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FROM THE RECTORY

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Cutting back the growth!

This springtime has been all about the pruning for me. Much needed pruning of the hedgerow in the churchyard, bordering the Rectory garden. Thanks to Andy for help with that effort, which has let much more light into the garden and made everything feel more spacious.

It felt like there was an important message in that for us in the Rectory. Cutting back the growth and letting in the light. We have been recognising where there have been unhelpful influences, teaching, thought patterns and behaviours from the past, and it has been quite a journey to cut some of that stuff out, re-think and re-frame.

Part of that journey saw me shave my head to raise awareness about abuse in churches. I am so grateful for the support and generosity, funds raised at time of writing £2400 to support survivors and help churches become safer and healthier places. The livestream video is available to view on the church website or FB page. If you have a story of experiencing abuse in church, try googling “truth project” and make your voice heard.

We continue to keep our church open daily for private prayer and as clean and safe as can be. As things open up again, we are thinking about ways we can celebrate the amazing volunteer effort in our communities over the last year; and about how we can offer meaningful spaces to mark both the losses and the new arrivals of the last year, which have not been possible to mark in the ways we normally might have. Do look out for news of events.

In the meantime, we have been granted some permissions to carry out needed works: to repair bells, which will help them sound good for another 100 years; to install a gate at the east-end of the footpath and replace the stile at the west end, which will help open access to the countryside; and to repair the historic font. Following our recent inspection, our architect was impressed with all that we have accomplished since he inspected six years ago. We're also looking to improve the footpath through the churchyard.

Finally, we have a vacancy for PCC minutes secretary—if you think you might be able to help by taking notes at meetings, please do get in touch.

I do hope to see you out and about or at an event soon,

Adrian

FROM THE REGISTERS (Mulbarton unless otherwise stated):

FUNERALS:

- 4th February – Raymond (Ray) Fountain at Earlham Crematorium
- 26th February – Anne Elizabeth Miller, burial at Bracon Ash
- 18th March – Edna Pollard, at Mulbarton Church & Earlham Crem.
- 26th March – Thomas Henry R Wharton, buried at Mulbarton
- 27th April – Kenneth (Kenny) John Skeet at Hethel Church & Earlham Crem.
- 28th April – Christina Rose Bunyan at Earlham Crematorium
- 29th April – Raymond Edward Martin, burial at Bracon Ash

BURIAL OF ASHES:

- 11 March – Josephine (Jo) A Daynes
- 15th April – Mollie P Cross

[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]



**For the Beauty of the Earth – a celebration of creation
26th & 27th June**

A walk to watch the sun rise (originally planned for Midsummers Day 2020!) and probably the first ceilidh after all COVID restrictions are lifted.....

These are just a couple of the things on offer at Hethel Church over the weekend of **26-27 June**.

Throughout the weekend there will be an **Exhibition of Beauty**, to which you are invited to contribute. Have you taken photographs or painted a picture that illustrate the beauty of the Earth? Could you do a flower arrangement? Craft something beautiful (pottery, tapestry, needlework, woodwork, ...)? Write or simply choose a poem? Make a delicious dish? Bring something beautifully fragrant? Suggest some music to be played?

The **sunrise walk** will be followed by a local dawn birdsong stroll under the

guidance of local ornithologist Mike Harvey, with breakfast afterwards. Francis of Assisi (1181-1226), it is recorded, was extraordinarily in tune with nature. There are many stories of him communicating with animals and birds and in 1979 he was named the Patron Saint of Ecology. The Society of Saint Francis (SSF) *(continued opposite....)*



WELCOME to PARISH NEWS!

In this edition—your pull-out copy of the updated MAP OF MULBARTON with Play Areas marked and other updates (pp. 24-25)

If you prefer to run off your own A4 copy you can download one from www.mulbarton.info (see page 7).

THANKS to all who have delivered Parish News in the past year whilst on your permitted exercise. You have been wonderfully supportive and the team (and village) are so grateful. **THANKS**, also to all the contributors to this issue as organisations begin to plan to re-open. They need our support! Sadly, several local organisations have folded in the past year, mainly due to younger people not being willing to come forward to replace those who have given many years helping committees.

So bring your activities to people's notice through Parish News! The **DEADLINE** for items for the AUTUMN issue (September to November) will be **FRIDAY 30th JULY**—though the sooner the better to help us see how much there is for this issue. Get planning for a great new start in the Autumn!

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keeps his tradition alive today and we are delighted to have Sam Double with us. Brother Sam has led the SSF European Province and is co-writer of *Seeing Differently* (2021). He will lead two **'five senses' walks** and you can have a sit-down lunch with him in the church on Saturday.

