



# Ludham Parish News - August 2014

## TO COMMEMORATE THE CENTENERY OF WORLD WAR I

Poverty and hunger drove 16-year-old William Gooderham to war. He was one of eight children of a farm labourer in the village of Mellis in Suffolk. 'My grandfather had 12 shillings a week to feed himself, his wife and eight children,' recalls 82-year-old Joyce Youngman. 'So when my father, William, joined up, it was one less mouth to feed.' Joining the Royal Volunteers Naval Reserve by lying about his age, William wrote home that he had never seen so much food.

'My Dad had gone to school plenty of times hungry with bread and just a bit of lard,' says his daughter Joyce. 'So you can imagine when he went to the Navy it was food galore. 'He said that when he was doing his training, he had never seen butter, meat and vegetables like that in all his life.'

Able Seaman Gooderham was a regular worshipper at St Mary's Church in the neighboring village of Rickingshall. Though just a boy when he set off for France, his faith was already important to him. He was sent to the front in France, aged only 17. There he was badly wounded in the ankle and left in No Man's Land in a shell hole for three days, alone.

'He'd had nothing to eat and was in terrible pain,' says Joyce. 'It was raining and all of a sudden he heard voices. He didn't know if they were British or German. 'As they got nearer he realised that they were German. He had heard such horrific things about the Germans that they would bayonet you on sight and he was afraid. 'But he needn't have worried because they came and spoke to him in English. They were horrified by his wounds, which were infected.

'One of the Germans took his helmet and got water to bath his ankle and bound it as best he could. They took it in turns to carry him back to a German field hospital piggyback for three miles. 'The German surgeon operated straight away and it saved his ankle and his foot. 'He always said that they were his guardian angels. "They weren't my enemy, they saved me from deformity."'

She adds, 'The experience gave him a sense of basic human goodness. And for him it was a miraculous experience. He felt that God was with him. 'He always said that through the war, being held as a prisoner of war, and then a year in hospital to recover, he never lost his faith. 'His faith in God brought him home through all that, and gave him an attitude that things were good.'

Hazel Southam, from the Bible Society Publication,  
"Hear My Cry"



### ST. CATHERINE'S CHURCH

Benefice of Catfield, Hickling,  
Ludham and Potter Heigham

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### HIGH STREET METHODIST CHURCH

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### August At St. Catherine's Church

Sun. 3rd 9.30 am World War I Commemoration (Vicar)  
Sun. 10th 9.30 am Morning Service (Ian Watton)  
Sun. 17th 9.30 am Holy Communion (BPC) (Vicar)  
5.30 pm Evening Prayer (Vicar)  
Sun. 24th 9.30 am Morning Service (DIY)  
Sun. 31st 9.30 am United Service With Methodists  
(Vicar)

### August At The Methodist Church

Sun. 3rd Mrs Moyra Ketteringham  
First Sunday Special at Potter Heigham  
Sun. 10th Rev. B. Smith  
Sun. 17th Local Arrangements  
Sun. 24th Rev. Betty Trinder  
Sun. 31st United Service at Parish Church (9.30am)

### MORE AT ST. CATHERINES IN AUGUST

You Are Invited To Attend Holy Communion On  
Tuesday 5th and 19th At St. Catherine's At 9:30am

All Services At 11.00 am unless otherwise noted  
Each Thursday Morning: Prayer Meeting at 10.00 am  
Coffee Morning 10.30 am to 12.00 noon

### ST. CATHERINE'S 400 CLUB DRAW - JULY

1st, No. 4 Sheila Farnsworth £15  
2nd, No. 47 Joyce Youngs £10  
3rd, No. 55 Jon Simpson £5

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26th August, 23rd September, 21st October

### LUDHAM VILLAGE CAR SCHEME

The scheme is for ALL villagers who need transport to either the doctor, the dentist or the physiotherapist, or who have appointments at any of the Norfolk hospitals.  
Also, if you are housebound, prescriptions can be collected.

Hospital transport is for out-patient appointments and short procedures which will take less than one hour.

