the collection of old photos of Mulbarton has been catalogued and will soon be uploaded to a national database. The Heritage Group continues to maintain three local history websites:

[www.mulbartonhistory.or.uk](http://www.mulbartonhistory.or.uk)

[www.bracon-ash-and-hethel-history.webnode.com](http://www.bracon-ash-and-hethel-history.webnode.com)

[www.flordonhistory.webnode.com](http://www.flordonhistory.webnode.com)

New material has been added on a treasure associated with Mulbarton – the St Omer Psalms. Have another look if you have not done so recently – and make your contribution of memories, photos, etc. via the CONTACT US page.

Jill Wright (co-ordinator) – contact details p.5

## Words Week Lockdown Quiz from Chris Lansdowne



1. The term 'Indochina' referred to Vietnam, Cambodia and which other present day country?

2. In 1848 Staffordshire potteries produced small models of local Hethel farmer James Rush. Why was he famous?

3. What type of aircraft did Amy Johnson use to fly solo from Croydon to Darwin in 1930?

4. What was the title of the Netflix film released in 2020 and featuring a snowball fight filmed in Elm Hill, Norwich?



5. What is a kinkajou?



6. What building complex was opened in 1809 to house French and American POWs until 1815?

7. How is the central American triple alliance of 1428 to 1521 better known?

8. Hungary and which other country share a land borders with both Ukraine and Romania?



9. In 1850s Charles Dickens was instrumental in raising large sums of money in support of which hospital?



10. Which company makes the Evija all electric car?

Answers on page 32



## Join MALGA. It's fun, sociable, interesting & educational.

With the Covid-19 vaccination programme in full swing, there is finally light at the end of the tunnel with the hope of a return to some sort of normality and resumption of activities before too

long. I think all of us with gardens or allotments should be so very thankful that we have them to help keep us sane.

In the meantime, we have published a monthly e-magazine to keep members in touch with one another. Join MALGA now to receive your free copy.

We hope to start where we left off as soon as it is safe to do so. Members will be informed by email of any future events but in the meantime, follow us on Facebook where you can find full details of our planned events.

These will include Member-only activities such as barbecues, pub nights, quizzes, a visit to RHS Garden Hyde Hall, dinners and lunches; and other activities open to the general public, such as the Mulbarton Gardeners' Question Time.

To join MALGA (membership only £4 per year), please contact our Chair, Chris Samson, on [cjmsamson@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:cjmsamson@yahoo.co.uk) or 07837 969 715; or contact our Secretary, Geoff, at [geoffandvirginia@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:geoffandvirginia@tiscali.co.uk); or download the form from our Facebook page.

### Answers to MALGA Village News Anagram Quiz (Winter issue p.31)

Too Beer = Beetroot; Rot Scar = Carrots; Tuna Pie = Petunia;  
Rust Nip = Turnips; Tea Sweep = Sweet Pea; Sun Goes Here = Green Houses;  
Marsh Tower = Earth Worms; Low Tear = A Trowel;  
A Bomb A Cone = Bamboo Cane; I Show Trees = White Roses;  
Peas Sin = Pansies; Bad Desires = Raised Beds; Stone Crew = Sweet Corn

### Answers to Quiz on P. 31

1. Laos
2. Murder of Isaac Jermy and son at Stanfield Hall
3. DeHavilland Gypsy Moth
4. Jingle Jangle - A Christmas Story
5. A South American mammal
6. Dartmoor Prison
7. Aztec Empire
8. Moldova
9. Great Ormond Street Hospital
10. Lotus

## **Hethersett 'District' Lions Club**

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The coronavirus pandemic is continuing to impact the work of Lions and indeed all organisations and clubs. It has forced everyone to make decisions and changes that place health and safety first but we must be optimistic that with each new day there is hope. The vaccine roll out has been good and we may be able to return to a new kind of normality in the not too distant future.

We continue to hold our bi-monthly meetings via the wonders of 'Zoom'. Recently we had a presentation comprising of a talk and a video at one of our meetings from a representative of the Priscilla Bacon Hospice telling us about the progress of the new hospice building project.

We did manage to be active over the Christmas period on a small scale. In Newton Flotman we tried out a visiting Father Christmas service where a socially distanced Santa visited a pre-booked address and had a socially distanced chat with the child/children and left a present on the doorstep. This went well and had good feedback so it may be something to think about in the future. We have a piece of allotment down at the meadows that we rent from the parish council which is split into small plots for any pensioners to grow a few vegetables on. If anyone is interested please contact Melvin Creasey 01508 570099 for details. Should you wish to know more about what Lions get up to please get in touch.

*Club Secretary John Hewitt*

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*[www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/hethersettuk/](http://www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/hethersettuk/)*

### **Short Mat Bowls**

As a small club we are unable to meet all the requirements. At present we are looking optimistically at April 2021!

Updates from Marga [kembo@talktalk.net]

### **Florden Film Club**

If you are not already a member and would like to join or to receive more information about our activities and when we can resume, we would be glad to hear from you.

*David and Lolita Harrison 01508*

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# GROUPS FOR THE YOUNGER READERS

## 1st Mulbarton Brownies need YOU



Girlguiding

Mulbarton Brownies have continued to meet by zoom throughout Lockdown 3.0. A number of new Brownies have joined us and bravely made their promise over zoom.



We are working towards the Influence skills builder badge. This involves learning to negotiate and develop skills in influencing others on important issues! We have played lots of games and had a fun quiz for Australia Day in January.