We wanted this to be a genuine celebration of all things good about life, including music and dance. Thus a **ceilidh on Saturday evening!**

Skylarking are a Suffolk ceilidh band who are up for leading us, starting at 7.00pm. The Peaky Pizzas van will be in attendance.

Since 1990, Dr Anne Edwards has guided us in managing Hethel Churchyard as a beautiful wildflower meadow. Anne was awarded the BEM for services to the environment. Join her on Sunday afternoon for a wander: **'Sightings'**.

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Hello to all reading this Summer Edition of Mulbarton Parish News, and as always, a special welcome to newcomers. This quarterly magazine is a great source of information, especially if you aren't a computer user, so do keep it handy! This booklet also features as a downloadable PDF on the Home page of my Village Website www.mulbarton.info together with a link to the Village Google Calendar which hopefully will include more local activities as we come out of lockdown. Please let me know about events you'd like included.

I send regular info-mails to quite a number of local contacts, (sent Bcc so personal details are not shared with any other recipients), Names can be added (or removed) on request - in writing please to comply with GDPR.

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! Another source of information for newcomers is the free Welcome Booklet available from the Parish Council Office at the Village Hall 01508 578134 (24hr answerphone) or to view/print via their website <http://www.mulbartonpc.org.uk/>

Thank you again, for all the encouragement and support I receive!

Marina 578186 / marina@mulbarton.info

Turn to page 23 for the Village Directory



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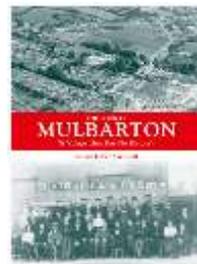
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PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

Mulbarton Parish Council Summer 2021

In this era of lockdowns and staying local Mulbarton residents have made full use of “The Meadows” which is a Parish Council owned area of land off Cuckoofield Road to the south west of the village. The Meadows comprise the Jubilee Gardens, a play area with various equipment including a zip wire and the allotments. The area is maintained by Mulbarton Parish Council and as with the play equipment on the Common is regularly inspected and at present being refurbished and in some cases repaired.

The Common is privately owned land which is regulated under the Commons Act of 1899 by South Norfolk Council who have the responsibility of managing the Common’s byelaws which protect it. Mulbarton Parish Council (MPC) is also a member of the Common Steering Group along with the owners and SNC and it is MPC who look after and pay for the majority of work on the Common, including the grass cutting.

There have been several enquires to the Parish Council about the activity on the Common in one of Mary and Billy Grimms’ pits and the breaking of the Common byelaws by digging and sawing branches off trees, as well as the safety of those riding bikes in it.

SNC have suggested that the Parish Council fund and provide a suitable alternative in the village so that they, with the Norfolk Wildlife Trust, can return the pit to nature. MPC has conducted a feasibility study into providing a community pump track at a suitable location in the village and this was discussed at the April meeting with an agreement to look for funding and source providers.

The Parish Council continues to monitor and submit comments with regards to the wind farm projects that could affect the village: an updated summary on all the projects can be found on the Parish Council website (www.mulbatonparish.org.uk)

There are two Solar Farms proposed for the Mulbarton area and while MPC supports green energy initiatives they are concerned that this will be at the cost of the rural landscape and the quality of life for people in Mulbarton. EDF R have submitted a screening application for their 81 hectare site at Bloy’s Grove, and Luminous Energy have put in a planning application for a 30 hectare solar farm at Bracon Ash. MPC have submitted comments on both of these applications, raising concerns about construction traffic through the village and suggesting alternative routes.

“Cumulative Impact” was recently cited by the High Court as a reason for withdrawing planning consent for the Vanguard wind farm and it is an issue that MPC have raised with SNC

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Parish Council Report, continued from p. 11:

in the light of plans for wind farm substations, solar farms, three business parks, and the impact of the Greater Norwich Local Plan on putting more housing into our area.

Councillors have seen a number of individuals and families as well as students from Year 5 at Mulbarton School litter picking in the village and would like to thank all those who have taken part. As Covid restrictions are lifted it is hoped that MPC can again organise safe litter picks in the village. *[See p.31 for how you can help with one – Ed.]*

Some people have expressed interest in becoming a Parish Councillor and there are vacancies that can be filled by co-option. If you are interested and want to find out more, please contact the Parish

Office for information. A suggested way forward is to attend a series of meetings to see how the council is organised and the way this level of local government works before making a commitment. All the councillors are volunteers who bring their skills, interests and time to the roles and responsibilities they assume.

