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# Kirton & Falkenham Review

## Services

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#### Sunday 4th Easter 3

9am	Falkenham	Morning Prayer
9am	Newbourne	Holy Communion
10am	Waldringfield	Morning Prayer
10:30am	Nacton	Holy Communion

#### Sunday 11th Easter 4

10am	Falkenham	Benefice Holy Communion	Christian Aid
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#### Sunday 18th Easter 5

9am	Falkenham	Holy Communion
10am	Bucklesham	All Age Praise
10am	Nacton	Morning Prayer
10am	Newbourne	Morning Prayer
10:30am	Waldringfield	Holy Communion

#### Sunday 25th Easter 6

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

# Reader's Ramblings

Love and greetings for the 'Merry Month of May' from my Ipswich suburban home to your beautiful corner of the Suffolk countryside, with its lanes, fields, views, and its two vibrant communities, bounded by the idyllic Deben estuary.

I was a ten-year-old fanatical church-crawler and new to Felixstowe, when I alighted from the 201 bus at Trimley's Banks's Corner (immortalising Canon Sherbrooke Banks, who had lived at the nearby rectory), and walked down the lane signposted 'Kirton 1½, Falkenham 2', passing the 'United District School', and descending into Kirton's idyllically-set church through the tower door. A lady in my previous (Hertfordshire) village who had grown up in Kirton, had told me about the remarkable Reverend Weir (who in my later teens called me a young upstart after a remark of mine at a meeting which clashed with his ultra-Protestant views)! I then proceeded to Falkenham and gained my first sight of this gem of a church, with its magnificent tower, in its sequestered setting.

I loved the amazing views from the road to Falkenham, across the Deben valley, and my first mouthwatering sight of a mysterious, isolated, far-off round-towered church on the other side, which turned out to be Ramsholt's. I later discovered that you get a lovely view of it up-river from Falkenham churchyard and that the footpaths at the end of Park Lane will bring you opposite where it has stood for maybe 1000 years, remote, elevated and beautiful, on the other side.

I remember this as I travel each month to conduct Ramsholt's BCP Matins and preach from their three-decker pulpit for the occupants (14 in March and 19 in February) of the box-pews. I always ring the bell violently before the service, hoping that the wind may carry it across the river to tell my own parishes that I'm thinking of them. As I leave, I stand in the porch to marvel at one of the best views in Suffolk, down the river to Felixstowe, and across it to our parishes.

Do go and find this amazing, open and welcoming little church in its sequestered spot 0.6 miles along its little lane. It is a gem and you'll not forget your visit to it!

***'But, hang on'*** you may say, ***'Shouldn't your article really be about God?'*** Oh, but it is - all of it! The older I get, the more I see God in the beauty of Creation, in the wonder and sanctity of our amazing churches (which brought me to my knees as a lad), and in the faces of people (cos Jesus said so), whoever and whatever they may be - and I am amazed! May God bless you, Roy T.



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# Church news

## MOTHERS UNION

The subject of his talk will be "Leading your Church into growth"

This a subject which should interest all church members as we seek to secure the future of our congregations.

Do please come and join us at 2pm.

After Toby's talk refreshments will be served. All are welcome.

Helen Davy 01394270703

## THIS MONTH WE HAVE EXTRACTS FROM REVD. WEIR'S NEWSLETTERS FROM MAY 1958, "59 & "64

### **May 1964**

17th WHIT-SUNDAY This festival celebrate God's presence in the world, especially in the hearts of his believing children. Besides Churchpeople, whose duty it is to worship on Whit-Sunday I invite all Christians not otherwise engaged to share in our worship.

### **May 1959**

On Sunday 3rd, popularly known as Farm Sunday, our church services will have reference to the newly-sown crops; I hope for good attendances, especially of those directly concerned with the land.

New hymnals, prayerbooks and psalters have been purchased for Kirton Church; users are asked to treat them with care.

