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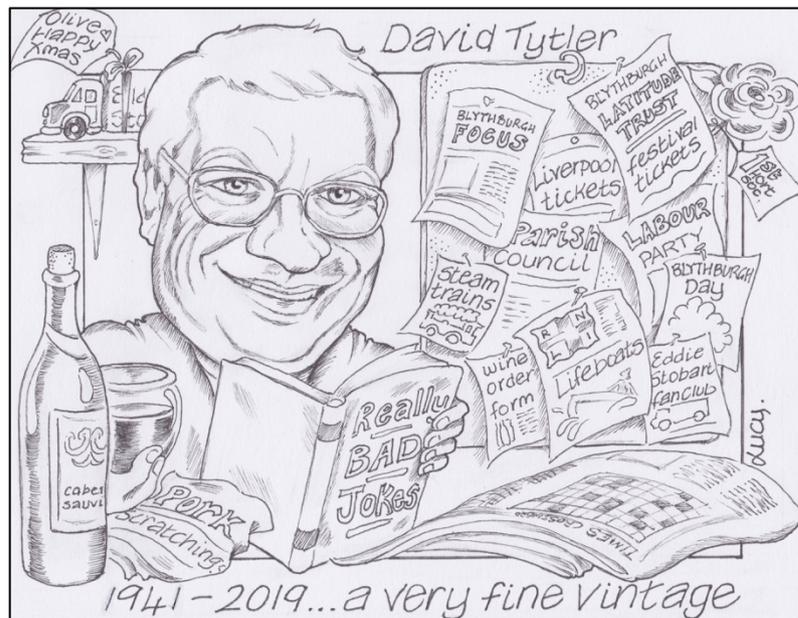
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## David Tytler: a big personality

*These tributes are edited versions of the addresses given at David's funeral in Holy Trinity, Blythburgh on 30 April 2019.*

On 30 April Blythburgh said goodbye to one of its most influential figures of recent years. At a memorial service attended by more than 100 people, we celebrated the life of David Tytler who had died while on holiday in France on 18 March

David had been a resident of Blythburgh since 1997 and chair of the Parish council for 10 years. David was a big personality who liked to be at the centre of things and was driven

by a sense of curiosity about people and events.

This natural curiosity was honed to a professional edge from his teenage years. Born on 16 February 1941, he was raised happily as a South London boy, studying at Selhurst Grammar School, in the shadow of Crystal Palace. By his own admission, his school career was not a conspicuous success: he left with a clutching handful of 'O' Levels at the age of 17. He then joined the *Croydon Advertiser* as a trainee journalist. A move which was to shape the rest of his life.

As the paper's Transport Correspondent, he was given a company car – well, a moped! But he soon steered his career towards the *Daily Mail*, where he was to become the assistant editor responsible for news and pictures. There, he played a central role in the Mail's exclusive handling of the story of Louise Brown, the first "test tube baby".

In 1982, David moved to *The Times*, where he eventually became the paper's education editor. His *Times* obituary said he was "one of the foremost education correspondents of the time."

He left *The Times* in 1992 after falling out with the editor who'd moved him sideways to another role. He continued writing and editing as a freelancer for the *Mirror* and the *Independent*, among others. And he published three books, ghosting *Mr Speaker*, the autobiography of the House of Commons speaker George Thomas, and he also ghosted Thomas's book *My Wales* which included photographs by Lord Snowden.

The third book was an influential and much-quoted book written with Duncan Graham, the inventor of the National curriculum, called *A Lesson for Us All*. David became one of the first lay school inspectors. He once told a colleague that he could smell a good school "within half a minute of arriving".

David married Eve, a journalist, and they had three children, Iain, Jo and Kate. Sadly, Kate

died of a brain haemorrhage at the age of 20. David then married Jackie and they had a daughter Laura. Jackie later passed away. David had four grandchildren.

He met Olive Forsyth when he was writing about education, she was then press officer with the National Union of Teachers. David – who was living in Mottingham at the time – liked the look of Blythburgh which he'd discovered when inspecting a school in the area. And he bought Abbey Cottage in 1997. He and Olive were married in 1998. They both continued to travel often to London, until David gave up officially in 2007 on the day of the London tube bombs, at the age of 66.