For its contracted-out work the Parish Council always likes to use local companies when possible. If you think that you or your company are suitable for our maintenance and/or new projects please contact us with your services and contact details to go onto our tendering list so that we can consider you in the future when opportunities arise.

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Parish Council website listed p. 23



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Dear Residents,
Summer at last, I do hope everyone has stayed well and can enjoy themselves this year. Remember the Help Hub is still here to help as we come out of lockdown—01508 533933

Member grants will be opening again. As we are a three-member ward you can apply for up to £3000 between us. If you want to check the process, the Communities Team are on hand for guidance and can be contacted on 01508 533914. Alternatively, please email Matt Allen with your queries mallen@s-norfolk.gov.uk ; The CAF Panel will meet on Friday 2 July to consider applications.

We have debated planning & flooding issues and various recommendations were made and the subject will be revisited later in the year. Lord Dannatt is heading the County flooding enquiry.

We attended the Thickthorn infrastructure project meeting and also the solar farms and windfarms consultations, to raise residents' concerns. Some amendments have been made and some attention to traffic movements in some cases, but we await further decisions.

There has been greater public participation in council business since the access to Zoom, Teams, YouTube, FB etc. So we do hope a hybrid solution will be achieved in the future so people can choose how to be involved.

Although we miss seeing people in person it has saved money and environmental pollution, not driving to and from meetings. We also got to know people better as we were in their homes which would never normally happen! Any problems with any of the above please feel free to contact me. Best wishes, *Vivienne*

vivienne.clifford.jackson@gmail.com 077172962020 or 01508 571346

Dr Legg's report on page 17 >>

STOP PRESS: COUNTY COUNCIL ELECTIONS

FOREHOE (which includes Mulbarton) was held for the Conservatives by Daniel Elmer (1622 votes). Our own District Councillor who lives in the village, Vivienne Clifford-Jackson received a creditable 979 votes for the Lib-Dems) and the other votes went to John Morland (531 for Labour) and Tom Matthews (64 votes for Reform).

Overall, our County Council has 58 Conservatives; 11 Labour; 8 Lib-Dem; 3 Green and 3 Independent Councillors, + 1 seat still to be contested.

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District Councillors Report (continued)

From Councillor Dr Legg:

Covid restrictions apart, there have been significant changes in operations at South Norfolk Council. There has been a move to combine many office functions with those of Broadland Council. For example, there is now a combined planning department. Residents therefore may find that they have to deal with officials from Broadland Council for certain functions. There is to be a common website and e-mail function which hopefully will make these processes relatively seamless. The Council offices are now called The House and The Lodge respectively.

Hard copies of bin emptying calendars have not been issued so far this year. This is because there are proposals to change some of the rotas. Details are published on The Council's website. For those who do not have internet access, a hard copy of the calendar can be obtained by telephoning the Council's Ketteringham Depot. Hard copies of calendars may be made available later this year, when any rota changes have been made.

It is likely that some restrictions will remain in place following easing of the Covid regulations. There will be limits to the numbers of people who can attend public meetings at The Council, for example. The details have yet to be clarified by officials.

The members' ward grant system is to continue as before. Residents who wish to take advantage of these should contact the District Councillors directly. The Community Action Fund grant system is also open for applications. These must be made by June 1st.

The Village Cluster element of The Greater Norwich Local Plan is expected to be published on June 1st. There will be a period of consultation afterwards.

Nigel Legg

Contact: nlegg@s-norfolk.gov.uk

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Since Easter we have seen the children returning to much more normal schooling. It has been a joy to watch them enjoying their learning and socialising with their friends.

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We are continuing to improve the outdoor experiences the children can have. The installation of an outdoor gym for our older children has seen a big increase in their activity. In our areas for the younger children we are installing shelters so the spaces can be used all year round. We are also reviving the pond which sits in the middle of our grounds but which has become very overgrown over the last few years. The aim is to enable the children to go pond dipping once again and enjoy the area around the wildlife that hopefully will return to the pond.



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Vaccine update

At the end of April, a lovely Hingham patient became the 25,000th patient to be vaccinated at Cringleford surgery! This is the vaccination hub for Ketts Oak PCN as well as the Wymondham Practices and all the villages served by the Humbleyard Practice.

Saturday 24th April was a fairly typical Vaccine Saturday: we are doing 1200 AZ vaccines. The day begins at 5.30am with Pete Hill our Project manager with myself (Dr Siobhan Rowe) meeting to start today's clinic. As usual our team of volunteers were here at 6am and before 9 am almost 300 people have been vaccinated.