### **May 1958**

About the Kirton Parish Council Election, 26 candidates contest 15 seats. You may vote for only one candidate, but your voting for more than 15 would wash out all your votes. If you spoil your voting paper, the Clerk will exchange it for another one. You might find it helpful to choose 15 names (or less) from the following list, make a list of your chosen ones, and with its help mark your votes on the voting paper with an X opposite the names. And don't be like the old lady who apologised for not voting for me at the last Parish Council Election. "I runned out of votes" she explained "before I got to W".

Jo Shaw

# Church news

## CHRISTIAN AID WEEK MAY 2025 FOUNDED IN 1945-80 YEARS OF HOPE

Christian Aid has been united in the fight against poverty and injustice for 80 years. First founded by British and Irish churches to help refugees following the Second World War in 1945. 2025 marks 80 years of hope offered to communities who need it most. This year's focus highlights the hope given to Guatemala. However, we cannot forget the devastation in Myanmar following the catastrophic earthquakes. Christian Aid colleagues in Myanmar are able to offer immediate support. Monies raised during Christian Aid week will ensure our neighbours around the world living in poverty and hit by disasters can be given hope and support to survive and rebuild their lives.

Our local Christian Aid group have arranged these events to raise much needed funds:

**Saturday 10th May @10am- 12 noon** Tunes at 10 at Trinity Methodist Church, Felixstowe  
Light refreshments and a Book and Jigsaw stall

**Saturday 17th May 10 am - 12noon** Christian Aid Coffee Morning at St. John's Church, Orwell Road, Felixstowe  
I look forward to seeing you at one or both events!

Our Benefice we will be holding a Christian Aid Benefice Service on Sunday May 11th at 10am in Falkenham Church. A warm welcome to all.

Many thanks for your continued help for this charity, sharing Christian Love for our neighbours in need.

Sandra Abbott Benefice Representative for Felixstowe District Christian Aid Group.

# Notices

## IT'S A LOAD OF BOWLS!

I am reliably informed by some, still playing, founder members that the Kirton and Falkenham Short Mat (Indoor) Bowls club will be observing its Ruby (40th!) anniversary in 2026 and we would like you to come and join to help us celebrate! We meet for “roll up” between September and April on a Tuesday evening in the Village Hall and, we all agree(!), we are a friendly club, keen to welcome new members of all ages! At the moment our members range in age from 17 to 87 so there is a place for you! As a new member you will be informally tutored by existing members and there are woods available that you can try. Most importantly there is tea and cake and chat at half time. There is also the opportunity (but no obligation) to take part in league and cup matches and, it's fair to say, the club holds its own against the other local clubs. It's a really good opportunity to be a part of your local village community, so come along and have a go! Our start of season is 2nd September and the contact number to enquire is Ray Pinner on 07817563695. You'll be surprised how much you enjoy it!

Fiona Rowe

## WHIST DRIVE MONDAY EVENINGS

We have been running a Whist Drive in Kirton Village Hall on Monday evenings for many years.

We are in need of a few new people to come along and join us and keep it going. Whist is a fun card game - not difficult. We charge £2 to play. There are prizes to be won. We also hold a raffle each evening from 50p a strip - so it's a cheap night out and you get a cup of tea or coffee included!

It would be really lovely to see some new faces. We have about 17 regulars who come most weeks. A few more would be welcome.

Arrive at the hall at 7 pm to start at 7.15 pm.

If you are interested please come along on a Monday or telephone:

Bob 448711

Val 448418 for more information.

Looking forward to seeing you there.

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# K & F Gardeners' club

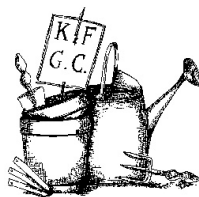
This month the garden club kick off their summer programme on May 8th with a visit to Holmwood Cottages in Polstead. Its always good to get out and visit other peoples gardens not only to gain some inspiration and see what grows well but also to just admire and spend some time with like minded people.