It didn't take David long to get stuck into village life. Olive too. The pair of them have been a thoroughgoing partnership – core members of the life and times of the village. David's natural affability and warmth – the same qualities that had netted him contacts and confidantes as a journalist – quickly made him a local figure.

He was always ready with a story, a witty riposte and an infectious laugh. You could always tell if he was in the pub or in the village hall, because you could hear him guffaw even before you opened the door.

This was allied to a sense of mission. He wanted to get things done, he wanted to make a difference. This inevitably led him to join the Parish Council and ultimately to become Chair, and a very effective one too. David, as most of us know, knew what he wanted, he had firm objectives. But he was never one for procedures, rules, or codes of practice. It was all too much fuff.

The truth is, that although he was forceful and could be direct, he was no bully, and if persuaded that decisions had to go through a regulatory filter, in the end, he would abide by them. One of his virtues was that he was persuadable.

Talking of persuasion, one of David's singular gifts was his ability to persuade – or dragoon –

others. And that's not to say that he didn't get his hands dirty himself. He was prodigiously energetic – determined to make things a success. And as a result of this drive we have all sorts of amenities and benefits in the village, including: a refurbished playground, a successful film night programme, speed monitors, and of course Blythburgh Day itself. None of these things he did solo, but it's true to say that without his impetus, they may never have happened.

And we can't ignore *Blythburgh Focus*. Ever the editor, he turned a parish news-sheet into a quirky, interesting magazine which has regularly ended up in the top 10% in national competitions. All funded by David personally.

David was always looking to pursue practical things that would do good. One prime example is what he achieved as chair of the RNLI fundraising committee, an organisation he had huge admiration for, rooted in his earlier years as a keen dinghy sailor.

## Living with David, by Olive

David had a huge personality. He was full of life and laughter. He was full of bright ideas and enthusiasm. While I procrastinated, he got on with it, whatever 'it' was. He was delighted every morning that he was still alive – as he'd say 'It's better than the alternative'. He'd start working on Focus or something else immediately but still had time to tell me what I had to do.

Indeed, David was very good at dragooning people into doing what he wanted as Pat and Terry Goss found out after he volunteered them to run the bar at several lifeboat dinners. He also 'volunteered' me to cook for 140 at RNLI dinner cabarets without ever consulting me, and to cook the bacon and sausages for sandwiches at book sales.

Those of you who read *The Times* obituary will know David was transport correspondent on the Croydon Advertiser.

David always focused on the aim. And in that pursuit he wouldn't allow someone's politics, or beliefs, or background be a barrier. He was remarkable in his ability to make friends and co-workers across what others might see as divides. And, touchingly he always wanted feedback, to know whether things had worked, if people had enjoyed themselves.

Some people have expressed surprise that he wanted a church funeral, but he did have a Christian faith, informed by a healthy agnosticism and scepticism about institutional religion. He loved reading lessons at Christmas and looked forward to the services we did in the priory ruins.

In my view there was something properly Christian about this marvellously crusty old soul. For all his mock world-weariness, he had ideals. He wanted the world to be better. And because of who he was and what he did. It is.

**Malcolm Doney**

In that capacity he was on the Sir Nigel Gressley when it attempted to break the speed record between London and Doncaster. If you had dinner at Abbey Cottage, he'd make you listen to that attempt on an LP while pretending to strap hang.

His zest for life was matched by his zest for wine and food. His last two purchases in France were cheese and 42 bottles of red wine. As his son says it's always a party when David comes round.

David claimed to be a Crystal Palace supporter, but I converted him into a Liverpool fan. He'd proudly wear his scarf to matches and sing *You'll Never Walk Alone* with the same gusto that he brought to everything he did. But he also fell in love with the city and enjoyed pointing out that there were as many flats in our development as homes in Blythburgh.

Our drive to Liverpool was an experience. He would always offer to share the driving,

an offer I always turned down. Those who were ever driven by David will know how wise that was. Apart from the quality of his driving, he would sleep most of the way there and back.

A few Christmases ago I gave him a Kindle which he described as his best ever present. He gave me an Eddie Stobart model lorry. He also booked me in with the Stobart club eventually to have my name – which I hate – on a lorry. When I got back from France, there was a certificate announcing my name was now travelling round the country. Only David would think that was a suitable and romantic present for his wife.