Right The Wymondham nursing team drawing up your vaccines before 6 am

We are so lucky to have so many retired Doctors as part of the team, including Dr Rick Overy and Dr Steve Thurston retired GPs from Mulbarton and Wymondham—seen *below* relaxing after a busy shift—and also Dr Helen Stubbings, a retired consultant oncologist from the NNUH.



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Parish Council: www.mulbartonpc.org.uk—downloadable **WELCOME** booklet for newcomers here, or collect a copy from the **Parish Council Office** which is to right of the Village Hall main entrance, where the opening times are displayed on a notice on the door.

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 (with links to history of Bracon Ash & Hethel, and Flordon)



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Our **Community Connectors** are **Lucy Baldwin & Rachel Mahoney**. There are 'Social Prescribing' appointments at the local surgery for Wednesday afternoons, or you can contact them direct—SEE PAGE 17.

Rich's Trust (a local charity) can make small grants to residents to meet specific needs. You can contact the Almoner in total confidence: Pauline Campion (570335) pauline.campion@btinternet.com

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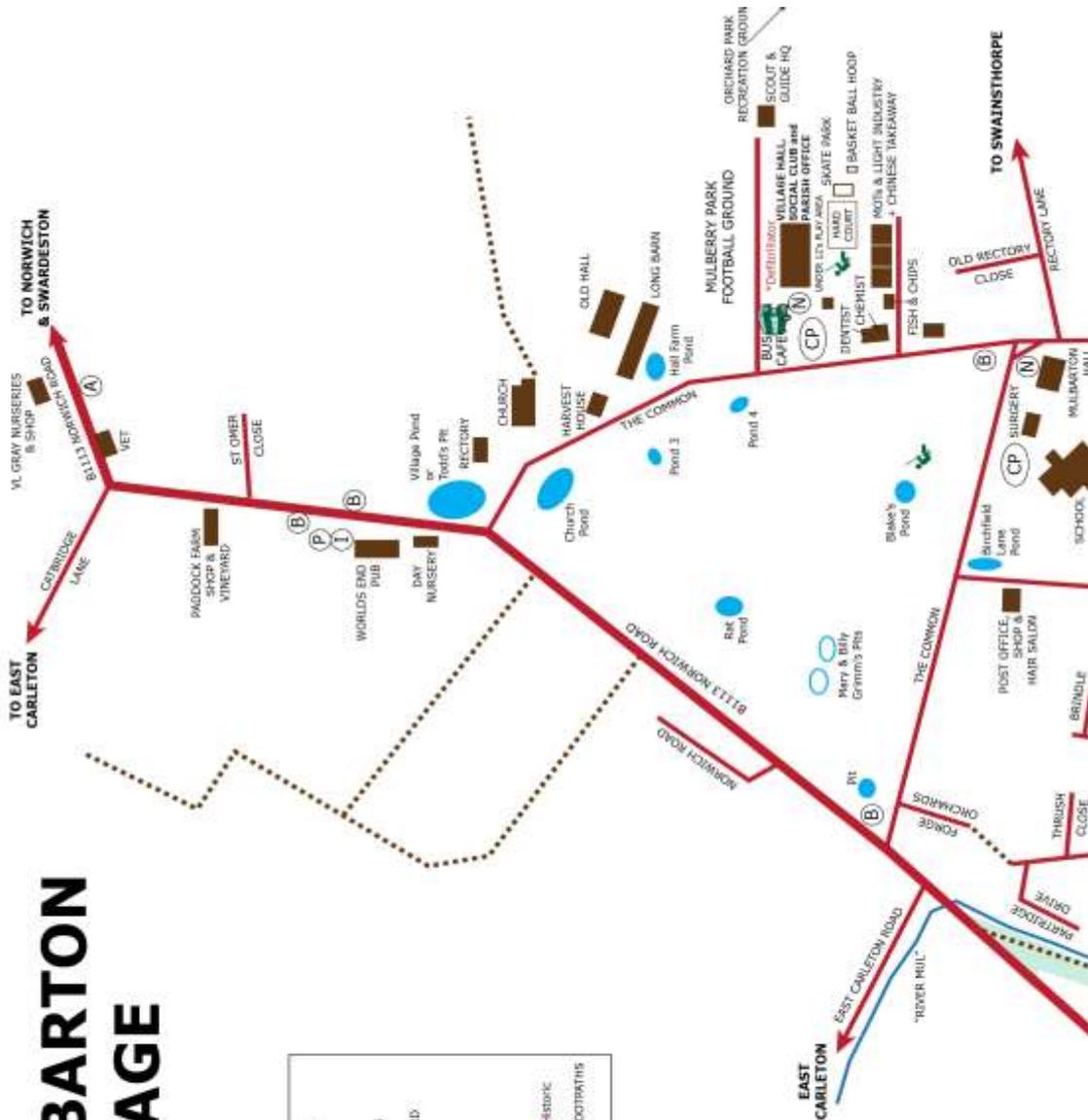
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MULBARTON VILLAGE MAP

