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Parish Prayers

4 May North Park.
All those involved in research.

11 May Wensum Way, Thorn Road, Heather Barrow Court, Fayre Green.
The work of Christian Aid.

18 May Edmondsons Walk, Barons Hall Close, Hall Close, Barons Hall Lane.
The work of the world Red Cross.

25 May Ken Doy Court, Station Close, Cricketers Close, Mervyn King Close, Railway Close.
Farmers and all who work on the land.

From the Parish Registers

Funerals
28.3.25 Malcolm Ambrose

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by the Rev'd Tracy Jessop

"No it wasn't me you saw on Songs of Praise the other night!"



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Reflection by Revd Andrew Thomson



Historically May was a month for merrymaking, as people in England celebrated the Summer in ways such as maypole dancing and electing a May Queen. People wanted to put away the many discomforts and difficulties of the cold, dark months of winter and welcome the return of better weather with the hope of new crops in the coming months.

Today we are much more fortunate. Not many of us live and work in the way poorer people did, even one hundred years ago. But even so, looking back over the past months, there has been a lot to worry us. Thanks (if that's the right word!) to modern technology we are able hear news from around the world almost as it happens, and often it's the bad and troubling news. The media doesn't seem to like passing on good news stories!

There is so much that is worrying or depressing in the news. Why do so many people suffer? Why do the powerful oppress the weak? Why is it necessary to fight a war rather than talking and sorting things out? What do you achieve by destroying a country to get your own way?

I think that at the root of this is the human race's tendency to be selfish and self-centred and to think of ourselves before others. We love power and being able to use it over those weaker than ourselves. Power is addictive, so once we have it, we don't want to let it go. We see this in communities and school playgrounds as well as on the larger, national and international stages.

Jesus Christ in his teaching tried to turn this around. He taught that we ought to love, not just our friends and families, but also our enemies and, indeed, everyone else. I am not talking about love as an emotion but as a conscious decision to do the best we can for everyone else. This goes against our selfish nature. But, when you think about it, if everyone actually lived in the loving way that Jesus taught it would make things so much better for everyone. Doing all we can to make things better for other people means that they might well do the same for us!

I realise that this will seem idealistic and unattainable. I know that I'm not the only person with a lot of selfishness to overcome. However, that is no reason not to try to live in the way Jesus taught. Everything starts small. Trying this could well be a decision which will lead us to a good and happy May and if adopted generally might eventually put a stop to the wars and violence that mar our world. So let us pray for this peace and love in the world.

Revd Andrew Thomson





Churches around Fakenham welcome *you* in May

Parish Church Upper Market Place, Fakenham NR21 9DY

Sun 4	10am Parish Communion
Sun 11	8am BCP Holy Communion
	10am All Age Worship
	6.30pm Choral Evensong
Sun 18	10am Parish Communion
Sun 25	10am Parish Communion

Other Services

Every Thursday 9.30am Market Day Holy Communion (a short, said service)
Every Monday (*except Bank Holidays*) 9.45am Stepping Stones for pre-school children with a grown-up.

Salvation Army Oak Street, Fakenham.
Every Sunday morning at 10.15 am

Methodist Church Chapel Lane, Sculthorpe. NR21 9QB
Morning service of worship 11am each Sunday

Fakenham Baptist Community Church

4th May, 18th May & 25th May - Sunday service at the Fakenham Community Centre, Oak Street at 10:30am -12:00 noon
Sunday 11th May no service - The Leadership Team invite you to join them at the Salvation Army Headquarters, Oak Street Fakenham

St Anthony RC Church Wells Road, Fakenham.
Sunday Vigil Mass every Saturday at 6.00pm
Sunday Mass at 10.45am and Tues-Fri at 10.00am

Orthodox Church of the Holy Transfiguration, Scarborough Road, Gt Walsingham
Every Sunday morning 10.00am Hours 10.30am Liturgy.

Holy Trinity, Hempton *Contact: The Revd Dr Harri Williams SSC, harri1985@gmail.com*
Sunday Mass at 9.30am. Wednesday Mass at 9.30am.

We continue to pray for peace for all the people of Gaza, Israel and throughout the Middle East at this time.
We continue to pray for peace for the people of Ukraine.
"God of peace and justice, we pray for the laying down of weapons in every place of war. We pray for all those who fear tomorrow, that you would hold and protect them".