Please contact Jane James, our coordinator, on 01692 405914 to arrange your transport. To become a volunteer driver please call Ken Grapes on 01692 678437

### COMMEMORATION OF THE FIRST WORLD WAR

Open Churches Week, 2nd-10th Aug. 2014

2014 is the centenary of the outbreak of WWI and the PCC propose to mark this with an exhibition. The aim will be to portray the effect that this historic (and horrific) event had on life in a rural Norfolk village and its people. We need more material, especially photographs. If anyone has access to documents, photographs or memorabilia concerning people or places involved in the Great War, please contact Ken Grapes (01692 678437) or Carol Willoughby (01692 678672)

### SCREEN LUDHAM held in THE CHURCH ROOMS

Friday 29th August - 'The Grand Budapest Hotel' (15)  
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### METHODIST CHURCH - HIGH STREET

All Events Take Place In The Sloper Room

Coffee Mornings Thursdays 10.30 am to 12.00 noon

Tea and Chat Tuesday 5th and 19th August from 2 to 4 pm

All Are Welcome At All Events

### WATERSIDE BENEFICE SCRATCH BAND

We next meet at Catfield on 12th August  
And Hickling on 26th August, both at 7:30pm

For more information, please ring Mo on 01692 678282

### AUGUST EVENTS AT ST. CATHERINES

Saturday 9th at 7.30pm., The annual concert of St. Catherine's Singers. "Reflection On World War One" in words, music and images.

Saturday 30th at 7.30pm., "Classics On A Summer Evening".  
A classical recital featuring  
Esther Hopkinson on violin with piano accompaniment.

Tickets for both events are £8, available from Ludham Butchers or on the door.

### WOMACK STAITHE SERVICE

Come and join us for an open air service at Womack Staithe  
on Sunday 24th August at 3.00pm.

The service is organised by "Churches Together In Ludham" and will be lead by our new Waterside Band. Bring your own chairs.

### HAZEL BROOK

Fran Hardy (Hazel's daughter) has informed us that Hazel Brook passed away on 18th July at the age of 97.  
Hazel had been in Church Farm Residential Home in Hemsby for several years.

### LUDHAM COMPUTERS - FREE COMPUTER HELP

This service starts again in the Church Rooms, Norwich Road from September to May, Monday afternoon and Thursday morning. See next months issue of The Ludham Parish News for full details of what's available  
or call Ros on 01692 678682 to make a booking.

### A REQUEST FROM THE BRITISH LEGION

People all over the country are asked to turn their lights OFF  
between 10.00pm and 11.00pm on  
Monday 4th August to commemorate the start of WWI.

### FORTH COMING EVENTS AT HOW HILL

THE PUDDING CLUB Saturday 2nd August, 6.30pm for 7.00pm start, £15.00 per person. Join us for our Summer pudding night, designed for those with a sweet tooth. The evening begins with a soup course (Light Summer Broth) followed by four homemade puddings with lashings of custard, namely Pimms fruit jelly, Fresh raspberry Bakewell Tart, Gooseberry & Elderflower Cobbler, and lastly, Summer pudding. Recipes will be available to take home.

COME AND HAVE A CREAM TEA Our tea rooms are open every day from Monday 4th August to Friday 5th September from 11am to 4pm, serving an extensive selection of homemade cakes, sandwiches and refreshments.

FAMILY FUN DAYS Wednesday and Thursday, 20th/21st and 27th/28th August, from 10am to 4pm. Most suitable for 4-12 year olds and big kids of all ages! Adults and accompanied children, £5.50, (under four's free). Dyke dipping for minibeasts, Thatch a roof with reed and find out if it's waterproof, Towers and tubes: Build a giant box town from recycled materials, Mini gardens and woodland art, Second hand band: Musical instrument making, Animal magic treasure trail with prizes, Junk jewellery, Stroll around our beautiful water gardens, Visit Cromes Broad on the nature trail, The River Ant and the Broads Authority's Toad Hole Cottage.

NATURE TOTS Thursday September 4th. A morning or afternoon session of guided activities suitable for 2-4 year olds.

STAY AT HOW HILL HOUSE AND TAKE A WHERRY SAILING COURSE Join us for a very special break from Sunday 14th to Wednesday 17th OR Wednesday 17th - Saturday 20th September. Two full sailing days up to Barton Broad and on to Wayford or Stalham, followed by a day sailing down to Ludham Bridge, St. Benets Abbey and South Walsham Broad. Full Board, Sailing Sessions and Evening Talks, all inclusive, only £330.00 per person.

For tickets and more information on any of the above please call 01692 678555 or email [secretary@howhilltrust.org.uk](mailto:secretary@howhilltrust.org.uk)

**BLANCHE'S CHARITY BINGO** On Tuesday 19th August at 7.30 pm in the Church Rooms.  
**ALSO - TABLE TOP SALES** at the village hall, £3 per table, set up 8 am for 9 am start, 3rd, 17th and 31st August. Call 01692 678618 for more details.

