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Kirton & Falkenham Review

Services

Sunday 6th July - Trinity 3

9am - Falkenham - Morning Prayer
9am - Newbourne - Holy Communion
10am - Waldringfield - Morning Prayer
10.30am - Nacton - Holy Communion

Sunday 13th July - Trinity 4

9am - Hemley - BCP Communion
 10am - Kirton - Morning Prayer
 10am - Levington - Morning Prayer
 10-15am - Bucklesham - Holy Communion

Sunday 20th July - Trinity 5

9am - Falkenham - Holy Communion
10am - Bucklesham - All Age Praise
10am - Nacton - Morning Prayer
10am - Newbourne - Morning Service
10.30am - Waldringfield - Holy Communion

Sunday 27th July - Trinity 6

10am - Bucklesham - Morning Prayer
 10am - Hemley - Morning Prayer
 10am - Kirton - Holy Communion
 10am - Levington - Holy Communion

Minister's Musings

Summer is here and the school holidays will soon be in full swing. It's a time when we think about our own holidays and days out; visits to family and friends now we have the lighter evenings to enjoy. Time to be out in the garden and harvest the fruit and vegetables we have been growing. A time to enjoy the beauty of creation and all its bounty.

We know the seasons are changing and we don't seem to have such contrasts between them. The summers we are told are getting consistently hotter which I expect suits many of us. We can enjoy some wonderful UK scenery instead of having to travel to more distant climes for the good weather.

We are constantly being made aware of the environment and climate change and if you were a fan of Spring Watch in June you may have been alarmed by some of the statistics they quoted about different species that are in decline.

The book of Genesis tells us that God created and saw that it was all good. We are custodians of creation and can all do our bit to help the environment. We may not feel we do very much but one stone can start an avalanche! A little here and there can be a big contribution when all those little bits are added together.

We are fortunate in our benefice of villages to have some lovely scenery and places to walk and of course we have the beach within a short distance and it is lovely to see families making the most of the different facilities and refreshments. But have you seen the price of ice creams now!

Holiday time is also a time for relaxation and recharging our batteries as we all seem to lead such busy lives. Even in retirement there seems to be quite a lot on the calendar! We need to look after our mental health as well as our physical health and getting out in to nature is a good way of doing both.

So enjoy the summer and (hopefully) the good weather and of course the occasional ice cream!

Janet Stalker

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The Orwell and Deben Rural Benefice

Church news

MOTHERS UNION

Our July meeting will be held on July 2nd when we shall hear about the work of the Salvation Army's Food Bank.

This is an enterprise that we at Kirton Church support weekly and through gifts collected at our Harvest Festival and on Advent Sunday.

We would invite anyone who wishes to learn more about this important work to come and join us , 2pm in the Kirton Church Hall, tea and cake will be as usual served afterwards.

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOX OPENING

Tuesday July 29th 10 - 12 5 Gray's Orchard

All welcome to come for coffee and a chat and support this vital charity which supports vulnerable children in the UK Maddy Rhodes

Church news



KIRTON METHODIST CHAPEL

The 2025 Kirton Garden Cafe season is now underway, and continues through July and August. The programme of musical entertainment this month is as follows:

1 July - Orwell Singers (ladies choir)

8 July - Alan Day (concertina music and monologues)

15 July - What No Cake (ukulele band)

22 July - Orwellermen (shanty band)

29 July - Jax (popular songs)

The garden is open from 10:00am to 1:00pm, the music will start at 11:00 and finish about 11:45 and there are activities for children during the school holidays. There is tea/coffee and home made cake, but you are welcome to bring your own sandwiches if you would like a full picnic! Everyone is welcome including passing cyclists and dog walkers.

Admission is free, but donations will be most welcome.

Hire of Kirton Chapel

Kirton Methodist Chapel is available to use or to hire, if you feel it is a suitable venue for a function which you may be running.

Since Kirton Chapel is now officially part of Felixstowe Methodist Church, which covers all four of our locations on the peninsula, there is a standard booking procedure. This should be done through our website; search for Felixstowe Methodist Church and from the home page click on Contact, and then Bookings. This page also gives details of the conditions for hire.

Once you have submitted the page there should be an answer to your query by the following day. Following this procedure ensures there are no double bookings or misunderstandings. Thank you,

Heather Farthing.

