

All Saints News



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Including news from the village of Eyke and surrounding area.

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Vicars Voice – July 2023

Do you have a favourite song or piece of music which evokes memories or feelings from times gone by, either recent times or in the dim and distant past?

When I'm driving in the car, if I'm on a long journey to visit family or friends, I tend to play a selection of my favourite music, often from the 70s, the time of my teenage years. I listen to the likes of Marc Bolan and T-Rex, Bowie, Mud, Sweet and of course there is always an Osmonds or David Cassidy "classic" in the mix, and I sing along with gusto...but only when alone though!!

When I'm around and about however, I listen to Classic FM and there is a piece of music which always makes me think of my dad and Sunday evenings. The piece of music is the Adagio from Spartacus by Katchaturian, perhaps better known as the theme tune to the '70s series *The Onedin Line*, a show set in the middle to late 1800s portraying the lifestyle and customs of that time both at sea and ashore. Dad loved the programme, especially the scenes with the tall ships sailing the high seas with sails billowing in the winds.



And so, through much of the '70s, Sunday evenings would be the one night of the week when we were allowed to have tea in the living room, as usually meals were taken at the table in the kitchen, but Sundays were special. We would have thick slices of ham or pork pie with bread and butter, followed by tinned fruit and carnation milk (yuk!!) followed by a delicious slice of Victoria sponge which mum would have baked that morning. Hearing that piece of music takes me back everytime to those Sunday evenings. Music is an emotive medium. A song or piece of music can carry you back to a time which meant something, often special. A first dance at a wedding, the birth of child, where you happened to be at a special time in your life. And often we can be tempted to look back through rose coloured glasses. Yet the 70s were not always an easy time. We had the "Winter of Discontent" with the 3 day week, railway strikes, striking dustmen meant rubbish bins were not collected and emptied, schools were closed due to striking school care-takers, hospital wards were closed by striking health workers, and the government of the day was in turmoil.



It all has a familiar ring to it doesn't it? As the saying goes, "*the more things change the more they stay the same*". And yet we can still look back and find the good in the midst of all that unrest. I met my husband in the summer of '76, and the first film we saw together was the Streisand/Kristofferson version of *A Star is Born*, (which in my opinion knocks the spots of the Lady Gaga/Bradley Cooper version!!) and the song Evergreen became "Our Song".

Today, with all that is going on around us, health workers and railway strikes, a government in turmoil, we continue to have faith that things will move on, tomorrow will be a better day. Faith means having complete trust or confidence in someone or something. As Christians our faith lies in Jesus Christ and his promises of better things to come.

So, whatever your faith, beliefs or non belief, we must have complete trust that, as the song by D'ream tells us...things can only get better!

With love and blessings, Rev Mandy Xx

Services in Bromeswell, Eyke, Rendlesham, & Wantisden Parish Churches I July and early August

Sunday 25th June (Trinity 3)

9.30am St Greg's	Morning Prayer	Stephen Nicholls
11.00am Bromeswell	Holy Communion	Rev Mandy Reynolds
11.00am St Felix'	Holy Communion	Rev Kevan McCormack
3.00pm Wantisden	Patronal Service	Rev. Mandy Reynolds

Sunday 2nd July (Trinity 4)

9.30am Eyke	Holy Communion	tbc
11.00 St Felix	Benefice Service to commemorate 30 years since the closure of Bentwaters & Chapel	Rev Mandy Reynolds & Rev Bill Sokolis

Wednesday 5th July

10.00am St Felix'	Holy Communion	Rev. Mandy Reynolds
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Sunday 9th July (Trinity 5)

9.30am St Greg's	Holy Communion	Rev. Mandy Reynolds
9.30am Bromeswell	Morning Prayer	Stephen Nicholls
11.00am St Felix'	Holy Communion	Rev Mandy Reynolds

Sunday 16th July (Trinity 6)

9.30am Eyke	Morning Prayer	Rev. Kathy Wilson
9.30.00am Bromeswell	Holy Communion	Rev Kevan McCormack
11.00am St Felix'	Morning Praise	Greg Gooch

Sunday 23rd July (Trinity 7)

9.30am St Greg's	Morning Prayer	Stephen Nicholls
9.30am Bromeswell	Holy Communion	Rev. Mandy Reynolds
11.00am St Felix'	Holy Communion	Rev Kevan McCormack

Sunday 30th July (Trinity 8)

10.30am for 11.00am (St Felix)	Café Church	Rev. Mandy & Elder Team
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Sunday 6th August (Transfiguration)

9.30am Eyke	Holy Communion	Rev. Mandy Reynold
11.00am Bromeswell	Morning Praise	Greg Gooch
11.00am St Felix'	Holy Communion	Rev. Mandy Reynolds

Eyke Parish Council

The next meeting will be on Monday, 10th July at 7.00pm in the village hall, and members of the public are cordially invited to attend.