You would think that at my age I would have learned but after the stresses of opening my garden last summer I have agreed to do it again! However, the fine and lovely April has allowed us all to get out into our gardens earlier this year so I feel I am making good progress already even if it does mean that the grass and weeds have made an early start to match. The mild weather has thrown me a bit this year. I've had to water pots already and I keep looking at plants and thinking they are not very big yet and then remembering that its still early in the year and I shouldn't be expecting flowers for several months. its also been tempting to plant things out already thinking there will be no more frost. That's the thing about gardening. Mother nature is always throwing something different at us every year to keep us on our toes and stop us from being complacent.

Last year I put aside an area to grow some flowers for cutting and it worked reasonably well although I have learnt that more staking is necessary. I plan to expand that this year and so the greenhouse is full of seedlings, bulbs and Daliah tubers bursting into life. There is nothing quite like putting an arrangement of your own flowers in the house and I like the continuity of the link back to the stately homes of the past, where the flowers were grown in the kitchen garden and greenhouses and then picked and arranged in the house by the head gardener. Its only a shame that I am cook, housekeeper and laundry maid as well!

British grown cut flowers are definitely on trend. At the April meeting Steve Medley at Roselea Nursery commented that they had sold an increasing amount of cut flowers last year, Sarah Raven has made it trendy amongst gardeners and at Deben Flower Club we see more and more demonstrators brining local grown flowers and talking about using them for weddings etc. It certainly is more environmentally friendly than lots of airmiles but also more personally satisfying I feel.



# K & F Gardeners' Club

## Jobs for May include

Watch out for viburnum beetle and lily beetle grubs and remove by hand if causing damage (if you can catch them!)

Prune spring shrubs, such as forsythia and chaenomeles, after flowering to keep them compact

Reduce your snail populations by going on regular evening hunts, especially during damp weather

Divide established clumps of hostas as they come into growth.

Trim back spreading plants such as aubrieta, alyssum and Iberis after they've flowered, to encourage fresh new growth and more blooms.

Towards the end of the month, keep an eye out for powdery mildew on flowering shrubs and flowers, like rhododendrons. Treat with fungicide to prevent further spread. At

Lift forget-me-nots to prevent heavy self-seeding and reduce spreading.

And on the veg plot

Earth up potatoes as they grow to protect early shoots from frost damage but also to ensure the developing potatoes aren't exposed to light which turns them green and poisonous. Steve pointed out that this is why they sell potatoes at Roselea with soil on them as it helps to prevent them from going green even though some shoppers don't like it.

Start sowing dwarf and climbing French beans, as well as runner beans, directly outdoors in warm weather Hang pheromone traps in apple and plum trees from May to July, to control pests Lets hope May is as kind as April and we don't get any nasty

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# K & F Parish Council

The Annual Parish Meeting is not a Parish Council Meeting as such, as its aim is to report back to parishioners, rather than to conduct normal business. This year's meeting took place on 8th April, with over thirty in attendance, the main attraction being a presentation on how Bentley successfully achieved the purchase of their village pub and later established a community shop using a Community Interest Purchase (CIP). Peter Cross and David Westley explained how the Case is Altered closed in 2013, and by registering a CIP, were able to purchase the pub and have it up and running by the end of that year. They explained how they engaged with the community by means of a survey to ascertain the level of interest, both in terms of helping to finance the purchase, and volunteering to run it once opened. The pub is now open 5 days a week and has an annual profit of around £11.5k. The investment model uses the Enterprise Investment Scheme, which has attractive tax benefits for investors. Peter Lickert explained that the White Horse pub was currently up for sale for around £350k, plus fixtures and fittings, and had apparently received interest from parties interested in looking at purchasing the pub for alternative use. If there is sufficient interest in purchasing the pub as a village asset, the first step will be to raise a CIP (valid only 6 months from initial decision to sell). If you wish to understand more and join those who have already expressed an interest, please email Peter at [2lickert@gmail.com](mailto:2lickert@gmail.com). A questionnaire will also be included in the May Review in order to gauge the level of support.