*We are still looking for new helpers.* Please consider whether this is something you, or someone you know, could do! Young helpers are always welcome too, maybe for D of E? I would

be really happy to chat to you about this if you are even slightly interested! Join us by emailing Fiona: [fimacnab@hotmail.com](mailto:fimacnab@hotmail.com) *Fiona Munn*

*Pictures of our new 'virtual' participation badges!*



## Mulbarton Rainbows

have been back to online session on zoom and have been busy working on their 'Express Myself' theme badge.

Part of this is to learn about different ways to communicate - so we have been learning how to sign using Makaton. The girls have been playing 'expression bingo' and practising speaking out in the group about different emotions to build confidence as part of the 'communicate badge'. Coming up we have Chinese New Year dragon making and Easter flannel bunnies!

*Joanne*



**Mulbarton Guides and Rangers** have been meeting on Zoom with some great Guides and Rangers. If you would like to be part of our unit please email us for more information at [mulbartonguides@gmail.com](mailto:mulbartonguides@gmail.com)

*Pam, Hayley, Sally, and Molly*

# 1st Mulbarton Scouts

Here at 1st Mulbarton Scouts we continue to try & make the best of these challenging times. Our Scout & Explorer sections did manage to squeeze in a few outdoor face to face meetings towards the end of 2020 which were well attended and much appreciated by the young people.



So far this year our adult volunteers have well and truly hit the ground running by providing regular online 'Zoom' video call meetings for the youngsters. This is happening every week, across all of our age groups. Coming up with engaging and fun online activities over a prolonged period is not easy and

we couldn't be more proud of how our leadership team continue to rise to the challenge. Pet night, pancake challenge, camp at home, bake a mug cake, paper plane challenge, St Patrick's Day celebrations, song night, Chinese New Year cooking and 'plan a hike'. This is just a small sample of some of the virtual activities being run this term.

We are still doing our best to support the local community around us and back in December the Beavers were busy with their own community project: making bunting to bring some cheer to the residents at Hanover Gardens. The photo shows Grey Beaver, Edward Oxbury, presenting the bunting to Mary Buchanan at Hanover. Well done to everyone involved with this heart warming effort.



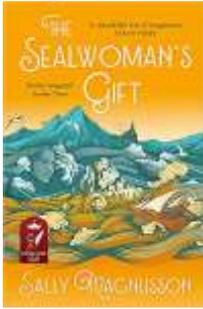
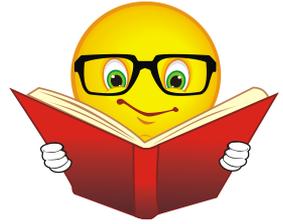
Over at our Mulbarton HQ building we continue to use this unusual and 'quiet' time to bring about much needed maintenance and alterations. Here's hoping it won't be long before we can all be back together and making the most of the improvements!

Finally, as always, we would love to hear from anyone interested in becoming a volunteer with our successful group. If you'd like to know more, then please do get in touch for a chat. Either find us on Facebook—search '1st Mulbarton Scouts' or call Chris White on 01508 570180 or e-mail us at [mulbartonscouts@live.co.uk](mailto:mulbartonscouts@live.co.uk)

*Cathy Middleton* (Publicity Officer)

# ENJOY A GOOD READ?

While lockdown restrictions are still in place we are at least able to enjoy some good reads. We are continuing our meetings on Zoom at 7.30pm. Anonymous quote “We lose ourselves in books. We find ourselves there too!”



## 25 March **The Seal Woman’s Gift** by Sally Magnusson

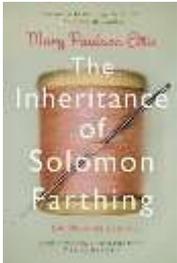
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## 29 April **Leaving Berlin** by Joseph Kanon

Alex Meier, a young Jewish writer, fled the Nazis for America before the war. But the politics of his youth have now put him in the crosshairs of the McCarthy witch-hunts. Faced with deportation and the loss of his family, he makes a desperate bargain with the fledgling CIA: he will earn his way back to America by acting as their agent in his native Berlin. But almost from the start, things go fatally wrong.



## 27 May **The Inheritance of Soloman Farthing** by Mary Paulson Ellis

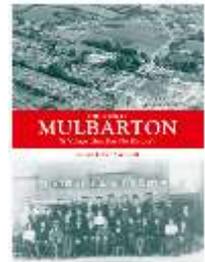


An old soldier dies alone in his Edinburgh nursing home. No known relatives and no Will to enact. Just a pawn ticket found amongst his belongings and fifty thousand pounds in used notes sewn into the lining of his burial suit.....

For more information on how and where we will be meeting up for the forthcoming meetings please contact Pat Brooks 01508 570016 or email [Patriciabrooks@gmail.com](mailto:Patriciabrooks@gmail.com)

### Only a small number of copies left....

**The Book of Mulbarton** (a large-format hard-back, Halsgrove, £19.99) is still available at Paddock Farm Shop or from the author, Jill Wright (editor of this magazine— contact details p.5) – BUT there are now fewer than 40 copies available and when they have gone it will be out of print....



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Mulbarton group of churches: <http://mulbchurch.org.uk>

Mulbarton Primary School: <https://mulbartonprimary.norfolk.sch.uk/>

Mulbarton surgery: <https://www.humbleyard.nhs.uk/>

Mulbarton history: [www.mulbartonhistory.org.uk](http://www.mulbartonhistory.org.uk) (with links to history of Bracon Ash & Hethel, and Flordon)



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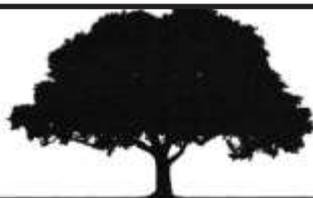
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