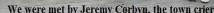




January to February 2018



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## EVENTS AND NOTICES



### Coffee Caravan



Venues and dates for the winter months

**10am - 12 noon held at the following locations**

9 <sup>th</sup> January	Venue - St Bartholomew's Church. Hosts - Marion & Margaret
6 <sup>th</sup> February	Venue - The Old Chapel, Walsham Road, Finningham. Hosts - Aileen and Dilys
6 <sup>th</sup> March	Venue - St Bartholomew's Church Hosts - Penny and Pat

**Do come along and meet new neighbours and friends.**



**COFFEE MORNING AND BOOK SALE  
LAST SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH**

**St Bartholomew's Church**

**10.30 - 12.30**

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## EVENTS AND NOTICES

### *Finningham White Horse*

#### *Opening times*

*Monday to Friday 3.00 pm - 11.00 pm*

*Saturday 12.00 mid-day - 11.00 pm*

*Sunday 12.00 mid-day - 10.30 pm*

*Pizzas available when we are open*

#### *Last Sunday of the month*

*Pub Quiz from 8.00pm £1 per person*

*Facebook search "Finningham White Horse"*

*Camping on the field £3 per person per night*

## FROM THE HORSES MOUTH

You'll be pleased to know that now the winter has arrived that the wood burner is a permanent feature in the White Horse. A warm welcome awaits you in the pub.

The recent launch of the pizza menu has been a great success and if you haven't already tried one and please come along and do so, they are available to eat in or takeaway whenever the doors are open. We have also recently placed Peroni, a premium lager, on draught intended to accompany the pizzas.

We recently held our first in house pool tournament which was a very busy night and was won by a regular from Gislingham. This looks to be a regular fixture at the pub on the first Friday of each month. If you're interested in taking part please call in the pub and get your name down for the next tournament which will take place on January the 5th.

When the end room is redecorated it will be available for private hire, perfect for birthdays, retirement or anniversary parties. If you have an upcoming occasion please enquire at the pub to book the room and see what is available.

We hope you all had a happy Xmas and festive period.



## FROM THE CHAIR

The shortest day is now past and we can start to look forward to the days starting to get longer. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped plant about 2000 daffodil bulbs. We can look forward to seeing the results of all this effort in the next couple of months. The village Christmas Lunch was held early in December and attracted just over 40 residents.

Our big news is that we have formed a viable sub committee to move forward with organising a Fete in Finningham in 2018. This is looking as if it will be a really exciting event and we hope to book some good quality entertainment and attractions. This is your Fete and is aimed predominately at Finningham residents. If you have some ideas about things you would like to see at the Fete please let us know. We have had a couple of volunteers already offering to help but more help will enable the event to be more successful. We have chosen the theme Wings over Finningham as it is 100 years since the formation of the RAF and living in a part of Suffolk so entrenched in RAF history we think it is worth celebrating. Keep the 18th August free in your diary, This is not to be missed.

**Colin Winter** (Chair FOF)

## FROM THE EDITORS

Welcome to 2018, hasn't 2017 gone so fast .. I swear the years are getting shorter. We hope you all have enjoyed the festive period and saw the new year in, in style. We have a packed year ahead in Finningham with the village fete, flower festival, Finn fest, history trips, coffee mornings, garage sale and many more things to look forward to. We hope you all have a wonderful 2018.

**Richard & Lorraine**

## WI

The start of another year which we hope will be a busy and exciting one.

Our meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month and we welcome anyone who would like to come along and see whether you think it might be something you would enjoy. Please come along as a guest and find out about us. There are quite a few members from Finningham so getting there would not be a problem. Look forward to seeing new faces in January.

**Aileen Kilbee** (President Gislingham WI)



### **Flower Festival Meeting**

There will be a meeting to discuss this years Flower Festival held in the Church on the first Saturday in February at 10.30am

## NEWS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

First, may I wish you all, on behalf of your Parish Councillors, a very Happy & Prosperous New Year. It seems only a short while ago since I made the same salutation; I hope that some of it came true for you during the past year.