Reporting on the Emergency Plan, Peter Lickert outlined the possible communication difficulties, especially with vulnerable individuals, which will result from the move to Digital Voice by BT. The withdrawal of traditional telephone line services will mean that alternative means, such as mobile phones, will need to be used during power cuts. However if an incident was more widespread, say removing connectivity to the mobile network, a solution using amateur radio might be appropriate. To this end Raynet have been approached with a view to trialling their amateur radio service. Michael Paul then gave the Parish Council report for the previous year. He reflected on the fact that there had been no crimes reported for either village, something he hoped would continue. He commented on the increases in residential and industrial development and the pressure being put on an already inadequate road system, and whether the need for a northern Ipswich bypass would become inevitable. Continued on page 11



# K & F Parish Council

The final phase of the Scottish Power EA3 project has now commenced and is planned for completion by December, and it is hoped there will be less impact on villagers as much of the infrastructure is already in place. Michael also observed the impact of Sizewell C construction in terms of resources and infrastructure, and the ongoing rollout of wind farms along the coast line. He finished by thanking the Clerk and Parish Councillors, and the Tree Warden and PTLO for their help during the past year.

Reporting on the Accounts, Graham Walker outlined the areas where the Council had either significantly overspent or underspent the budget. The largest overspend was the funding contribution to the Kirton and Falkenham Review, and village website, which has now been baked into future budgets. The largest underspends were due to delays in spending on environmental services (such as replacing the Village Green restricted access pole), and reduction in the Clerk salary and associated expenses following a review in November.

Graham reiterated the policy from earlier years that a key objective of the Council is to continue to grow the Legal reserves in order to contest any future proposed development of Innocence Farm. A complete breakdown is available from the Accounts section of the PC website.

Susan Harvey (through a report read out by Rosie Walker), reporting for the Nassau Trust, said that they held approx £41k of funds. The interest from these funds, plus income from allotments etc, is available to support those in need. She reported there had been only one funded request for help over the last year. There remain three empty allotment plots, available for uptake by interested parties.

John Beer submitted a written report covering the Recreation Ground. He reported that the Pavilion (now over 20 years old), and generally in good condition, noting that the toilets had been redecorated in July. He says that the boiler will need to be replaced in due course, and reserves are being held for this purpose. Kirton Kestrels Football club remain the main users, spending around £1.6k annually. The football pitch renovation project is continuing (with significant funding from the Football Foundation towards the £6k cost), this is a five year project which commenced in 2023. The carpark continues to be a problem area, with flooding after rain, unfortunately the required planning permission has delayed the project to improve the situation with necessary groundworks, but will hopefully be completed this year. Continued on page 12

# K & F Parish Council

The other users of the Pavilion include Pilates, local beekeepers, private parties and of course the Parish Council. The usual “big” events took place last year: Kirton 5m race; Scouts car boot; Radio car boot; Tractor rally; Suffolk Day; Village fete, all continuing to prove popular. The Play area is still well used, and the annual inspection revealed no “high risk” problems, however the “log world” apparatus is being to look a little antiquated (around 35 years old) but would cost approx £20k to replace. John received a vote of thanks, and applause, from the meeting for the significant contribution he makes to the running of the Rec and Pavilion.

Lee Reeves, ES Council, focused on two key issues. The first relates to Planning and the Government directive to increase the housing supply from the previously agreed 905, to 1,644 per year across East Suffolk, amounting to an 82% increase. Unfortunately because ESC will no longer be able to demonstrate a five year supply from Sept 25 according to the new targets, there is an expectation that we will be subject to “Speculative development”, whereby plans may now be put forward for substantial developments under the presumption of approval, provided they comply with policies under existing local plans. The second issue concerns the anticipated appointment of a Mayor for Norfolk and Suffolk, and the move to a unitary authority, which will see District and County Councils merged into either two or three councils covering the whole of Suffolk. Depending on the approach taken there could be a range of outcomes, from a reduction in Councillor representation per head of population, to a hoped benefit of a having a single authority responsible for resolving issues.

