HINDERCLAY NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2018

WE REMEMBERED

Thank you all those who were involved in any way with our 100 year Remembrance of the end of WWI. To approach the church past 18 'guns', one for each life lost in that war, then to see poppies draped from the tower and covering the porch took one's breath away. The displays in church were likewise creative and inspiring. We welcomed 60 people to our service on the 11th of November, which included members of families who were relatives of 10 of those named on our monument. The refreshments and lunches, and the display in the Village Hall after the service gave all the opportunity to get together and reflect. The lighting of the "Beacon of Hope" at 7 p.m. (with a welcome glass of Sloe Gin to toast the 18) rounded off the day respectfully. There are some photographs taken at the church available on the church website www.hinderclaychurch.org.uk All proceeds from these events have been donated to the Royal British Legion – the total being £1700.00 – Well done Hinderclay – we did the memory of our 'boys' proud.

Len Parsall writes - I am sorry there was no poppy appeal collection in the village this year, especially this year, but due to unfortunate circumstances the poppies were not sent out to us. I am hoping we can continue collecting again next year.

ST MARY'S CHURCH - Rev Cathy Bladen -   Email: revcathybladen@gmail.com
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Church Warden, Kate Rose 898562

Everyone is welcome at all our CHURCH SERVICES:-

02 December 2018 – 9.30am - HC – Rev Philip Oliver **(lighting the 1st Advent Candle)**
16 December 2018 – 4.30pm – Carol Service – Mr Ken Smith
25 December 2018 – 9.30pm – Christmas Day – Mr Ken Smith

CAROL SERVICE – Sunday 16th December at 4.30pm with the Castleton Brass Band. Mulled wine and mince pies will be served after the service.

CHRISTMAS DAY - Family friendly service. The carols will be played by three friends from Old Newton Methodist Church - keyboard, guitar and clarinet.

LITTLE ERNIE - Contact Mrs Linda Aves 898512 if you would like to support our Village Hall and have the chance to win one of these prizes every month.

November Winners
£16.00 – Shaun Chaplin
£12.00 – Ed Batram
£10.00 – Terry Hollingsworth
£10.00 – Joan Wilby

CHRISTMAS BINGO - Friday 7th December 2018 in the Village Hall. Doors open 7p.m. Eyes down at 7.30p.m. Cash Prizes, refreshments and a raffle.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR -Thank you to all who supported our Christmas Bazaar on 24th November. It is always a good way to start the festive season in this way. We do appreciate all the hard work that goes into the event - so whether you just came along, donated items or organised a stall we are grateful. A sum of £ 547.00 was raised

Karen Calton writes - Many thanks go to Daniel Pursehouse and Kate Rose for taking part and collecting sponsorship on this year's Cycle Ride. Between them they raised a fantastic £205. Thanks also go to all of the volunteers who welcomed cyclists with a drink and refreshments, to St Marys Church, throughout the day. Next year's cycle ride will be taking place on September 14th. (Karen Calton)

KNITTING - After so many complementary comments on the recent display of poppies in the church, we thought it would be wonderful to make a display of multi-coloured knitted or crocheted flowers to add to our annual flower festival next summer. We could knit flowers in a poppy shape but use various other colours or I have patterns for tulips, daffodils, pansies, bluebells, lilac, acorns and butterflies If anyone is interested in making some flowers, even one or two would help, please contact me for patterns or wool and if anyone has unused wool cluttering up their cupboards we would make good use of it. I for one, like to knit during the long winter evenings, if only to keep myself awake!! Contact: Karen Calton 01379 898949 or karencalton@hotmail.co.uk

Dave Ireland writes - The thing I was worried about when moving to Suffolk was the possible loss of good bird watching. How wrong was I! The first surprise was to see three Demoiselle Cranes by Lady's bridge. I'm not certain if it was the same three I saw last year in Norfolk, but what a nice surprise and the surprises keep coming. A Nightingale and Kingfisher in our back garden, a Bullfinch pair in the grounds of Moat House and a wonderful sighting of at least thirty or more Skylarks eating corn after the years' harvest. A female Golden Oriole in early spring (the male is black and yellow and is the size of a blackbird). Little Owls sitting on the power cable coming up from Rickinghall. A Barn Owl hunting on the field in Bells Lane most mornings during spring this year. Tawny Owls calling in late autumn in the hope of moving their young on to new areas. Short Ear Owl spotted along the valley next to the fishing lakes and only last week forty or more Red Leg Partridges on the fields by the fishing lakes as well. At this time, on the right hand field off Gobbits Lane (where the sun flowers have been grown) you could be lucky enough to see Siskins, Corn Buntings, Yellow Hammers and Bramblings, as well as many other species feeding on the flower seeds - wonderful sights.

VILLAGE HALL - Bookings Linda/Patrick Aves 898512 Hall Hire- £6.00 per hour residents, £7.00 per hour non-residents.

LUNCH CLUB (over 60) - Sadly the last of the monthly lunches for Senior Citizens will be served on Thursday 6th December 12:15 for 12:30. There are several reasons why this has happened - not least because Age UK is closing down the funding for their "Food and Friends" project. Thank you to all those who have given so much of their time and skills to provide this very popular service for the elderly of the village (and those nearby!).

WISHING YOU ALL A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND
A HAPPY, HEALTHY AND PEACEFUL NEW YEAR