The story of a hymn: Love divine, all loves excelling…

'Love divine, all loves excelling' is a hymn with a curious history. All hymns are poems set to music, but sometimes a poem set to music might be a part of an opera. Henry Purcell was composing the music to his opera King Arthur and asked the Poet Laureate, John Dryden, to contribute verses for a patriotic song. Dryden obliged by writing Fairest Isle, all isles excelling, Seat of pleasures and of loves. The words and music were a powerful combination and became a part of the opera. Some years later, Charles Wesley, a prolific hymn writer and deeply religious man, didn't like the accolades afforded to Venus, Jove and Cupid in the words, and decided to write his own version. He praises Jesus instead of the gods in the opera, and makes reference to us being 'pure and spotless' as part of his new creation. It is a hymn of praise and emphasises the qualities inherent in Jesus and perhaps takes our often uncertain human response as a given. It is the sort of hymn that raises aspirations and in modern parlance, might be thought of as 'best practice Christianity'. The hymn is set to several tunes, including 'Blaenwern', composed by William Penfro Rowlands.

Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heav'n to earth come down,
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
All thy faithful mercies crown;
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
Pure, unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation,
Enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Sources: Hymnary.Org, Christopher Idle and Wikipedia

Kay Hathway



Fakenham Choral Society Summer Concert

"Mass in Blue" by Will Todd
Sat 21 June 7pm
Fakenham Parish Church

The 2025 summer concert will feature contemporary British composer Will Todd's vibrant and upbeat Mass in Blue.

A jazz trio together with piano, a solo soprano voice and a strong choral line weave together to give an energetic and uplifting musical experience.

In complete contrast, the choir will also perform sacred music spanning several centuries.
Tickets are £18 or £15 if purchased before 7th June, and will be available on the FCS website
https://www.fakenhamchoralsociety.org

Town Council news

8th May - VE Day 80th Celebrations
Fakenham kicks off the VE Day's 80th Anniversary on May 8 with a Marketplace Proclamation at 8:00am, followed mid-morning by live music in the Thursday market.

The celebrations will continue in the afternoon at Fakenham Parish Church and its grounds, where a variety of performances and activities will take place:

- **2:15pm - 3:15pm:** Local school choirs will take the stage, performing and giving readings to mark the occasion.
- **3:30pm - 4:00pm:** The first of two free children's shows will entertain younger attendees.
- **4:00pm - 5:00pm:** Miss Kitty will perform a selection of songs from the period, bringing the sounds of the past to life. Meanwhile, the children's entertainment will continue with walkabout balloon modelling and magical tricks.
- **5:00pm - 5:30pm:** The second of the two free children's shows will provide more laughter and enjoyment for the little ones.
- **5:30pm - 6:30pm:** To round off the day, the Fakenham Town Band will perform, filling the air with lively tunes.

Throughout the afternoon, refreshments will be available, along with children's crafts to keep young minds busy and creative.

Don't miss out on this wonderful celebration of community, history, and fun. Whether you're visiting the market in the morning or enjoying the afternoon's performances, there's something for everyone to enjoy in Fakenham on May 8th!

Angela Glynn, Chairman, Fakenham Town Council

And …**The Fakenham Fellowship Band** will be ending the week of VE 80 Celebrations with a concert in the Parish Church on Saturday 10th May at 7pm. The music will include a specially written 'Singing thro' the years' which is a compilation of 1940's songs with audience participation.