Lee also highlighted the grant contributions from the Enabling Communities Budget, including locally a £5k grant towards the cost of insulating the main roof of the Village Hall, which still has an uninsulated “cold roof” design dating from over 100 years ago

The local History Recorder for Falkenham, Jo Shaw, reported on the pending departure from Kirton of Jean and Colin Shaw, and Colin’s retirement earlier last year following 31 years as Clerk to the PC. Both received a vote of thanks, and applause, from the meeting for the significant contribution they have made during their time in the village. Jo went on to highlight the key things of note over the year including: Completion of electrical installations and pumps for the new reservoir on Drunkards Lane; Various road flooding issues; Northern Lights spectaculars; The removal of the Kirton Village Green phone box; New solar panels installed on Sheepgate Lane; Flooding and resulting mud slide onto the road in Falkenham; Retirement of Andy the postman after 23 years; Falkenham Church snowdrop display.

Jo also mentioned two published books from villagers this year, the first by Ann Quentin, based on her wartime childhood, the second a poetry collection by Stephen Harvey. Jo has started sharing excerpts from old newsletters in the Review, and hopes to organise an exhibition to showcase memorabilia from a former member of the Kirton Football team later this year. In closing Jo noted the sad goodbye to several members of the community over the past year including Maureen Pinner, who organised the Thursday Club for many years, and Eric Maule who assisted and served on many committees over the years.

Graham Walker, Clerk

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**Parish Council Meetings**

**Mon 12th May (Annual Parish Council Meeting)**

**Mon 2nd June**

# White Horse Pub

## THE WHITE HORSE PUB IS UP FOR SALE!

IT MIGHT NOT BE TOO LATE TO HAVE IT AS A COMMUNITY ASSET

Retaining an asset in the village will protect the value of your property.

If you would like to try to retain a pub in the community and perhaps maybe own a share in it, please complete the very brief survey below. There is a lot to be done in a short time, so please don't delay.

**1.Do you think it worthwhile trying to retain the property as a pub? Yes/No**

**If yes please continue with the rest of the questions.**

**2.Should it be registered as a building with Community Value? Yes/No**

**3.If the premises is registered as of community value it would need to be egistered legally and have a committee to oversee this initially. Would you be willing to be on this committee?**

**Yes/No**

**4.If in agreement we would need a business prospectus and rules to run by, have you any experience in these areas?**

**Yes/No**

**5.Though the general running of the organisation will be carried out by a small committee all shareholders can have a say. On the presumption of 1 person, 1 vote, it does not matter how many shares you hold, but if reasonably priced would you be willing to purchase shares?**

**Yes/No**

**6.Though difficult it may be possible to include a community shop on the premises or within the grounds.**

**Might this influence your decision?**

**Yes/No**

Your Name: -

Address: -

Contact tel. no.

e-mail: -

Once completed please send your replies to: -

Peter Lickert, 1 Meadowlands Kirton, IP10 0PP.

Email: - 2lickert@gmail.com

# Village Diary Other Events

## Other events in May

Fri	2	18:30 - 21:30	Model Car Racing VH
Sat	3	- Mon 5	Festival of Scarecrows CH
Sun	4	09:00 - 10:00	CofE Morning Worship FC
		10:00 - 11:00	Methodist Service MC
Wed	7	14:00 - 16:00	Mothers Union CH
Thu	8	14:00 - 16:00	Women's Institute VH
		19:30 - 22:00	Gardener's Club
Fri	9	10:00 - 11:00	Open Circle - BHL
Sat	10	10:00 - 14:00	Ladies' Shopping Day CH
Sun	11	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	13	19:30 - 21:30	Deben Flower Club CH
Wed	14	14:30 - 16:00	Tea Shop CH
Thu	15	K&F Review & Diary Deadline	
Fri	16	18:30 - 21:30	Model Car Racing VH
Sat	17	19:00 - 22:00	Friends of Kirton Church Quiz Night CH
Sun	18	09:00 - 10:00	CofE Holy Communion FC
		10:00 - 11:00	Methodist Service MC
		10:00 - 14:00	1st Kirton Car Boot Sale Rec
Tue	20	12:05 - 12:20	Mobile Library KG
		13:20 - 14:00	Mobile Library - Gray's Orchard
Sat	24	- Sun 1 Jun	Schools Summer Half Term Holiday
Sun	25	10:00 - 11:00	CofE Holy Communion KC
		11:00 - 12:00	Church Coffees CH
Wed	28	14:30 - 16:00	Tea Shop CH
Fri	30	18:30 - 21:30	Model Car Racing VH
Sat	31	10:00 - 11:30	Coffee Morning MC