Susan's Witterings

SWIFTS

The highlight of June was counting the 9 pairs of swifts that we have nesting in our boxes and roof this year. 8 pairs in boxes and one still in the roof. It is a delight on a warm summer evening to watch them screaming around our old cottage as they have done for hundreds of years probably.

SUFFOLK DAY

Well as I write this it is still a few days away and the forecast looks good. It has become an annual event which benefits several local charities. A lot of hard work goes on behind the scenes by a good team and my thanks go to them and to everyone who helps in one way or another including all those who come to support us on the day. Suffolk is a wonderful place to live and we are so lucky to live here in Kirton and Falkenham. Results will be published next month.

TEA SHOP

Our Community Tea Shop will continue through July but we shall have a break during August.

FIBRE BROADBAND

The laying of this and the necessary closing of roads will be with us for a while longer. They are cheerful hard working men doing the work. I just hope we all benefit from it.

A LITTLE MORE OF MY FAMILY HISTORY

Having made contact with one of my sisters, Lynn, we drove down to her cottage in Frome, I was guardedly excited meeting her for the first time. I needn't have worried. As we got out of the car she rushed to meet me and flung her arms round me. Same height and wearing the same clothes! Blue and white striped tops and navy trousers. When I walked in her husband said 'good heavens I did not know there were 2 Lynns'. It transpired we had chosen the same coloured paint for our sitting rooms and both had blue and white china and preferred good second hand furniture to modern. We hit it off right from the start. She and my brother and I all had a similar sense of humour and had a lot of fun together. She did of course come and live in our annexe for a year so lots of people met her but unfortunately she died a couple of years ago. I am so pleased we met but regret that we did not know one another years ago.

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K & F Gardeners' club

July's meeting is a visit to Holm House in Drinkstone. The garden is approximately ten acres including orchard and lawns with mature trees and clipped holm oaks. There is a formal garden with topiary, parterre and mixed borders, a rose garden and woodland walk and a lake set in a wildflower meadow. Along with a cut flower garden, a kitchen garden and a Mediterranean courtyard, so there is something for everyone. Do try to come along.

For those that cant make it there is a magnificent Holm Oak opposite the church hall. The Holm Oak or Holly Oak is native to the Mediterranean and was introduced to Britian in the 16th Century. It was used in ancient Greece for divination where its leaves were used to tell the future and used by the romans for tools, cartwheels and wagons. It is evergreen and is also known for its ability to withstand coastal conditions.

Well, the weather has continued to be a mixed bag during June. Hot, very hot, rain, thunderstorms, then hot again. Who knows what July will bring. Most plants seem to have weathered it (excuse the pun) very well, but some do seem a bit confused with the season. My roses seemed to have flowered early whilst some things seem a bit late. Still it has given rise to some different flowering combinations and the intermittent rain seems to have been just enough to keep the grass green(ish) so mustn't moan. By the time you read this the club garden party will have come and gone and so I plan to ease off a bit from the intensive gardening and just enjoy it, but I'm sure nature will have other plans and things won't stop growing or need weeding. Will I ever live my fantasy of a lady with a trug that has perfect nails and just does a but of snipping and pruning? I think not.

We also have the club holiday to look forward to this month so hopefully I can report more about that next month.

K & F Gardener's Club

In the meantime:

Deadhead bedding plants and repeat flowering perennials to ensure continuous flowering

Cut lavender for drying. Habg up in a cool dark place to dry.

Give dahlias a liquid feed and keep them well watered, staking taller varieties if needed.

Keep a watch out for pests such as lilly beetles and aphids and remove them before they so too much damage

Now is the time to sew biennials such as foxgloves, honesty and wallflowers for next year

Take cuttings from fuchsias, pelargoniums, marguerites and other tender perennials

On the allotment

Pick courgettes before they become marrows

Make last pickings of rhubarb and remove any flower spikes that start to form down to the base

Thin out crops of apples, pears and plumbs removing any damaged or undersized fruit

Cover brassicas with fine netting to prevent cabbage white butterflies laying their eggs on the leaves

Feed tomatoes, chillies and cucumbers with high potash tomato fertiliser every week to encourage fruiting

Most of all enjoy your garden

Debbie



K & F Parish Council

The June meeting was attended by 7 Parish Councillors, District Councillor and the PTO (Public Transport Officer). As newly elected Chairman, Mr Cade thanked Mr Paul for his previous role as Chair. He also said that he hoped that going forward the Council might be able to rotate the role more frequently than has happened in the past.