The parish council has not yet co-opted a councillor to fill the existing vacancy, but hopes to do so at, or shortly after, the next meeting.

Anyone still wishing to be considered, please contact the clerk on 07468629701 as soon as possible.

You are also reminded that anyone still wishing to make a donation in memory of Mervyn Whitmore towards two benches, to be placed on the rec and in the churchyard, needs to give it to the clerk by **Friday, 7th July**. The total costs will be met by the parish council, the PCC, the Whitmore family and donations from individuals and the aim is to agree them at the next parish council meeting, so that the benches can be ordered and installed in the next few weeks.

Jackie Pooley (Clerk to the Council).

The Churchyard

There has been much comment recently about the churchyard here in Eyke, initially the matter of grass cutting and then the state of some of the graves.

As far as grass cutting is concerned we heeded the request to stop during late spring and tried to enjoy a "No Mow May" in an attempt to encourage wild life especially insects. However, we were thwarted in this endeavour by the fact that grass this year has grown prodigiously and also that, sadly, we have had four burials. As a result we have had to cut to make areas of the churchyard safe to walk where necessary. Health & Safety have to come first.

As to the second issue, complaints were made that someone, possibly the grass cutters were actually moving items from the graves or causing actual damage to them. We have spoken to the two men who actually do the job and they both deny vehemently that they even touch the graves. In fact they both said that, on occasion, they would like to clear unwanted weeds on those graves that aren't regularly tended, but never do so.

As a result of the above we have taken a hard look at that area of the churchyard that is attended, some regularly and others not quite so often, and have come to the following conclusions.

1. It is quite likely that animals remove greenery from graves.
2. Wind plays a factor especially where plastic receptacles are concerned.
3. Glass jars and bottles can be a hazard if broken and can cause a fire during sunny weather.

The outcome of this is that we would like to see only metal containers used for cut flowers and where possible a small shrub, bulbs or perennials planted in the plot.

Notwithstanding the above we will continue to keep the ecology of the countryside well in mind.

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Eyke Fete

Sunday 16th July 2023 – Eyke Rectory – Noon – 4.00pm

There will be an entrance fee of £1.00 for adults. Children Free.

Setting Up (Thursday 13th July – Eyke Rectory – 6.00pm

As many volunteers as possible to help set up marquees, collect tables and chairs from Village Hall and tables from Woodbridge Rugby Club.

We will also need volunteers to clear away after the event.

While there is a nucleus of people involved in organising the Fete volunteers are desperately wanted to help with the smooth running of it.

Please contact Mike Fisher (01394 460494 – fishertwogates@gmail.com) if you are able to help with pick up of marquees from Two Gates at 5.45pm)

There will be all the usual attractions that go to make a Country Garden Fete including a BBQ, teas, drinks, ice creams and games for all the family. There will also be live music.

Contributions for the following will be much appreciated. Contact details are as stated.

Draw – Mike & Gerry Fisher (01394 460494 – fishertwogates@gmail.com)

Cakes – Linda Macfarlane (01394 460283 – lindamacfarlane@btinternet.com) & Jenny Groom (01394 420608) – Please get cakes to Rectory on the morning of the Fete.

Bottle Tombola – Dave MacFarlane (07808 787898 – dave.macfarlane@btinternet.com) & Tim Marr

Plants – Karen Watson (01394 460003 – klwatson197@tiscali.co.uk) & Sandy Sutch

Pre-Loved Nearly New items - Jackie Pooley (07486 629701) & Gill Nicholls (01394 461244 g.nicholls@gmx.co.uk)

If anyone has any ideas, especially in the realm of children's games please contact the organiser, Dave MacFarlane at the address above.

Draw Tickets - Thank you to everyone who has so far dropped off the stubs and money for draw tickets.

Please could everyone else let the Promotor have stubs, money and unsold tickets either before the event or on Fete day itself? Many thanks.

MJF.