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# Village Diary May 2025

## 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 (NOT May 5)
	13:30 - 16:00	u3a Bolivia Canasta BC
	16:00 - 19:00	3 Pilates classes RP
	18:00 - 20:30	Judo classes CH (NOT May 5)
	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
	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		

# Susan's Witterings

## DEFIBRILLATORS

Did you know that we have 3 Defibrillators in the village should anyone need to use one? One on the Church Hall, one on The White Horse pub and one on the Pavilion on the Recreation Ground. We are hoping to get someone to talk about the use of these at our Suffolk Day on 21st June.

## SUFFOLK DAY 21ST JUNE Watch out for posters and banners nearer the day.

We would welcome any help for a short time on Thursday 19th June at 6.30 at the storage shed beside the church hall. We have to take all the chairs and picnic tables and large tables to the Pavilion on the Rec. Loading and unloading does not take long if there are several of us helping. Also if you have any contributions for the tombola or the draw please bring them to me at May Cottage or to Carol Richards at No. 17 Falkenham Road. All the money from Suffolk Day goes to local charities.

We are hoping to have a home made crown competition where children can make their own crowns to celebrate the King's official Birthday which is on 21st. Prizes will be given.

## NASSAU TRUST

Since advertising the free allotments last month I am really delighted to say 2 have now been let. There is still one left which needs a lot of hard work and a couple of raised beds. Please let me know if you are interested.

## EVENTS IN KIRTON

There are lots of things going on this month starting the Scarecrow festival 2nd-4th. Beacon lighting on the green on VE day 8th. Ladies' Day in the church hall 10th from 10-2 A quiz for the Friends of Kirton Church on 17th and so it goes on.

BRIDGET HAMMOND Well that is what I was registered as in 1948. I was the product of Evelyn Hammond's dalliance with a farm hand apparently. I always thought I was the only mistake but hey ho when I started looking into it there were 3 other mistakes. Len Lanigan gave me the details of a lady in Wales (21 years ago) who sorted out family trees as I had no idea where to start. She found 2 siblings, a brother who still lives locally and a sister who lived in Somerset who came and lived in our annexe for a year in 2005. I never met my birth mother as she was ill when I first met my brother. He was adopted by his grandparents as they had 3 daughters and thought a son would be good. My mother used to go and stay with my brother but although I wrote to her she died before she received the letter. She would probably not have met me as she had another daughter who she kept and she had never told her about my sister and me! Any queries contact me. Susan Harvey susanbharvey29@gmail.com 07786392878

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Pop to Kirton Church Hall (or Falkenham Church on the Saturday) to fuel yourself with refreshments (check our Friends of Kirton Church Facebook page for details) and collect a map (£1) of all the Scarerow locations and enjoy walking round to see them all.

What will yours look like?



# Kirton Churchyard

## 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.

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# Ladies Shopping Day

**LADIES SHOPPING DAY (GENTS WELCOME TOO!)**

**SATURDAY 10TH MAY, 10AM - 2PM IN KIRTON CHURCH HALL, IP10 0PU**

Have you saved the date? Are you free to come along to this new Springtime event in Kirton?

Featuring: Hintlesham Barns, The Old Felixstowe Brewing Co., Driftwood by Dawn, Mandy Burgess & Cord Creations, The Essential Soap Bar, Kath Whiting with handmade cards, Diamond Art by Margaret Backhouse, Twenty3 candles, Charlotte Indra's original art, Ugandan crafts with Pam, Meg Coulson with her sewing buddies, C&A's Woolworks, Keebles Cakes and more.