He was immensely proud of his son Iain and daughters, Jo and Laura and of his grandchildren Caitlin, Charlotte, Harriet and

Georgina. He didn't have favourites; they were all wonderful to him.

A post mortem couldn't establish the cause of death. It showed he had an infection but not what or where. But he'd be proud to know his liver was in pristine condition.

It's very hard to think of life without David. He gave me over 20 years of great happiness even when he drove me mad. The house is empty without his personality filling it. He wouldn't want to be mourned. David would want all of us to live life to the full, to be happy and most of all to laugh. That's what he did.

**Olive Forsythe**

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In March, Jenny Allen hosted a South Pacific evening which attracted

almost 40 people. This was an opportunity for Jenny to share the fascinating story of her epic three-month journey that she undertook last year. During the trip Jenny travelled nearly 30,000 miles by air, involving 29 take-offs (and a similar number of landings)! In total she visited 25 different islands in the South Pacific, one of which, Fiji, she had previously visited some 40 years ago when working for the Department for International Development. She told us how her best memory is probably landing on Pitcairn Island, but standing on the edge of the crater of a live volcano ran it a close second!

In addition to her fascinating talk, Jenny also managed to single-handedly serve us all with a delicious South Pacific meal. And it's good to know that such an enjoyable evening also raised money for a good cause. A total of £600 was raised for the ShaRM foundation which is working to rebuild schools on the island of Vanuatu following the devastating impact of Super Cyclone Pam which hit the island in 2015.

Blythburgh's culinary globe-trotting continued in May, when the Village Hall was the venue for a well-attended African Night. Appreciation was shown to Wendy and Jeff Sutton for spending their wedding anniversary cooking the African-themed meal, and for Janet Rice for helping on her birthday. The meal (with influences from north, south, east and west Africa) was

followed by a showing of the classic 1951 film *The African Queen* starring Katherine Hepburn and Humphrey Bogart.

**Colin Huggins**

## Get growing!

The Blythburgh Horticultural Society annual Summer Show will take place on Saturday 27 July. With classes for vegetables, flowers and decorative plants, flower arranging and cookery, we hope that there'll be something that everyone can have a go at. Don't forget that any Blythburgh resident can enter, even if you aren't a member of the Horticultural Society. And if you can't put in any entries, do come to the show in the afternoon, anyway, to enjoy tea and homemade cakes. Who knows, when you see what other people have entered you could be inspired to take part next year!

Our annual garden party will provide another opportunity for tea, cake and company. This will take place on Saturday 22 June from 3.30 to 5pm, and this year we have another great venue, Mill End, Dunwich Road, by kind invitation of Roderick and Claire. The usual delicious teas will be served, and there will be a raffle and competitions – so very good luck to everyone!



*Susannah & Tanya from Garden Art fielded enquiries at a successful Gardeners Question Time*

New members or any enquiries please contact: [valc@btinternet.com](mailto:valc@btinternet.com) or 07973 389898.

**Val Carse**

## A warm welcome

On what had been a wet windy week in April, myself and two other women from Blyth View walked into a rather splendid garden in Blythburgh for our first meeting of the Blyth Belles, and knew that we had come to the right place for a lesson in hanging basket making. There was a great selection of plants to choose from, and over a glass, or two, of wine, and with some help, we all produced some fabulous arrangements. We were looking forward to meeting the

women of Blythburgh and we certainly received a lovely welcome and stayed chatting and getting to know them as darkness fell on what turned out to be a much warmer evening than was expected.

Due to the restrictions of attaching anything to the building at Blyth View I took mine back to Woodford and now it hangs proudly outside her house and although I rather regret giving it away, at least I can see it!

All three of us look forward to the next meeting.

**Judy Linard**

## Blyth Belles comb the beach

The Blyth Belles were blessed with glorious weather for their beach combing expedition in late March at Sizewell. Led by Kate Osborne of Beach Bonkers, the find of the day was a fossilised shark tooth uncovered by Ro Williams.