David Smith



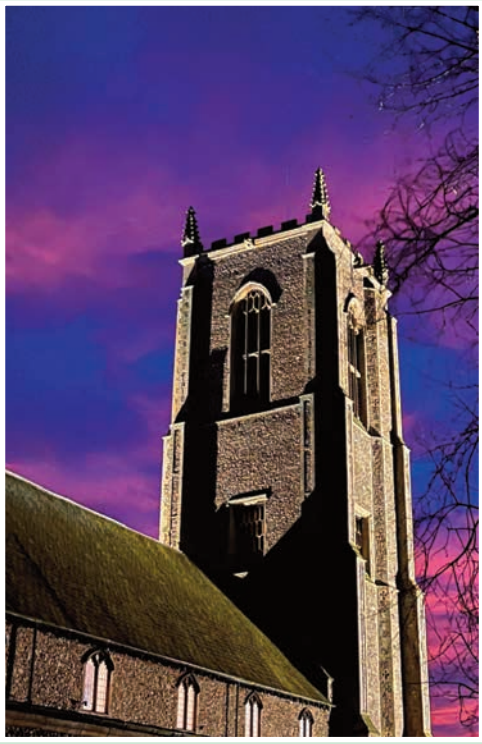
Fakenham and District Community Archive

How things change. This 'drone's eye' photograph from the Archive, donated by Ronnie Heyhoe, is a lovely view of the north of town, that may eventually change drastically. Looking down, the Sports and Fitness Centre in the middle stands beside Trap Lane, which leads towards the rugby club and the bypass with Waterhouse Farm and East Barsham beyond. In the future, if all the present plans go ahead, in the centre where the pavilion stands there will be a car park and a swimming pool. Looking east towards Water Moor Lane eventually it might be possible to see a hotel, a roundabout, more new houses in Wensum Grange and even a primary school.
Who knows?
If you'd like to see more of the Archive's huge collection of photographs and videos you can come to one of our meetings in church, from 2.00 to 4.00 on the last Tuesday of every month.
You can also find them on our website, at www.fakenhamcommunityarchive.weebly.com

Howard Young



Floodlighting Sponsorship



Many people comment on the fact that it is a joy to see St Peter and St Paul Church floodlit during the evenings, especially in the dark winter months. We are launching a new fundraising scheme to help pay for the expense of this by giving donations to commemorate an occasion – perhaps celebrating a birth, a marriage, an important anniversary, or remembering a loved one no longer with us on a special day.

To keep our Church beautifully lit, we invite you to sponsor one of our floodlights for £15 a week. If you are a taxpayer please do consider gift-aiding your contribution (there is a space on the application form for this). The form gives details of how to make your sponsorship payment.

Unless you request anonymity, dedication details will be displayed on the Church noticeboard, our website and included in The Beacon.

If you would like to sponsor our floodlighting to commemorate a special person or event, please use the form available from church or on our website or call us on 01328 862268 for more information.

Flood lighting sponsors

8 May 2025 Doreen and Graham Goodberry
'In memory of all men and women who died so we could be free'

29 May 2025 Chloe in memory of Tony George
'A dear father, grandfather and husband'

May Walks with Fakenham Ramblers

Saturday walks start at 10.30am. Wednesday walks begin at 10am. Bring a packed lunch on Saturday walks which are generally over 6 miles. Otherwise, sturdy boots and waterproofs are all that's required. Please arrive ten minutes or so before the walk start time..

Please contact the walk leader for up-to-date walk information.

Date & Time	Venue	Grid Reference Postcode Distance	Walk Leader(s)
Saturday 3rd May 10.30am	**Burnham Deepdale** Park/meet in layby by Burnham Deepdale Church	OS 250 / 804443 **PE31 8DD** 4.5miles	**Alison** 01328 712155
Wednesday 7th May 10am	**Burnham Thorpe** Park/meet at Burnham Thorpe Church c ar park	OS 251/ 852418 **PE31 8HL** 5miles	**Lesley & Christine** 07875 177210
Saturday 17th May 10.30am	**Thornham- Holme Circular** Park/meet at The Lifeboat Inn	OS 250/ 729435 **PE36 6LT** 8miles	**Paul & Daniela** 07368 124000
Wednesday 21st May 10am	**Great Bircham** Park/meet near the village sign	OS 250/ 767321 **PE31 6GX** 5miles	**Alison** 01328 712155
Saturday 31st May 10.30am	**Stiffkey, Wells & Warham** Park/meet at Stiffkey NT car park	OS251/965439 **NR23 1QE** 10miles	**Alison** 07798 664815

Town Talk *by Wayfarer*

A recent science report has suggested that writing by hand is better for brain development than typing. This is interesting and I'm not quite sure where I stand. These days, computers are so widespread that most communication relies on them. Once upon a time I always wrote by hand - inevitably - and learnt early on to send thankyou letters after birthdays or Christmas. I still have a report from my first Junior school which included Writing as one of the taught subjects. For a while I was an ink monitor and had to make sure that the inkwells on all the desks in my class - which numbered 43 - were full. It pleased me, and probably my parents, that at the age of eight Miss Mersh wrote on my report in reference to writing: 'Very neat always'. Letter writing became important later on, particularly when I left home to travel. At the time, British embassies and consuls would hold on to letters until they were collected by anyone with a passport to prove their identity. Thus, I looked forward to this bonanza when I reached big cities, usually capitals, in places such as Istanbul, Tehran, Dehli and Bangkok. I kept the folks at home informed about my rough whereabouts and even sent a few articles for the local paper in Woking. The long-distance system, such as it was, seemed to work very well. I've enjoyed writing ever since and having kept a diary day by day when travelling have recently looked back through my notes and put them in some sort of order so they might become more accessible. The hope is that family and friends will one day, some day, be able to share and perhaps believe some of the tales I've been inclined to tell about 'faraway places with strange-sounding names'.