(A)	ALLOTMENTS
(B)	BUS STOP
(CP)	CAR PARKING
(N)	NOTICE BOARD
(P)	POST BOX
(I)	INFO BOX
(T)	PLAY AREA
Blue Oval	POND
Blue Circle	Historic
Dotted Line	FOOTPATHS



Norfolk Places Quiz

Where am I?

Can you distinguish these Norfolk places by the little information provided? Try it, you will hopefully enjoy learning something, as I did in creating it! Answers on page 41.

1. + The highest point in Norfolk is on the edge of this village
 + The beach here is a Site of Special Scientific Interest
 + Mammoth fossil remains were found here in 1990



2. + A famous Admiral was born here
 + The pub changed its name in his honour
 + The village is on the NW coast of Norfolk

3. + Has the largest Parish Church in England
 + Anna Sewell, author of 'Black Beauty' was born here
 + Has one of the oldest goals in Britain



4. + Has the largest village green in Britain
 + The church has an unusual octagonal tower
 + There is an airfield to the north-west of the village

5. + You can find a pyramid structure nearby
 + The Boleyn family are known to have lived here
 + The manor house here used to be moated



6. + Robert Hales, the 'Norfolk Giant' (7ft 6in) is buried in this village.
 + The village is a mile from the sea
 + It has a 'staithe' (pictured)

7. + Howard Carter the Egyptologist, grew up here
 + The Butter Cross is an interesting feature
 + The town has 2 large wind turbines



8. + There was once a Roman Villa here
 + This village is the venue for the World Snail Racing Championships
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MULBARTON EVENING WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Hello, ladies!

Mulbarton Evening W.I. is hoping to re-start on Monday 21st June at 7.30pm in the Village Hall as planned, IF indoor meetings

are allowed to go ahead then. If not, there is a Plan B, which will be to meet outdoors, weather permitting. It will be a 'welcome back' social evening with scones, strawberries, etc.

In July, on Monday 19th, we are due a visit from The Medical Detection Dogs & Medical Assistance Dogs Charity. Monday, August 16th will hopefully be a picnic in a local Park. All this is dependent on the lifting of restrictions nationally, of course. ...

A full programme up to March 2022 is booked, so we remain optimistic. New members and visitors are always welcome: our meetings are friendly and informal.

For further information please contact Anne Hackett Secretary. 01508 570040 e-mail aehackett@btinternet.com. Tel 01508 570040 or e-mail aehackett@btinternet.com

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Mulbarton Short Mat Bowls Club

We are hoping to start playing again in September, with newcomers as well as those who have enjoyed the club in the past. We plan to continue to meet every Wednesday evening in Mulbarton Village Hall. If anyone is interested in joining or trying this game for the first time, please do get in touch - we welcome new members!

Contact: Marga Kempenaar 01508 219029 or email kembo@talktalk.net

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.





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At last, it looks like things are beginning to get back to normal, albeit a new kind of normal as we must continue to be vigilant for a while yet. We are still holding our bi-monthly meetings via Zoom but hope to be able to meet face to face again in the near future.

Litter is a problem around the villages these days and several groups are often seen doing a great job collecting discarded rubbish. It is an ongoing problem and it is proposed that we will be doing a litter pick in the coming weeks to help out. If you would like to join us for this, or should you wish to know more about what Lions get up to, please get in touch with.....

....Club Secretary John Hewitt 01508 570392
or visit www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/hethersettuk/



Are you expecting a baby or do you have a young baby?

'Bubbies' Bumps and Babies group used to meet on Wednesday afternoons at Harvest House but has been unable to meet physically during the pandemic and is continuing on Facebook for the time being. The aim of the group is to help local, new and expectant parents get to know each other.

The group encourages positive, informative, inspiring and humorous posts associated with a pregnancy and baby theme. We also raise awareness of important sources of information (websites, groups, Facebook pages) to do with pregnancy and the postnatal period.

We host occasional Zoom chats when there is a demand for this. The last few Zoom meetings have been on a Saturday morning, however we can be flexible with the timings of these. We have had some icebreaker baby related quizzes etc during some of our Zoom chats.