## Blythburgh Day 2019

With the continued sponsorship of the Parish Council and the support of Latitude Trust, Sunday 4 August will see us celebrating Blythburgh Day once again. The day will kick off with a service in the ruins of The Priory at 11am led by Malcolm Doney, before moving to the gardens of The Priory to enjoy the bar, the BBQ (don't forget your residents' voucher published on the last page of this issue – one free burger or hot dog per resident!) and the tea, coffee and cake stall.

Handle With Care will provide the live music, and the event will run until 5pm. There will be the increasingly popular dog show at 2pm, boat rides (to book a river trip please phone Adam Burrows on 07970 463826: first come, first served, dependent on the tides), a history tour of the 12<sup>th</sup>-century Priory ruins with local historian Alan Mackley, and a tour of the church with Colin Huggins. You can also take the opportunity to view *The Blythburgh Summer Exhibition* featuring local talent, which will be taking place in the church over that weekend. Stalls will be run by the Hort Soc (to include selling donated home-grown surplus plants, fruit and veg), Blyth Belles and Ro Williams (tombola in aid of SUDEP Action). There will be a raffle and Treasure Hunt, with prizes announced at around 3.45pm. Children's games will be available in the garden. Please contact Chiara with any queries or suggestions on [chiarasaunders@mac.com](mailto:chiarasaunders@mac.com).

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## **Have a free day out at Africa Alive**

Following a successful launch last year, the trustees have decided to repeat the offer of free tickets for residents to visit Africa Alive in Kessingland this summer. All residents of the parish of Blythburgh with Bulcamp and Hinton are eligible. You are free to decide when you would like to visit and will need to make your own transport arrangements.

Please apply for your tickets before 30 June either by email to [jennyanddick@aol.com](mailto:jennyanddick@aol.com) or by dropping Jenny Allen a line to Wolsey House, Chapel Road, giving the information below. Your tickets will then be hand delivered to the address provided before the end of July.

This will not replace this year's panto trip! The Latitude Trust will be organising the usual visit to the Norwich pantomime on Saturday 4 January – more details in the autumn, but save the date now!

Name	Address	No. of adults (aged 15-65)	No. of children (aged 3-15)	No. of over 65s



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Fri – Sat

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Sun

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## NEWS FROM BLYTHBURGH CHURCH

### **Schubert Mass**

The sublime voices of the Blythburgh Singers combined with the string virtuosity of players from Norwich Baroque to present the Mass No 2 in G major by Franz Schubert on 5 May. More than 100 people attended this rich blend of music, litany and worship. Many thanks to all those involved who made this possible. We'll try to do something like it again as soon as we can.

### **A Fascination with Churches**

A record crowd of more than 60 people attended the Friends of Holy Trinity's



*Pointing out the angels*

Open Afternoon on Saturday 18 May. Canon Roy Tricker lived up to his reputation as an entertaining and enthusiastic speaker with stories from a lifetime of

interest in historic churches. He then conducted a tour of the building, giving a highly individual take on many of the church's treasures.

### **Service 'specials'**

On **Sunday 16 June** at 9.30am, we celebrate Trinity Sunday, which is Blythburgh Church's

Patronal Day (er, because we're called Holy Trinity). Our service will be followed by a celebratory brunch.

At our 9.30 BCP Eucharist service on **Sunday 23 June**, we're delighted that Halcyon Meldrum will tell us about the Loft youth centre in Southwold, a venture which Holy Trinity supports financially.

### **Music in Blythburgh**

There are two Aldeburgh Festival concerts at Blythburgh church. The performance by renowned singers Tenebrae on **Sunday 9 June** at 8pm is sold out, but at the time of writing, tickets were available for a recital on **Wednesday 19 June** at 8pm by the acclaimed Alisa Weilerstein, who will be playing Bach's suites for solo cello. Contact [snapemaltings.co.uk](http://snapemaltings.co.uk) for details. There are other concerts taking place in the church in June and July, please see What's on, on the back page.

### **Coffee Break**

Join the gathered throng at our monthly café and Mini-market on **Friday 28 June** from 10.30am, til noon.

### **Looking ahead . . .**

Revd Malcolm Doney will help launch the proceedings for the village's annual Blythburgh Day on **Sunday 4 August** by leading an open air service in the 12<sup>th</sup> century ruins of the priory. In collaboration with Blythburgh Day, there'll be a first ever attraction in the church: The Blythburgh Summer Exhibition. Subtitled "a celebration of a creative village," this will be a display of creative work by resident talent. See advert for details

Our hugely popular service for the Blessing of Animals will take place on **Sunday 18 August** at 11am. All creatures great and small welcome.