During the Public Open Forum the poor state of the notice boards and bus shelter on the village green were raised. It was agreed to add this to the next meeting agenda in order to plan a way forward.

During his report the District Councillor (Mr Ninnmey) reported that he'd had discussions with the Police & Crime Commissioner (PCC) regarding the lack of police presence at Parish Council meetings in order that matters of a more rural interest might be covered. The PC supported his and the PCC's view that a joint meeting of local, rural PCs, together with police representatives would be a good idea.

Regarding the complaint about the removal of the phone box, the previously noted rejection of the PC complaint to the Ombudsman has been referred to group leading the village campaign for its restoration to see if they wish to progress an individual complaint. The Ombudsman stated that any complaint must be made by an individual who is "directly and significantly affected".

The PC has undertaken the most urgent repairs of the Playground, with some minor repairs ongoing. The PC has taken on overall responsibility for the Playground and will discuss further the means of maintaining it in good condition.

Regarding EA3, there appears to be considerable re-work required to overcome previous poor installation practice. Two out of the four new jointing bays have been completed, and once in place we anticipate a significant increase in large vehicle movements as they deliver cables. The proposed substation on the Recreation Ground is still ongoing, awaiting detailed installation plans.

Following a reviewing the VE 80 commemoration event, the PC wish to thank all those who helped make the event such a success.



Village Diary Other Events

Wed	2	14:00 - 16:00	Mothers Union CH		
Sat	5	09:00 - 18:00	Judo Festival CH		
Sun	6	09:00 - 10:00	CofE Morning Worship FC		
		10:00 - 11:00	Methodist Service MC		
Tue	8	19:30 - 21:30	Deben Flower Club CH		
Wed	9	14:30 - 16:00	Tea Shop CH		
Thu	10	14:00 - 16:00	Women's Institute VH		
		19:30 - 22:00	Gardener's Club		
Fri	11	10:00 - 11:00	Open Circle - BHL		
		18:30 - 21:30	Model Car Racing VH		
Sun	13	10:00 - 11:00	CofE Morning Worship KC		
		11:00 - 12:00	Church Coffees CH		
		17:00 - 20:00	Reiki Healing Spiritual Service VH		
Tue	15	K&F Review & Diary Deadline			
Tue	15	12:05 - 12:20	Mobile Library KG		
		13:20 - 14:00	Mobile Library - Gray's Orchard		
Sun	20	09:00 - 10:00	CofE Holy Communion FC		
		10:00 - 11:00	Methodist Service MC		
Wed	23	- Sun 7 Sep	Schools Summer Holiday		
Wed	23	14:30 - 16:00	Tea Shop CH		
Fri	25	18:30 - 21:30	Model Car Racing VH		
Sat	26	10:00 - 11:30	Coffee Morning MC		
Sun	27	10:00 - 11:00	CofE Holy Communion KC		
		11:00 - 12:00	Church Coffees CH		

Available online: kirton-suffolk.info/village-diary/

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Village Diary

Weekly events

Please check with Organisers for cancellations.

Mon	08:15 - 17:15	Kirton Kites Pre-school VH
	10:30 - 12:30	Line Dancing CH
	13:30 - 16:00	u3a Bolivia Canasta BC
	16:00 - 19:00	3 Pilates classes RP
	18:00 - 20:30	Judo classes CH
	18:30 - 20:00	Cub Scouts SH
	19:15 - 21:30	Whist Drive VH
Tue	08:15 - 17:15	Kirton Kites Pre-school VH
	18:00 - 19:00	Beaver Scouts SH
	19:30 - 21:30	Explorer Scouts SH
Wed	08:15 - 17:15	Kirton Kites Pre-school VH
	09:30 - 11:00	Yoga classes CH (NOT Jul 2)
	19:00 - 21:00	Scouts SH
Thu	10:00 - 11:30	ActivLives Better Balance CH
	19:00 - 20:30	Bell ringing practice FC
Fri	08:15 - 17:15	Kirton Kites Pre-school VH
	18:00 - 20:30	Judo classes CH

Key to Locations

BC	Bowls Club	CH	Church Hall	FC	Falkenham Church
KC	Kirton Church	KG	Kirton Green	MC	Methodist Church
Rec	Rec Ground	RP	Rec Pavilion	SH	Scout Hut
VH	Village Hall	WH	White Horse		

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We will be calling at Kirton Recreation Ground for a 90-120 minute break where the 1st Kirton Scout Group will be making Bacon Sandwiches, Sausage Sandwiches, Tea, Coffee and Cakes. Profits from this will aid their local Scout funds.