A number of people feel that the change from one year to the next is only a change of date and has no real significance. That may be true but, on the other hand, it gives you a chance to take stock and make plans, if you have a mind to.

The major plan that the Parish Council has in mind is a refurbishment of the recreation area of the Green and a Working Group is already underway to produce something which will have a wide appeal for all age ranges. I repeat what I have said before that if you have any ideas for the new area, please let one of your Councillors know and he or she can pass it onto the Working Group for consideration. This type of major project does not happen every year so, this is your opportunity to have your input. Please do not pass this by.

2018 is, of course, the centenary of the First World War, erroneously called the War to end all Wars. Already, there has been a number of references in the Media regarding the necessity of maintaining the memory of the sacrifices made for future generations. Many will remember that we had the War Memorial cleaned to mark the start of the war; now we need to consider a suitable method of celebrating the cessation of hostilities. I am hoping that we shall be able to convene a committee from representatives of the Parochial Parish Council, Friends of Finningham and your Parish Council to consider and organise some suitable way of marking this important event. Again, if you have any ideas, we shall be pleased to receive them.

I sincerely hope that 2018 will see more involvement by members of the Public in the work of your Parish Council. **Tony Kilbee** - Chairman

## THANK YOU

### CHARITY FLOWERS

Pauline Goddard would like to thank all those who have purchased plants, flowers, beans etc. from the table on the Wickham Skeith road last summer. The total this year is an excellent £510 and this money has been donated to both local and National Charities.

Charities which have benefitted:

Cancer UK, Breast Cancer, Friends of Mendlesham and Bacton Health Centres, The Rural Coffee Caravan and St Bartholomew's Church.

**This makes a total of £1600 raised over the last few years.**

Many thanks once again, this money has benefitted worthwhile charities and with good weather, Pauline hopes to put the table out again during 2018 and as usual all monies raised will be donated to various charities.

## EVENTS AND NOTICES



### WICKHAM SKEITH GARDENING CLUB

ALL MEETINGS HELD

IN WICKHAM SKEITH VILLAGE HALL

UNLESS INDICATED OTHERWISE

There is no meeting in January

TUESDAY 27 FEBRUARY 2018 – 7:30pm

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Further info from Eddie 01379 788504.

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## EVENTS AND NOTICES



**18th August 2018**  
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**Finningham**

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**A fun packed afternoon of fantastic talent and events starting at 12pm in celebration of the RAF's 100 years**  
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### Parish Council Meetings are held at

St Bartholomew's Church, Finningham, starting at 7.30pm.

### Dates of future meetings:

Tuesday 9th January 2018

Tuesday 13th February 2018

Tuesday 13th March 2018

Tuesday 10th April 2018

**The ANNUAL meeting of the Parish will no longer be in May, it will be on 10th APRIL 2018**



# ST BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH

Probably when you read this, Christmas will have passed; the trimmings of Christmas returned to their storage boxes, the last remnants of the turkey eaten and you could turn that image of the Christmas card around as we watch the Holy Family disappear once again into the distance. January can feel like a long and gloomy month with inclement weather and long dark nights and the brightness of Christmas can feel like it has faded away.

It is conveniently thought that January takes its name from Janus, the dual faced Roman God of beginnings, openings, passages, gates and doorways. He was also the God of transactions and of endings. Janus was also portrayed as having two faces, one which looked backwards and one which looked forwards. It is rather a suitable image to think about in January as we do look back to the year that has just passed with all its successes and failures, and also look forward to the year that is to come.

Of course as we look in these directions we look from rather different perspectives. There is great certainty as we look back over the year just passed, we know the things that have gone well and the things that have gone badly, we know the feelings of jubilation as we have succeeded, and the feelings of sadness when things have not gone to plan. However, when we look forward there is no such certainty, none of us knows what the future will hold for us, instead we look forward through a mist of uncertainty.

As we express these uncertainties in the context of our faith, we read in the Bible of other people who down the years looked forward with both trepidation and expectation. Like them we should have a faith in a God who is a God of the past, the present and the future.