New members welcome.

For further info-contact Zoe - Tel 07944407396

Mulbarton Community Choir

We are a friendly choir singing a range of music from show tunes to folk to pop to classical. At the moment we are rehearsing online and you are welcome to join us on Thursdays at 8pm. No singing experience is necessary! We shall be returning to face-to-face rehearsals as soon as we are able. For more details, please email Lin at

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Lin Goram – Choir Director



Mulbarton Community Choir



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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.

We hope to start where we left off as soon as it is safe to do so. Members will be informed by e-mail 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, dinners and lunches, and a visit to RHS Garden Hyde Hall. We will also be organising 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 or 07837 969 715; or contact our Secretary, Geoff, at geoffandvirginia@tiscali.co.uk; or download the form from our Facebook page.

MULBARTON HERITAGE GROUP

Since 2005 a small group of people interested in Mulbarton's history and heritage have organised talks on various local heritage topics; local walks and trips out; and initiated projects to map and copy gravestones in local churchyards, transcribe the parish registers and research the Mulbarton men who served in WW1. However, several of the group have now resigned on health grounds – THANKS to them for their many years of service! Sadly, our pleas over the past three or so years for others to continue the work we started has received nil response. So we have wound up the group, donated the funds in the bank (£150) to NORAH, the Norfolk Archives charity, but kept a float of £30 should anyone want to organise further meetings or activities. Get in touch with me if you wish to access this. I will also continue to maintain the three local history websites:

www.mulbartonhistory.or.uk

www.bracon-ash-and-hethel-history.webnode.com

www.flordonhistory.webnode.com

You can still make your contribution of memories, photos, etc. via the 'CONTACT US' page.

Jill Wright (570532)

ENJOY A GOOD READ?

While lockdown restrictions have been in place we have enjoyed some really good discussion and debate on a wide range of books and subjects via Zoom. Hopefully, with lockdown restriction easing we will once again be able to meet up in person starting with outside meetings and then progressing indoors if conditions allow. For more information please contact Pat on 01508 570016 or patriciabrooks569@gmail.com



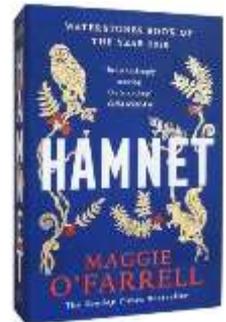
1 July - *Becoming* by Michelle Obama



Michelle Obama has emerged as one of the most iconic and compelling women of our era. As First Lady of the United States of America - the first African-American to serve in that role - she helped create the most welcoming and inclusive White House in history, while also establishing herself as a powerful advocate for women and girls in the U.S. and around the world. Along the way, she showed us a few dance moves, crushed Carpool Karaoke, and raised two down-to-earth daughters under an unforgiving media glare.

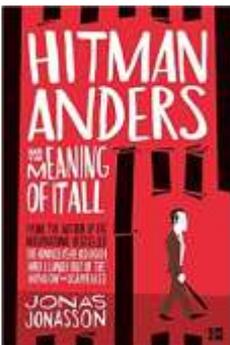
29 July - *Hamnet* by Maggie O'Farrell

Hamnet is a novel inspired by the son of a famous playwright. It is a story of the bond between twins, and of a marriage pushed to the brink by grief. It is also the story of a kestrel and its mistress; a flea that boards a ship in Alexandria; and a glovemaker's son who flouts convention in pursuit of the woman he loves.



26 August—*Hitman Anders and the Meaning of it All*

by Jonas Jonasson



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Girlguiding



Rainbows are very happy to be meeting face to face again!

We have been busy already starting a new theme badge, 'Express Myself' - part of the badge is to work together and to practise sharing making rice shakers (*below*). We have our meetings outside and have been able to run around playing lots of games spreading out carefully with our invisible hula hoops! We had a promise ceremony where 4 young girls make their Rainbow promise and were very brave in front of the whole group. Coming up, we have the Queen's birthday celebrations and lots of activities to complete our badge.

Jo Frappell - Mulbarton Rainbows



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Girlguiding

1st Mulbarton Brownies

Mulbarton Brownies have enjoyed starting meeting face to face again after a year online. The Brownies have lots of energy and enthusiasm and love seeing their friends. We are mainly meeting outdoors and have done crafts, games and work towards badges. Later in the term we are looking forward to going to Eaton Vale Activity Centre to have a barbecue and do canoeing and crate stacking. Crate stacking is a bit crazy and involves (safely) climbing high up a pile of crates until they topple over! Below are some of the nature trefoils the Brownies made recently.