Raffle tickets will also be on sale there and the draw made before we leave the Recreation Ground. Proceeds from this will go to St Elizabeth Hospice.

The cost per tractor for entry is £15.00 to be given along with your entry form at the registration area.

Any sponsorship will be appreciated and can be handed in at registration. Any sponsorship collected after the day can be handed to the organiser:-

David Cope, 42 Bucklesham Road, Kirton, IP10 OPB or phone 07497514769 to arrange this.

We will look forward to seeing as many as possible and hope you will enjoy it as much as we have over the previous years.

Editorial page

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Please submit handwritten or typed articles to Linda Negus. BEFORE 15th please. Items received after this date will not be included.

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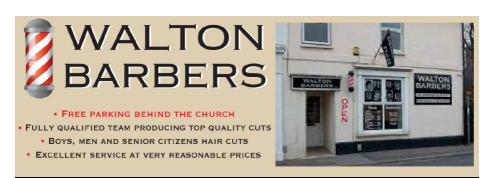
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Deben Flower Club

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Don't forget to save the date for our next fund-raising quiz on Saturday, 1st November 7 for 7.30pm to include a Ploughman's supper. Bring your own drinks, glasses and nibbles. Tables of up to six. For further information email Wendy wa@sandlings.co.uk or telephone Sandy on 07910463158.



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On Saturday, 4th October from 10 am to 2 pm we will be serving tea, coffee and homemade soup and cake as we did last year. This is a great opportunity to catch up with friends and neighbours so please come along. The Church will be decorated for the harvest festival and hopefully the Churchyard will be full of autumn colours.

There is no charge for the refreshments, but we woney for Church repairs, including the tower.

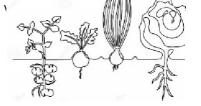


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K & F Women's Institute

Next meeting: 2pm on Thursday 10th July in the Village Hall

Speaker: David Gledhill

Topic: The Landguard Trust
Competition: A Beachcombing Find



At our last meeting in June, we welcomed two ladies "without their hats" from Hunnball Funerals. This is a family business which has been serving Suffolk and Essex for forty years. It is a 24 hour service 365 days a year. They were here to give us some reassuring information about how they help bereaved families at this most difficult of times.

Before the funeral directors can take care of the deceased, a death certificate must be acquired. Unfortunately, this can take some time, but it is then that the first response team takes over and collects the body in one of their silver vehicles. Roses play an important part in Hunnaball's care process, accompanying the decedent throughout their journey.

When it comes to coffins, there is a remarkable amount of choice these days. Anything from cardboard or willow to mahogany or 24-carat gold plated, which is what Zsa Zsa Gabor had at the cost of almost £30,000. They can also be bespoke, almost works of art if so desired! If cremation is chosen then ashes can not only be placed in an urn or locket but can be incorporated into jewellery, furniture, pictures and even fireworks. What's more ashes can be scattered almost anywhere including space!

There are many decisions that the families must make at this time but they could be made more easily if the dear departed had spoken about their wishes some time before. A lesson to us all maybe?

After our fairly serious talk, interspersed with a few light hearted moments we quickly dealt with WI business followed by a tasty tea. The competition this month, entitled "a photo of myself with sibling or cousin" was won by Joyce with a charming picture of her as bridesmaid to her cousin the bride.

S. Fothergill

Rev Weir's Newsletters

This months notes are from Revd Weir's Newsletter's from July 1958, 59 & 63.

July 1958

Never was there such a perfect fete day in all my 30 years, and never a more happy parochial undertaking; it went off without a hitch or jar of any kind. I thank God for all of you concerned; and I was deeply touched by the many personal assurances and messages I received. Mrs Weir's Exhibition contributed much to the fete's success, and attracted some very interesting people. The financial outcome is not finally known as I write (June 17th), but it should be about £163, one of our best results so far.