As we leave the Christmas season behind and enter into Epiphany I would invite you to look back to times in the Christmas season when the light of Christ shone through for you. Was it a special gift, time spent with family, an unexpected invitation, the joy on someone's face, a look of wonder from a child, a school nativity or perhaps a Christmas card from someone you had lost touch with. Whatever has brought you joy this Christmas hold that in your mind to draw on again and again in the winter days and then look for opportunities to express that joy and its light to others. The Christmas season may have passed but its joy need not if we allow it to continue to touch our hearts.

I wish you every Blessing for the year ahead. Philip

On Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November St Bartholomews Church hosted a Benefice Worship and Workshop for Christ the King Sunday, also known as Stir up Sunday. Tradition has it that people stirred up the contents of their Christmas puddings on this day, the last Sunday before Advent. The traditional Christian prayer for this day implores us to look to stir up our hearts in the service of Jesus Christ. In more modern times the day has been one to also remember Christ as our King.

To this end members of the 38 congregation of all ages were invited to make Christmas puddings, Christ the King crowns and calendars; all went home with a

# WESTHORPE VILLAGE ACTIVITIES

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## EVENTS AND NOTICES



### Keep Fit Class at Westthorpe Village Hall

Every Friday 10.30am – 11.30am

Commencing 19<sup>th</sup> Jan 2018

A new Keep Fit class that enables you to keep active at your pace, the class will include stretching, core work and a range of Keep Fit exercises.

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## MESSAGE FROM WESTHORPE

We're delighted that we have been able to build stronger links between Finningham and Westthorpe since the new Village Hall has been open in Westthorpe.

It's been lovely to see Finningham residents at events and activities in Westthorpe and we look forward to welcoming even more of you in the New Year. The current programme appears in this newsletter and you can always check the website <http://westthorpe.onesuffolk.net/westthorpe-village-hall/>

We hope to see you soon!

## ST BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH

pudding! There were reflections on what the day meant for Christians, with songs to reflect the nature of the day, during a very informal service which judging by the laughter and conversation buzzing around the church, was an enjoyable occasion for all, when the light of Christ truly shone around us.

Many thanks to all who supported the occasion in whatever way.

Philip



## INSIGHTS

### Past lives - real or imagined?

What is a past life?

If you believe in reincarnation or a continuous (after death) soul, then a past life is the previous bodily experience that you have had. If not then you are probably of the opinion that it's all mumbo jumbo.

Why do I care?

Other than as part of your own belief system or religion, there is probably no need to be bothered with any lives you have lived (or not) in the past. There are many theories that we come back to a human life to learn something that we didn't get right before and that is one of the reasons that we don't remember them.

However if you are stuck trying to make a change in your life and you are out of ideas then knowing about your possible past lives may provide insights which could be helpful in understanding what it is that is keeping you stuck.

Oh and it might be fun!

Is it real?

Well now, this is one of those "does God exist" type questions. We cannot prove it one way or the other. Obviously there are believers and nonbelievers. Is it really possible that hundreds of people were Joan of Arc or that you were King Arthur?

But there is also another option. What if the past life is your subconscious mind's means of communication? Just like a story or metaphor, it may be a way of communicating its message to you.

I do know that, as a Hypnotherapy client myself, I experienced a past life and that experience or story has helped me make a change in my life.

How do I access a past life?

There are different ways to access past lives. These include via an Angel or Tarot card reading, spiritual development and journeying, like Reiki Drum. Alternatively, you can experience a past life through hypnosis, where you are guided back through this life and beyond by your therapist

How will I experience it?

This will depend on how you experience your memories. You may see your past life as a film or as if you are reliving it; you may hear it or you may get a sense or a feeling of it.

What do I need to access a past life?

Let's start with an open mind - If you don't want to, you probably won't. If you are using hypnosis; you would need a willingness to engage in a hypnotic state (like a day dream state), and for it to work at its best, a feeling that you want to trace back or resolve.