Fiona Munn



Mulbarton Guides and Rangers

The Mulbarton Guides are going from strength to strength we have welcomed eight new Guides since Xmas.

They all worked towards and made their Guide Promise on Zoom with their Promise Badges delivered to home so their Parents could pin on their badges

Activities have included challenges, cooking, and badge work - all completed successfully on Zoom

We are making plans to resume F2F as soon as we can so that we can enjoy being outside and doing things that Guides do best

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Mulbarton Scout Group



We are all very happy to say that, at the time of writing, all of our sections have returned to face to face meetings. To help reduce the Covid risk we are running outdoor activities as much as possible, which would be the norm for us anyway, throughout these lighter evenings of the summer term.

I'd like to take this opportunity to say a huge thankyou to ALL of our fantastic adult volunteers who have done such a wonderful job of keeping Scouting in Mulbarton well & truly alive throughout this pandemic. Your efforts have been just fantastic and as a group I hope you all feel really proud of everything you've achieved. If anyone thinks they'd like to get involved as a volunteer then please do get on touch. We have a fabulous team already, but new faces are always both needed and welcomed.



This term all of our sections have been taking part in litter picks around the local area. The photo left shows what our Wednesday Scouts managed to collect in just 2 hours! We'd like to encourage everyone to perhaps consider picking up two or three items of litter yourself each time you take a walk. Imagine what could be achieved if we all got into the habit of doing this every time we went out!

The photo below shows our Explorers attempting to emulate the recent craze of glowstick stickmen videos. With many of our 16 & 17 year olds having to adapt and cope with much change and upheaval with their GCSE and A-level exams we feel it's really important that on some of our Friday night

sessions they can just relax & have a bit of fun (whilst also improving their teamwork and problem-solving skills!!).

Our waiting lists for children to join the group are ever growing so please do get in touch nice and early if you wish for your child to attend. Beavers, our youngest section, starts at age 6. You can find us on Facebook— just search 1st Mulbarton Scouts or email 1stMulbartonwaitinglist@gmail.com



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Rebecca
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ANSWER to Puzzle for Younger Readers: CHARLIE'S PHONE BOX

1. West Runton; 2. Burnham Thorpe; 3. Great Yarmouth
4. Old Buckenham; 5. Blickling;
6. West Somerton (west of Winterton); 7. Swaffham;
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ANSWERS to Norfolk Places Quiz on page 26:

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B-Lines: Insect Superhighways

'Buglife' has launched a B-Line Map for the UK – and the eastern boundary of one corridor skirts Mulbarton, connecting Flordon Common, areas in Bracon Ash and Hethel and passes close to Mulbarton Common! There are also two Buglife-friendly projects highlighted in our parish.

B-Lines is a network of insect pathways connecting the best remaining wild-flower rich habitats across the whole country. This network will help threatened species recover and help built up the population of insects that are essential for pollinating our crops and wildflowers. B-lines will also help a huge range of other wildlife, too.



There is further information, an illustrated report and a delightful animation at <https://www.buglife.org.uk/news/new-plan-for-uk-wide-insect-superhighways-launched/> and more detail of the B-lines of Norfolk and Suffolk with that a map that allows you to zoom into 'our' corridor at <https://www.buglife.org.uk/our-work/b-lines/b-lines-east-and-midlands-of-england/>

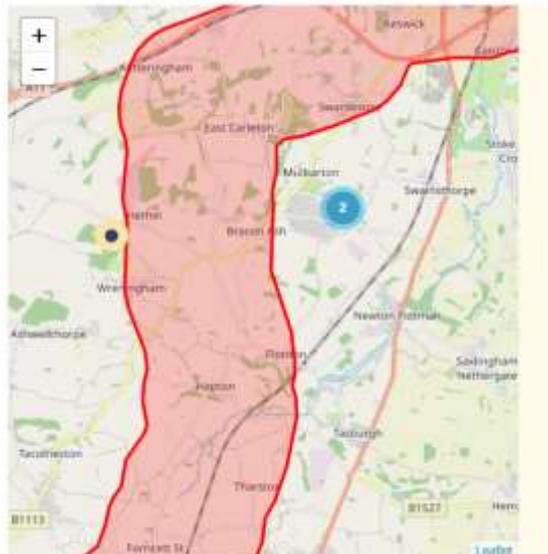


On the same page is a link to download a form and submit details of YOUR Pollinator Project. There MUST be more than one wildlife-friendly garden in the village, and there is plenty of advice on the site to help you make yours 'bee & bug-

friendly' – so let's cover our bit of the map with projects! Let's all help 'Save the small things that run the planet'!