**FRIENDS OF ST CATHERINE'S** We are fund raisers for the repair and maintenance of St. Catherine's Church and Churchyard for the benefit of all. If you are interested in joining or helping with our events please email Kaja on [aerobaticbear@btinternet.com](mailto:aerobaticbear@btinternet.com) or phone/text David Frost on 07981002144

**CRAFT AFTERNOON** Thursday 14th and 28th August from 2 to 4 pm in the Methodist Sloper Room. Join us for a cosy chat and a cup of tea. Kathie Jones, 01692 678450

**FORGET-ME-NOT CLUB** Meetings in August are Thursday 7th and 21st in the Church Rooms at 2.30 pm. On Tuesday 12th we have a coach trip to Southwold and Dunwich, leaving Cats Whiskers at 10.00am. For more information contact Mrs. Dot Brooks on 01692 678674

**HOW HILL TRUST** Want to know more about How Hill Trust? Please contact Simon Partridge on 01692 678555 or Email [simon@howhilltrust.org.uk](mailto:simon@howhilltrust.org.uk)

**KING'S ARMS ANGLING CLUB** Limited vacancies for monthly outings at local waters. For more information please ring 01692 678004

**LUDHAM VILLAGE HALL** The hall can be booked for 'one off' and regular events, please contact Bruce Moffat on 01692 678281 or [brucemoffat@btinternet.com](mailto:brucemoffat@btinternet.com)

**WOMACK HERONS IN AUGUST** It couldn't be more local! The Summer Garden Party on Sunday 10th will be in Ludham, and on Wednesday 20th we meet for a picnic lunch on the green at How Hill. Cruise, drive or even walk there to join us! We look forward to seeing you. For full details go to [www.womackherons.org.uk](http://www.womackherons.org.uk) or contact Tricia [tricia@womackherons.org.uk](mailto:tricia@womackherons.org.uk) or 01692 678789. New members are always welcome.

**WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?** Family History Research. Free service in exchange for a voluntary donation to St Catherine's Church. From some basic names and dates, I can usually go back about 5 generations and some amazing stories often emerge. Please call Christina Pope on 01692 678079 or email [christina.pope@talk21.com](mailto:christina.pope@talk21.com)

**LUDHAM OIL SYNDICATE** Orders are lodged on 1st of February, April, June, October and December. Please contact David Beckley on 01692 630285 or email [david.beckley@freebie.net](mailto:david.beckley@freebie.net)

**MUSEUM OF THE BROADS** For more information phone 01692 581681 or visit the website at [www.museumofthebroads.org.uk](http://www.museumofthebroads.org.uk)

**TWAM (Tools With A Mission)** If you have spare tools there are boxes in the church porch and the Chapel paper store. If tools need to be collected, please ring Ivor on 01692 631556 Waste Paper: Please bring to the store at the end of the Methodist Church Car Park - **sorry, no cardboard**

**LUDHAM COMMUNITY ARCHIVE GROUP** No meetings are held in August. Our normal programme includes archive material about Ludham and the local area. For more information ring Bronwen on 01692 678959 or visit [www.ludhamarchive.org.uk](http://www.ludhamarchive.org.uk) or [www.Facebook.com/ludhamarchive](http://www.Facebook.com/ludhamarchive)

**LUDHAM SNOOKER CLUB** At the Village Hall, available seven days a week from 9.00 am to 10.30 pm. Membership costs £20 per annum. Sessions cost £2 for members and £3 for non-members. There is a coffee machine installed. New members will be most welcome so if you would like to join us please contact Reg Scott (Chairman) on 01692 678723

**LUDHAM BOWLS CLUB** Ludham Bowls Club welcomes new members. Whether you are a complete beginner or an experienced player, young or old, male or female you will be made welcome at this friendly club. Contact Rodney at Ludham Butchers or Alex Cordiner on 01692 678682 for more information. Build on the Olympic Legacy at Ludham Bowls Club!

#### **BRIDGE CLUB/CLASSES AT HICKLING BARN**

This small friendly group wants more people to join them on Tuesdays 7 to 9 pm. Beginners and all abilities welcome. Enquiries -Terry 01692 598596

**FRIENDS OF HOW HILL** For more details call 01692 678560 or Email [mikeandjeanne@btinternet.com](mailto:mikeandjeanne@btinternet.com)

**FRESH EGGS** For Sale In Aid Of St. Catherine's Church. Please ring Jane Seymore on 01692 678225

**LUDHAM WI** Our meeting on 20th August in the Church Room at 2.15pm will be a 'Members Meeting'. We do not have a speaker but you are welcome to join us if you are interested in what the WI has to offer.