What if I get upset or it is disturbing?

It is possible that you will find out something that is upsetting or goes against your values today. Your therapist will know if you are experiencing distress and will

## MARQUEE & TABLE HIRE

**Friends of Finningham** have the following for loan.

Marquee	- 40ft x 13ft (12m x 4m)
Festival Tent	- 22ft x 16ft (6.8m x 5m)
Party Marquee	- 20ft x 10ft (6m x 3m)
Folding tables	- 6ft x 2½ft (1.8m x 0.8m)

Below are suggested donations - Held at last years level again.

Marquee	£60	Village residents	£70	non residents
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Party Marquee	£30	Village residents	£40	non residents
Folding tables	£5	Village residents	£6	non residents

A refundable deposit of £100 is required.

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## BOOK REVIEW

I realise that the books that I have reviewed for you have generally been thrillers so I popped into the Saturday Book Sale, had a cup of coffee and a piece of cake (I may have gone back for seconds!) then looked for something different to read.

The title of the book caught my eye because a 'Dear John' was commonly used in my days in the Royal Air Force in Kenya for a letter sent by a girlfriend to end a relationship.

### Dear John by Nicholas Sparks

At the start we know that John Tyree is no longer with the love of his life, Savannah.

John was brought up by his dad but the relationship was not too good and the book covers how he was a bit of a tearaway and what he did to deal with his wayward behaviour: how he met Savannah and how the relationship developed with both Savannah and his dad.

An enjoyable read.

David Wadlow

## INSIGHTS

facilitate easing it or dealing with it. You will leave the session OK.

Will I remember the past life once I have accessed it?

Yes.

What time period will I go to?

As I rather flippantly said above, we can't all have been Joan of Arc! If your subconscious is using a story to convey something to you, it is likely that it will use a period of history that you know about or are interested in. This may explain the reason that many people's past lives are significant figures in history.

If they are real then you will go wherever you have been. That could be your past life a century or even many centuries before.

Is this therapy guaranteed?

No. The mind is complex and comes without certainties. It may not be the 'right' time for the messages to be communicated. You might not be in the 'best' place for those messages to be dealt with. It could just not be the right day or you could experience something unique and special that may or may not have happened, but could change your life.

Will the past life be about the lifetime or the death?

The answer to this question is held in your subconscious. Your subconscious will focus on the area that you need to know about. Your therapist will know if you are experiencing distress and will facilitate easing it or dealing with it.

Tales of a therapist

I mentioned that I experienced a past life as a hypnotherapy client. I used a feeling to go back and this life was based in a North American tribal camp. I wasn't Hiawatha, but a tribe member. My experience was of sitting round the camp fire in the evening, eating, dancing and singing. At the end of the evening we retired and I died in my tepee. Observing my death was not at all distressing, but peaceful. This experience enabled change to happen in this life.

I have also had clients who have experienced past lives and early life experiences that have enabled change including a traumatic birth and a Cornish smuggler.

There is another way ...

By Fiona Simpson. [www.lilacPearl.co.uk](http://www.lilacPearl.co.uk) email [info@lilacPearl.co.uk](mailto:info@lilacPearl.co.uk)

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## BOOK REVIEW

### Murder on the Orient Express - Agatha Christie (HarperCollins) 2017

The other week I went off to see the latest film adaptation of Agatha Christie's Murder on the Orient Express directed by Kenneth Branagh, co-produced by Kenneth Branagh and starring Kenneth Branagh as Hercule Poirot. A few days later, the 1974 movie based on her book - directed by Sidney Lumet and featuring Albert Finney as Poirot was offered on free-to-air television. Then, fortuitously, I was asked if I'd like to borrow the 2017 edition of the novel. I jumped at the chance of completing the trifecta.

The novel is dedicated: M.E.L.M., Arpachiyah, 1933 so I felt safe in presuming the investigation Poirot is about to undertake in the book happens in 1933.