Wayfarer

This article was previously published in April 2024

Special friends across the Channel

When my husband and I joined the Fakenham-Olivet Twinning Club, we just wanted to mix with French people. Since then, we've had lovely guests from Olivet stay with us, and spent very happy visits to Olivet, being treated like royalty, and forging special friendships. Through the Twinning, we have seen how welcoming strangers into your life can show you how wonderful humanity can be, accepting and enjoying our differences, and reassuring us that the world is full of kind and generous people. Why not find out more and maybe join us in June 2026, when it's our turn to cross the Channel? Interested? Call me on 01328 258316 or email me at sallyannrumbles@gmail.com

Sally Rumbles.

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Dawn and Marlene's charity sale

Sculthorpe Village Hall
Sat May 17th from 10am to 1pm.

New and Nearly New clothes
and accessories sale
Coffee morning
All proceeds to Macmillan Cancer Care
Come along and grab a bargain!

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Sat 24 May 9.30 – 12 noon
Spring Fair and Book Sale

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Details from 01328 829413

Can you deliver The Beacon?

We need deliverers in the following areas
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Thorn Rd and Heather Barrow Court
Wensum Way
Greenway Lane
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ROSEMARY ROOMS
Dementia Support Group

The Gallow, Fakenham Racecourse
Every Monday 10.30 – 12.30 (except Christmas Day)

We offer a chance to socialise for people with memory problems and those who are helping them. There are refreshments, games, jigsaws and conversations.

Contact Judith 01328 864061 or Pam 01328 829735 if you have queries.

WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED IN A - TEA DANCE?

Looking for genuine interest for a Tea Dance to be held occasionally, at the Lancaster Room, The Gallow, Fakenham.

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The events would be take place on Tuesday afternoons 1.30pm till 4pm With ample parking provided. - Ticket event only - Priced at £18.50pp



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Let's meet . . . Ronnie Heyhoe



Ronnie is a renowned 'volunteer' sports photographer, primarily in Fakenham Football and Cricket clubs. He was born and raised in Foulsham and came to live in Fakenham in his early twenties. He married Diana in 1984, and between them they have two sons, a daughter, and three lovely granddaughters. Ronnie was an engineer at FMC working on pea harvesters for 25 years, until leaving for Dempsey Heating as an oil boiler engineer, where he stayed 18 years. Currently he is working part-time as a self-employed oil boiler engineer, enjoying semi-retirement. In his youth, Ronnie had played football for the Fakenham under 18 team and then the Reserves. Later in life he became manager for the A team and Reserves, before becoming assistant manager for the Fakenham First team. When the club moved from the Lawn to Clipbush Lane, Ronnie began photographing matches instead. He became more serious about his hobby, taking photographs for the press, and extending this to Fakenham Events Committee and Fakenham Archive, covering the Jubilee celebrations, amongst other things.

What is the most underrated thing about Fakenham? The sheer volume of volunteers, who keep so many clubs/societies and activities going.

What is your favourite view of the area? A couple of years ago, I captured one of my favourite views of Fakenham, whilst out with my drone one morning. It is of the church tower from above, where it appears to be rising out of the mist.

What might improve the town? More shops perhaps, but we are so lucky to have a thriving market each week, bringing people into the town centre.

Do you come in, each week? I belong to the 'Retired Men's Latte club', which meets outside Greggs to put the world to rights.

Do you have a motto you like to keep to? Yes. Do what you do well, and always turn up on time.

Your pet hate? Lateness or not showing up.

If you could change something about yourself? I'd be less anxious, more laid back.

Your greatest strength? Doing what I do well. And weakness? Overthinking.

The greatest challenge you've overcome? Having colon cancer about twelve years ago.

What is the position now? I'm pleased to say I'm clear, but I do talk with anyone I know who's going through the same experience, about the challenges it presents, which I'm told has been helpful.

Is religious faith a part of your life? Yes, I'm a Christian.

What might you buy on impulse? Not so much on impulse, but an extra camera. (Half the cost of a holiday, says Diana!)

What concerns you about modern life? Social media and its effect on young people, also 'keyboard warriors'.

How would your wife describe you? Diana says, "…passionate about what he does, caring and an excellent granddad".