There will be a raffle and a lucky dip plus light refreshments: bacon rolls, sausage rolls, lots of homemade cake with gallons of tea and coffee! Supporting Friends of Kirton Church and Memory Lane, Felixstowe & Trimley, it's an occasion not to be missed.



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# Notices

## KIRTON AND FALKENHAM SCARECROW FESTIVAL - SATURDAY, 3 MAY

Falkenham Church will be putting on refreshments in the Church on Saturday, 3rd May between 10 and 2 pm as part of the scarecrow festival. Take a break from looking at all the scarecrows that will hopefully be dotted around the village and in the churchyard and enjoy some savoury and sweet refreshments. If the weather is fine, why not turn this into a picnic in the churchyard and enjoy the beautiful view down to the Deben river!

Donations will be invited for the refreshments and all funds raised will be put towards church repairs, including the tower fund.

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## PHOTO FIXING

Do you have any broken photos ? If so, contact me at the usual address and I will do what I can to help. Fixable photos include:

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# K & F Women's Institute

**Next meeting:** 2pm on Thursday 8th May in the Village Hall

There will be a moment of remembrance at the beginning of the meeting as it is the 80th anniversary of VE Day.

This is our annual meeting to discuss this year's NFWI resolution.



## **“BYSTANDERS CAN BE LIFESAVERS”**

After the discussion there will be a CPR demonstration by the local Air Ambulance team followed by tea and a quiz.

Last month our speaker, Catherine Buchanan, gave a light-hearted talk on table manners beginning with a brief history of their origin.

Eighty percent of the world continue to use hands to eat but simple flint knives and shaped objects like seashells and horns have been used for eating and drinking for thousands of years. It was not until the Middle Ages that eating became more formal. Tressel tables covered with cloth were set up in halls ready for chargers of food. This is the origin of “setting the table”. The cloth would be used for hand wiping and all utensils would be shared except for the personally owned knives. This was the beginning of the idea of table manners - no stabbing your neighbour with your knife. Catherine was of course talking about the wealthier members of society not the peasants. The upper classes demonstrated their wealth by owning increasing amounts of cutlery, plates and glass and alongside inventing more table manners. By the 16th century life had become more refined and so were table manners and tableware but guests would continue to use their own cutlery until the 18th century when the host would provide it.

The table manners we know these days are very much from the Victorian era and to demonstrate some Caroline took us through “Tea”; not “Afternoon Tea” as that would be very middle class! One needs a white linen cloth, bone china, sugar tongs, knife and a napkin folded and placed in a specific way. Caroline left us with an interesting thought - you are how you eat!

S. Fothergill

1st Kirton Scout Group



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# Tractor Run



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All tractors are welcome but must be capable of doing 10 m.p.h.

The run is about 25 miles long and expected to finish around 3.30 - 4.00pm.

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 0PB 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.



# Deben Flower Club

With a change to our published programme the speaker for our next meeting on the 13t May at 7.30 in Kirton Church Hall IP10 0PU will be Guy Barker aka The Naked Gardener. Guy is a passionate gardener and will talk to us about flowers and foliage available at this time of the year.

Visitors £6.00 are assured of a warm welcome and tea coffee, and biscuits will be available after the demonstration.

There will also be a raffle and plant sale

Email Wendy at [wa@sandlings.co.uk](mailto:wa@sandlings.co.uk) or telephone Sandy on 07910463158 for further information or just come along on the evening.

## TIP OF THE MONTH.

Spring foliage is always the most difficult to condition because it is so young and delicate. Always cut your foliage early in the morning while it is still cool and fresh. Large leaves can be floated in a bowl of fresh water. For woody stemmed foliage it is advisably to dip about one inch of the stems in boiling water for a few seconds before plunging into a bucket of deep fresh water. Always remove any leaves that are below the water line.

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