I did some research after reading the novel, and found M.E.L.M refers to Max Edgar Lucien Mallowan - a British archaeologist and Christie's second husband. Arpachiyah is the site of an archaeological dig in Iraq where Agatha Christie was helping her husband and where she wrote Murder on the Orient Express.

In 1933, Hercule Poirot's reputation for efficiency and discretion is already well-known within the British and European police forces and the French government has requested his assistance with a sensitive investigation in Syria.

We meet Poirot as he's about to board the Taurus Express on his way to Constantinople. The hush-hush investigation has ended satisfactorily, the honour of the French forces in Syria remains intact and, we are told, much bloodshed has been averted.

Poirot intends to stay a few days in Constantinople. However, he receives a telegram requesting his return to England promptly. He enquires about a berth on the Orient Express. One is not available but a passenger for whom a place has been reserved has not arrived and it's close to departure time. On hearing the name of the passenger - a Mr Harris - Poirot is convinced Harris will not turn up. He's right. Poirot boards the train.

Nowhere in the book could I find where Poirot explains how he was so convinced Mr Harris would not appear. I searched the internet and came across Bill Peschel,\* an author and publisher of histories behind literary mysteries.

Peschel suggests the answer lies with Sarah Gamp, a character in Charles Dickens' The Life and Adventures of Martin Chuzzlewit. Sarah Gamp, a nurse with a bit of a drinking problem, always quotes a Mrs Harris to support her opinions - but Mrs Harris turns out to be a figment of the nurse's imagination. Poirot, thinking positively, convinces himself Mr Harris will turn out to be a phantom too.

On board the Orient Express, a passenger is murdered, the train is stopped by what appears to be more an avalanche than a snowdrift, and Poirot agrees to investigate.

The book, is divided into three parts: the facts; the evidence; and Poirot's little grey cells working overtime. Then the passengers are all gathered in the restaurant car for the denouement, a snow plough arrives, and the train continues on its way.

Christie's plot-driven cosy crime story presents us with a puzzle that we are invited to solve before the detective-par-excellence requests the gathering of the suspects.

There was an infamous and well-publicised true case in the 1930s that influenced the author when she was writing this tantalizing who-dunnit.

In crime novels, murder should arise from strong emotions. In Murder on the Orient Express Christie has obliged.

Lovers of her books know she's not into in-depth character analysis or elaborate descriptive prose that holds up the action. We know that motive, opportunity and method will be given to us without too much fuss; red herrings will proliferate; and as a motive: love, lust, loathing or lucre will be prominent.

We can anticipate the final theory Poirot develops will explain the isolated facts and discrepancies. He will then show how each fits into a harmonious pattern with no loose ends.

Revealing serious transgressions from the past often throws up major suspects. It can be anticipated with some certainty that Poirot will, therefore, attempt to unearth the sins of yesteryear.

In this book. Poirot is brilliant and his sense of justice balanced.

Even after 80 years plus, Christie's 1934 novel is still enjoyable and the ending is still satisfying. **10**

**Clive Hodges** \*planetpeschel.com/murder-orient-express

## EVENTS AND NOTICES

### ARE YOU WINTER READY?

The UK's gas and electricity supply is more reliable than ever before. But severe winter weather can still cause damage and disruption.

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**Know your free emergency numbers**

In a power cut dial 105 or for a gas emergency dial 0800 111999.

**Prepare your home**

Keep a torch handy and get your appliances serviced by a Gas Safe registered engineer to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning. Vulnerable households can get extra support by signing up to the Priority Services Register. Contact your gas or electricity network to find out more. Visit [www.energynetworks.org](http://www.energynetworks.org) to find out who your network operator is.

**Keep your eyes open**

Keep an eye on the weather forecast and if you have a power cut or a gas emergency, check on your neighbours.



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## STOP PRESS

### We need your contributions

We are looking for contributions for the next issues, so if you have anything you would like including e.g. upcoming events, pictures, art, observations, points of view etc. we would love to receive them.