Photos: Bumblebee (top) and Small Skipper butterfly on nectar-rich flowers.

(With thanks to Marina Carter who alerted us to this project in her April/



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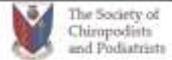
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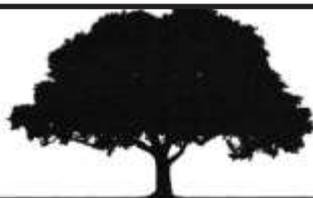
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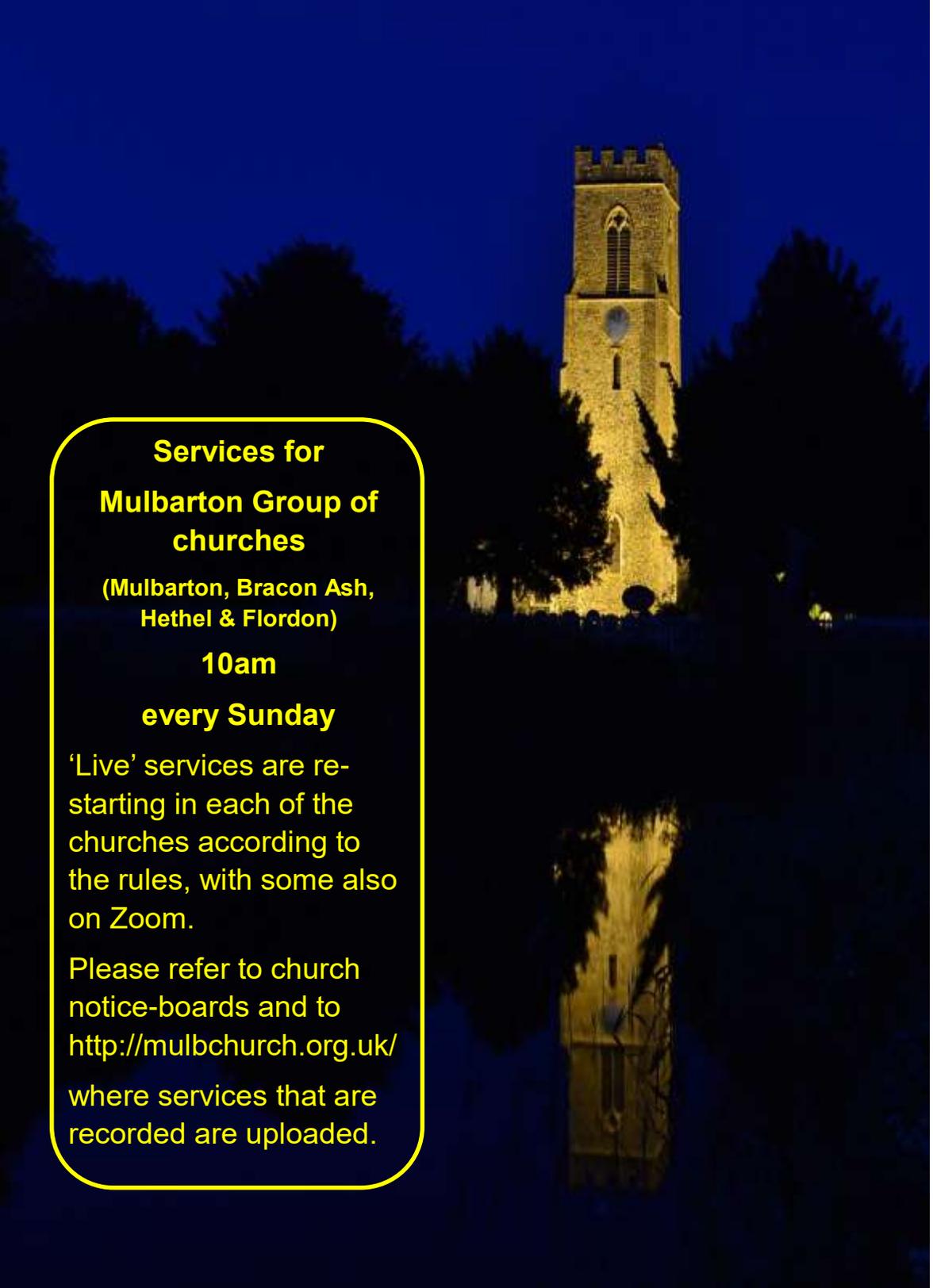
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10am

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