What do you like best about your job? Meeting the customers and coming to know them and their stories. And least? Not being able to resolve a boiler problem as soon as I'd like, and also sadly when old customers pass away.

When are you happiest? Pitch-side taking photographs and watching my two sons play cricket for Foulsham. Any time with family really. I'm lucky to have the love and support of a good woman beside me, too.

Your favourite food? A roast dinner. (Even in summer, sighs Diana!)

What do you like to do in your spare time? We like driving to the coast and having a meal out. We have also enjoyed many wonderful cruises together.

What are you reading at the moment? Two books have my interest currently. One is cricketer Stuart Broad's 'Broadly Speaking' and Philip West's 'A history of Norfolk in 100 places.'

Have you a favourite song/piece of music? Anything by Rod Stewart. A great man and still carrying on singing. He does lots for charity.

What did you learn from your parents? Mum always said that you get rewards from helping and that's the real pleasure in life. Father, to do things wholeheartedly.

You really appreciated them? I had a wonderful upbringing. Both helped in the community and had a love of cricket, which they have passed on through generations.

Your secret happiness? I help with the football archive and have been looking through old 'pinkuns', which I've loved. It's like history coming alive again.

Your ideal weekend? Well for me, Saturday is sport's day

Are you doing any active sport now? Yes, I belong to the walking football team. It doesn't always involve walking though. Running has crept in!

Lark or owl? Definitely lark.

Kay Hathway

Events at Fakenham Library in May

Let the Wildness Be Left
by Keith Osborn
Wednesday 21st May 7pm
£3 includes refreshments.

Photographer Keith Osborn will be visiting Fakenham Library to talk about his project 'Let the Wildness Be Left'. The book is a series of photographs documenting months of journeys along the A47, encountering the ordinary and everyday within our human-impacted landscape.
Booking advisable. Visit or call the library on 01328 862715.

Ross Greenwood
author of the DI Ashley Knight series based in Norfolk,
Saturday 24th May 4pm
£3 includes refreshments.

Ross Greenwood will give a talk about his writings and forthcoming book, Death at Fakenham Races. He will also be doing a book signing at the end of the event.
Booking advisable. Visit or call the library on 01328 862715.

Help us create a stunning Remembrance poppy display

This year, for our Remembrance services we need your help to create a beautiful and meaningful tribute, adding to a display of handmade poppies that will decorate our War Memorial and Fakenham Parish Church.
We are reaching out to all local knitters and crocheters – from beginners to experts – to get involved. Whether you have years of experience or are simply looking for a way to contribute to this important occasion, we welcome your participation.

Why Poppies?
The poppy is a symbol of remembrance and hope, a tradition that has been carried on for over a century since World War I. Each year, communities across the country come together to pay tribute to those who fought and gave their lives in service. By creating these poppies, we can add a personal and heartfelt touch to our community's remembrance efforts.

How you can help:
Knit or Crochet a Poppy: If you're able to knit or crochet, we'd love you to create as many poppies as you can. Patterns are available from the RBL website:
https://support.britishlegion.org.uk/app/answers/detail/a_id/1346/~/knit-or-crochet-a-poppy

They will also be available in hard copy at Fakenham Parish Church, Fakenham Town Council in the Oak Street Connect building and at Claire Howard Jewellery. Q's restaurant, and Venetia's Yarn shop from 1st May.

Deadline: Please drop off your completed poppies at either Fakenham Parish Church or the Fakenham Town Council Offices during Sept and no later than 30th September 2025.

Thank you for your support, and we look forward to seeing the creative and heartfelt poppies that our talented community can knit together.

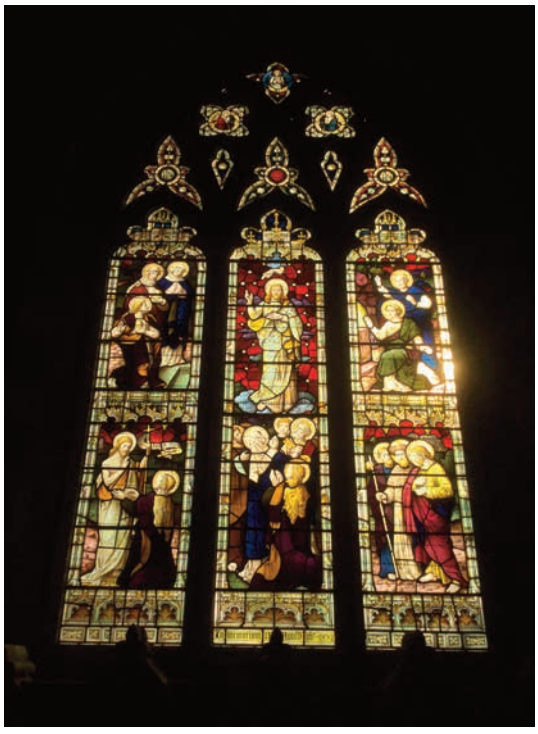
Lesley Meanley,
Fakenham
Town Clerk.