Please email them to [newsletter@finningham.com](mailto:newsletter@finningham.com)

The deadline for inclusion in the next issue is the **16th February**



## GREY MATTER MOVERS

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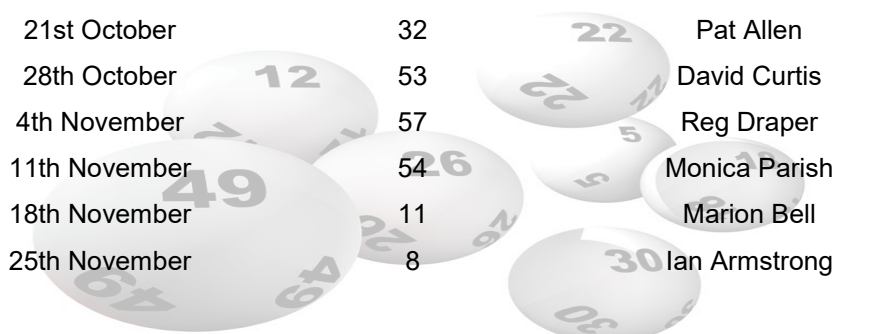
### Quick Quiz

1.	Which Roman God is one of the symbols of St Valentine's Day?
2.	Which male singer had a top ten hit with "Love Train" in 1988?
3.	What sign of the zodiac would you be if you were born on St. Valentine's Day?
4.	When Marilyn Monroe died, who asked for a fresh rose to be placed on her grave, every week, forever?
5.	In the St. Valentine's Day Massacre, what were the hitmen dressed as?
6.	Which Shakespearian character said "Good morrow. 'Tis St. Valentine's Day"?
7.	Who played Juliet opposite Leonardo Di Caprio in the 1996 film "Romeo and Juliet"?

## 49+10 BONUS BALL CLUB RESULTS

### Congratulations to the following winners:

<u>Date drawn</u>	<u>Ball number</u>	<u>Winner</u>
7th October	21	John Allen
14th October	42	Chris Kerridge
21st October	32	Pat Allen
28th October	53	David Curtis
4th November	57	Reg Draper
11th November	54	Monica Parish
18th November	11	Marion Bell
25th November	8	Ian Armstrong



Vacant balls : **51 & 59**  
to take up one, call or email Bob Storey

**Telephone 01449 781651 or Email [robert.b.storey@gmail.com](mailto:robert.b.storey@gmail.com)**

The Bonus Ball Club provides the only regular income for Friends of Finningham to provide amenities, including the cost of printing this newsletter and support to projects for young and old within the village.

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## Finningham History Group program for 2018

Nothing is as yet cast in stone, but suggested events are

- Guided walk in Lavenham.
- Summer evening walk through Walsham Le Willows
- A visit to Languard Fort at Felixstowe.

If anyone has other ideas / suggestions please pass them on to Bob (tel 781651)

## The Armistice of World War I

In celebration of this important event it is proposed to put on an exhibition of the contribution made by those from Finningham. If anyone has photos, anecdotes or any material relating to those who died, served or were otherwise involved please contact Peter Everall (tel 781412) or Margaret Strickland (tel 781487)

TO THE GLORY OF GOD.  
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HARRY BURROWS  
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Fallen WWI

## Bacton & Cotton History Society (meetings 7.30pm Bacton Village Hall)

- Tues Jan 16th **The A to Z of curious Suffolk.**
  - ◇ Sarah Doig talks about rambling through the countryside and coastline unearthing strange, spooky and mysterious facts along with Pepys and Defoes view on cheese and the game of Dwile Flanking.
- Tues Feb 20th **How we used to go – the evolution of sanitation**
  - ◇ Tony Redman describes the rise of sanitation from the bucket thrown in the street, the family 3 seater, through to the water closet and the products of Thomas Crapper.
- Tues March 20th **Shop to you drop!**
  - ◇ Shops, shop keeping and shopping in Suffolk from 1660 to 1830 is the fascinating story that Dr Pat Murrell will bring to us – on line it wasn't!