**LUDHAM WIVES** No meeting in August. For more information please contact Sue on 07899 996523

#### **PETER HORTON**

A former treasurer and long standing member of the congregation of St. Catherine's Church, Peter Horton died peacefully at Prinsted Care Home on Monday, 30th June at the age of 97. During the last few weeks Peter was still able to engage with people, he continued to smile, and kept his sense of humour. He leaves behind his dear wife Helen, aged 96.

#### **FRIENDS OF ST. BENET'S ABBEY - NEW MEMBERS WANTED**

The Friends will work with the Norfolk Archaeological Trust to provide continuity of St Benet's Abbey as a place of Christian worship, for personal reflection, research, education, community involvement and enjoyment both now and in the future. Also, we will liaise with The Norfolk Archaeological Trust and other stakeholders where appropriate, to raise funds and support activities and events which realise our purposes. We will be a focus for all who are interested in the site of St Benet's Abbey. To join, please contact Marion Jackson on [tfosba@gmail.com](mailto:tfosba@gmail.com) or telephone 07733 137276.

See [www.stbenetsabbey.org](http://www.stbenetsabbey.org) for further information.

#### **NEWS FROM SHORELINE**

**Foodbank** In 2011, 2000 people benefited from The Foodbank; in 2013, the figure had risen to 8000 and is continuing to grow. Many Supermarkets now support the scheme and other companies help in quiet ways for no charge. Fresh food is diverted to children's clubs and activities. Out of date food occasionally surfaces and this is given to the outlets where cooked meals are provided. Where appropriate and safe, no food is wasted. This requires considerable organisation but none of it happens without your donations, in the first place, to Foodbank or Wateraid. Once again, thank you.

**Wateraid** This month we donated £188.42, a fantastic amount, boosted by the £85.00 donation mentioned last month and one from Ludham Church Ladies. Wateraid are campaigning at the moment for girls to be relieved of water carrying tasks - often carrying their own bodyweight on their head or shoulders! The good news is that the Government is pledging to match every penny Wateraid raises until September, up to a sum of £5 million.

## LUDHAM PARISH COUNCIL

### Flooding in the village:

The Parish Council spoke recently with the Highways Inspector and asked him to inspect various areas within the village where there has been an instance of recent flooding. He responded as follows:

Whitegates - all the gullies appear clean, the water levels are below the outlets, and it looks as if they are piped into soakaways. Since the austerity measures came into force, the County Council took the decision to reduce the frequency of soakaway cleans. Ludham Parish is scheduled for its cyclic gully cleans in July, so a request has been made for the drainage contractor to jet the system, and to check the condition of the soakaways. All the Grips that are cut into the verge along Whitegates/School Road are scheduled to be cleaned out in the Autumn. Between Grange Road and Grange Close - the section is within a slight low spot, and as the kerb offlets are heavily silted, flooding has obviously occurred. Again, Ludham Parish is scheduled for its cyclic gully cleans in July, so they will be cleaned out, jetted to the outfall, and any issues reported back. If you have any additional locations within the village that you would like the Highways Inspector to look at, please contact NCC Highways on 03448 008020

### School Road speed limit:

Norfolk County Council intends to change the speed limit of School Road (where it is currently 40 mph) to 30 mph so that the whole road will become 30 mph. The period of consultation ends on 22nd July and if there are no relevant objections Norfolk County Council will go ahead and implement the new speed limit as soon as they are able to do so.

Parish Council meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm in the Church Room. The agenda is published on the noticeboards on Bakers Arms Green and Johnson Street before the meeting. During the meeting there is an opportunity for the public to comment on planning applications or any other items they wish to bring to the notice of the Council. Meetings are open to the public and you are most welcome to attend.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on August 5th 2014.

Clerk: Jo Beardshaw, Email: [ludhamparishclerk@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ludhamparishclerk@hotmail.co.uk) Phone: 01692 670787

## FOOTBALL PITCH DAMAGE

A quad bike and a motor bike have recently been seen being driven on the football pitch at the village hall. Fortunately, the damage to the playing surface is slight but the Trustees ask that no-one does this again.

It is anti-social behaviour and it has been reported to the police.

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