Christ Church, Fulmodeston

May services

Sun 4	6pm Evening Prayer
Sun 11	11am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
Sun 18	10am Holy Communion at Fakenham
Sun 25	6pm Evening Prayer



We were again pleased to offer hospitality on Good Friday to the 2025 Pilgrim Cross groups from Oxford and Essex in their now traditional comfort-stop with us on their way to Walsingham. The lure of a jacket potato with a side of beans is a powerful one!

Ascension Day falls on May 29th this year. It is one of the earliest Christian festivals and is believed to date back to 68 AD though there are no written records of it until the time of St Augustine. Jesus met several times with his disciples during the forty days after his resurrection to instruct them on how to carry out his teachings. On the fortieth day he took them to the Mount of Olives, where they watched as he ascended to heaven. It's not especially marked as a festival in England but here he is shown ascending in our East window.

We look forward to a summer of church activities and as always extend a warm welcome to all who may wish to drop in for a bit of fellowship at one of our services.

 Carolyn Thomas-Coxhead

Fakenham Walking Rugby Group holds its first tournament

Walking Rugby is still in its infancy as a sport in Norfolk but growing quickly. It is encouraging to see at least six local rugby clubs sending teams for Fakenham's first Walking Rugby tournament on the 7th June.



This sport is ideal for players over forty and of both sexes; 40% Fakenham members are female. Most members have no previous experience of the sport, though ex-Netball players seem to thrive. The rules are simple to follow. It is played with fun and gentle fitness in mind. Sometimes after a match we might treat ourselves to fish and chips!

Sessions are held at the Rugby Club every Wednesday evening throughout the year, with floodlights during the winter months. With the lighter nights there is no better time to come and see if this is the sport for you.

Walking Rugby Organiser: Jeffrey Pearce jdpearce@btinternet.com

Old Fakenhamian

Last month, I recalled my friend Margie and I picking spring wildflowers for our mothers. Giving some thought to the May article for the Beacon I remembered a tradition which was alive and well in Sculthorpe when Margie and I were pupils in the C of E primary school there up to the mid-Sixties.

The first days of May all had names. I recently spoke with Margie and her older sister Heather, and we remembered the names of some of those days : Petticoat Day, Stinging Nettle Day, Jam Toe Day and Kissing Day. On each of those days a particular activity took place. As children, we did not realise that those names were in the long pagan tradition of May being a month of merriment and mischief making. There was a bias in favour of the boys who would try to take a peek at our petticoats and attempt to grab a kiss. Jam toe day meant stomping on someone's toe and as we all had bare legs (the boys in shorts and we girls in dresses) the stinging nettles could be used by both sexes. So, the walk to school was rather exciting, as was the mid-morning break and the part of the dinner hour while we were in the playground. However, our very sensible Head Mistress, Miss Catlin, decreed that after dinner the traditions should stop and as it was in those days, we all obeyed, so the walk home after school was less fraught.

I googled Petticoat Day and came up with a raft of references to it in New Jersey in America. It indicated that the tradition had been taken to America by the first settlers from the Old Country. It is fascinating that the tradition still remembered by us (now either in or heading to our Seventies) was one of the traditions exported to the New World, perhaps by migrants from Norfolk.
Margie, Heather and I also remembered learning the steps of Maypole dancing in the garden of Miss Catlin which we later performed at the summer village fete at the Old Rectory owned by the Laboucheres. It was very open minded of our wonderful headmistress – celebrating a tradition which was rather frowned on by the Church – most particularly during the time of those kill joy puritans!

Well, I can tell you, it was great fun at the time, no nastiness, just merriment and mischief and exceptionally we were allowed to scream a bit in the playground. It is rather wonderful to have a memory of something with a history that goes back in the mists of time. Certainly, we will be the last generation to remember this as I cannot imagine this tradition is likely to be resurrected!

Gilly Foortse





New to Fakenham?
Hoping to make new friends?

We have a thriving Mothers' Union at Fakenham Parish Church.

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