## Wickham Skeith History Group (meetings 7.45pm Wickham Skeith Village Hall)

- Wed Jan 17th **"A remarkable lady"**
  - ◇ 2018 marks the 10th anniversary of the death of Charmion Pearmain. Charmion was Village History Recorder for many years & one of the originators of our History Group in 2004. Our January meeting will centre around Alistair's video interviews with Charmion. There will also be an opportunity to see her village diaries & photo albums of life in Wickham Skeith.
- Wed Feb 21st **"Over paid, over sexed & over here"**
  - ◇ Geoffrey Kay talks about the American Air Force in East Anglia 1942-1944
- Wed March 21st **"Even more Stories from the Tower"**
  - ◇ Horry Parsons talks more about his experiences building the tower on Bury Cathedral.



Valentine's is a day where people show their love and affection for another person - usually in the form of cards, flowers, gifts and messages.

## **Who was St Valentine?**

The details are sketchy. Some say St Valentine was a priest from Rome who lived in the third century AD. Emperor Claudius II had banned marriages, believing married men made bad soldiers and St Valentine is thought to have arranged marriages in secret. He was imprisoned and sentenced to death for his crimes. There, St Valentine apparently fell in love with the jailer's daughter and sent her a love letter signed 'from your Valentine' on February 14th, the day of his execution, as a goodbye.

The name 'Valentinus' is found in the *Martyrologium Hieronymianum*, a book which was compiled between 460 and 544. The feast of St Valentine of February 14th was first established in 496 by Pope Gelasius I, who included Valentine among all those "whose names are justly revered among men, but whose acts are known only to God." Wearing a coronet made from flowers and with a stencilled inscription, St Valentine's skull now resides in the Chiesa di Santa Maria in Cosmedin, on Rome's Piazza Bocca della Verità.

## **What's Cupid got to do with it all?**

Cupid is the god of desire, erotic love, attraction and affection. He is often portrayed as the son of the love goddess Venus and the war god Mars. Cupid is also known in Latin also as Amor ("Love"). His Greek counterpart is Eros and he is just one of the ancient symbols associated with St Valentine's Day, along with the shape of a heart, doves, and the colours red and pink. He is usually portrayed as a small winged figure with a bow and arrow which he uses to strike the hearts of people. People who fall in love are said to be 'struck by Cupid's arrow'.

## **When did Valentine's Day become so commercial?**

It was during the middle of the 18th century that Valentine's started to take off in England, with lovers sending sweets and cards adorned with flowers, ribbons and images of cupids and birds. Eventually huge numbers of printed cards replaced hand-written ones. In 1913, Hallmark Cards of Kansas City began mass producing Valentine's cards. Now about a billion Valentine's Day cards are exchanged every year and it's the second largest seasonal card sending time of the year.

## **But why do some people leave anonymous cards?**

This trend was started by the Victorians, who thought it was bad luck to sign Valentine's cards with their names. The Victorians also started the rose-giving trend. They were the favourite flower of Venus, the Roman goddess of love, and have come to indicate passion and romance. Nowadays, more than 50 million roses are given for Valentine's Day every year. Every year, there will of course be some people who do not receive any cards, flowers or gifts on Valentine's Day. One teenager solved that problem by buying 900 carnations and giving them out to all the girls at his school.



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1	2	3	4	5 White Horse Pool Tournament	6	7
8	9 Coffee Caravan Parish Council mtg	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 Tea @ Bart's Bacton & Cotton Hist Society	17 Wickham Skeith History Group WI	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27 Coffee Morning and book sale	28 St Bart's Christingle Ser- vice White Horse Quiz
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WHAT'S ON - FEBRUARY 2018						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
			1	2	3 St Bart's Flower Festival meeting	4
5	6 Coffee Caravan	7	8	9	10	11
12	13 Parish Council mtg	14	15	16 <b>Newsletter copy deadline</b>	17	18
19	20 Tea @ Bart's Bacton & Cotton Hist Society	21 Wickham Skeith History Group WI	22	23	24 Coffee Morning and book sale	25 White Horse Quiz
26	27 Wickham Skeith Gardening club	28				
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