July 1959

We could not have wished a more perfect day for our fete (June 13th), and what an enjoyable time we had! The Rectory grounds looked at their loveliest. (I thank Mr. Paul for having the long grass mown, thus setting off the beauty of the trees). I was much moved to see the happy way in which the helpers - some 80 in numberworked, and to see so many kind friends (upwards of 600) present. The final result is not known as I write, but it cannot be less than £160, a wonderful sum considering Mrs. Paul's earlier appeal regarding Kirton Church's heating apparatus, and our not having one of Mrs. Weir's attractive exhibitions.

Congratulations to Kirton & Falkenham Choral Class on being awarded the exceptional First Class Certificate at the Suffolk Music Festival; it's members include: Mesdames Boyd, Farrow, Foster, Giles, Goodall, Hall, D. Keeble, J. Keeble, Lewis, Skeet, Townsend, with Miss K. Thurston, conductor and Mrs. F. Rivett, accompanist.

July 1963

Reverend Weir wrote: I must warn parishioners not to believe rumours about my retirement from my incumbency here. Unless, of course, the Almighty disposes otherwise, I do not intend retiring until I feel my duty has been discharged to my parishes; and when that time comes, I'll personally inform the Church Councils first.

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Me, Dangerous? How Absurd! The old tree in the corner of the paddock leafed away a tear. "Soon' it thought, "Very soon, I'll be gone from here." "Me dangerous? How absurd! They came by again, the other day, I heard each anxious word and hoped what they're actually seeing is my old age pain. I am guite prepared to meet my Lord." "I've enjoyed the birds' songs, being tickled by squirrels' tails and creatures deep within me. I've kept my branches open wide, never turning away creatures needing to hide and given shelter of my best, from the weather at its cruellest." "I've been hugged and kissed and know I'll be missed vet there's a good chance, one will see, another oldie like me because my friends the squirrels have done their best, to plant lots of my progeny." "I cannot keep fighting old age (though some hoped I'd do so again) In the book of life, on my final page, soon after they came to fell, the clouds came and whispered where are you? we've got you some rain. I had, at last, surrendered to the long dry spell." "Please, please don't forget, the most beautiful pine, yet! It stood near the hall. It is no longer brushing the sky, it too had to take a fall." "So as you gaze upwards and see extra blue. perhaps with a sad sigh or two, with reminiscent smile, you'll think of the Magnificent Two, who once towered high above you. with great aplomb and style!"

Jane Jones, 14/6/25

The Churchyard

Have you visited the Churchyard in Spring, it is an amazing experience-firstly the snowdrops flower heralding the arrival of Spring, followed by the daffodils. and then at the bottom of the churchyard there is a carpet of primroses and elsewhere cowslips bloom.

If you haven't visited come and sit for a while and enjoy the peace only disturbed by the birds singing and the bees buzzing

You may wonder who looks after this beautiful place, cutting the grass, removing dead flowers off graves that are not attended regularly, sweeping the paths and generally keeping the churchyard looking beautiful.

There is a team of 4 volunteers who undertake this rewarding work but we would really appreciate more help. In the growing season could you offer an hour or so every 10 days approximately, you would have your own area to cut at a time convenient to yourself. We have a new petrol lawnmower for your use.

Thank you in anticipation for your offer of help - please contact Jen Richmond - Hardy on 07843 620499 or email jenrh45@gmail.com.

Kirton Fun Run

THANK YOU!

Hello

Thank you to anyone who sponsored me for the Kirton Fun run. I raised £130 for my cousin Jack

Love Ruby

(We are all really proud of Ruby who completed the run in 20 minutes especially

K & F Parish Council

The PC noted that the Orwell Bridge will be undergoing repairs during June and July with a number of lane and slip road closures. For further details visit the National Highways website (nationalhighways.co.uk/travel-updates/the-orwell-bridge/).

Following significant interest at the Annual Parish Meeting, 37 forms have so far been returned regarding the proposal to progress making White Horse Pub a Community Asset.

Graham Walker, Clerk

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Mon 7th July Mon 1st Sept



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