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## Hi Ho Hi Ho (it's off to dig we go)

Do you know the difference between a shovel and a spade? Can you calculate the angle of a slope using Pythagoras? Do you know your Ipswich ware from your Thetford ware? These and many other questions were answered when, on 1 and 2 May, Access Cambridge Archaeology (ACA) returned for Year 3 of the Blythburgh Pit Project.

Working in groups of four, the students used a nationally accepted template to map the location of each pit. They then continued to excavate, in 10cm 'contexts' or layers, to a depth of 1.2m or 'natural'. Each context was sieved and items of potential interest bagged and, where possible, identified. By using standard excavation techniques, the results from the Blythburgh pits can be used locally and nationally to build a picture of our past.



Even to my untrained eye there were some fascinating finds. I was particularly struck by two pieces of Bellarmine (16th century?) stoneware from pit 11 and the bowl of a clay tobacco pipe from pit 2. Bellarmine stoneware was manufactured in Europe – especially the Cologne region – throughout the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> centuries. The defining feature of Bellarmine stoneware jugs is a bearded face and that is exactly what adorned one of the sherds found in pit 11 – thanks to Jeff Sutton for the photograph. The

other sherd featured a shield decoration from a similar jug.

The pipe bowl was embossed with figures of two boxers with the name Tom Sayers, and part of another name ending in "...enan" visible. Google can be a wonderful thing, and the four youngsters excavating this pit had soon identified their find as a clay pipe commemorating the first international match which had taken place between Tom Sayers and American John Heenan in 1860. The fight had lasted 37 rounds (some two hours & twenty minutes) before the crowd invaded the ring and caused the fight to be declared a draw. Tom Sayers died in 1865 (aged just 39). He was buried in Highgate Cemetery with some 10,000 people attending his funeral. Much is known of his life but what we don't know is how this pipe came to be buried in Blythburgh.

Sadly, there are always disappointments and our excitement on Day One over the discovery of an old lane (possibly the route from the Priory precinct to Holy Trinity) at pit 1 proved unfounded.

There is strong evidence of continuous settlement within the heart of Blythburgh village since 700 AD, with equally strong indications as to the possible extent of settlement. Also, as in previous years, you can access details of pit locations, full pottery reports and photographs of each pit at [www.access.arch.cam.ac.uk/reports/suffolk/blythburgh/2019-1](http://www.access.arch.cam.ac.uk/reports/suffolk/blythburgh/2019-1). Some questions do remain unanswered: Is the layer of ash in pit 4 evidence of the great fire of Blythburgh? Does the Middle Saxon Ipswich ware found in pit 3 support the early foundation of Blythburgh? What else lies hidden under our lawns and flowerbeds?

But what is not in question is the size of the THANK YOU owed to you all: for hosting pits, serving cake, asking questions, offering encouragement and sharing our enthusiasm.  
**Sonia Boggis**

## TRAFFIC WATCH

I normally include all speeds under 35mph as 'acceptable', but I thought this time we might make apply the strict interpretation and to speeds as 'legal' (0-30mph); 'illegal' (30 to 55mph); and 'highly illegal' (55 to 90 mph)..

**A12 Southbound** This was monitored in March. The figures are consistent with previous records. Overall 43% (2,372 vehicles per day) were driving at a legal speed, 57% illegally and 1% (31 per day) were highly illegal. In the daytime 45% were legal, 54% illegal and 7 highly illegal. At night 25% were legal, 72% illegal and 3% (25 per night) highly illegal. Late at night the legal dropped to 19%, illegal rose to 74% (119 per night) and the highly illegal to 8% (12 per night).

In April this position was monitored by the Data Logger (where there's no display) with, as usual, poorer figures than when drivers are told their speeds. Overall 37% were legal (2,370 per day), 63% illegal and 1% (38 per day) highly illegal. During the daytime 39% were

legal, 61% illegal and 8 vehicles per day highly illegal. At night only 19% were legal, 78% were illegal and 4% (32 per night) were highly illegal. Late nights (22.00 to 05.00) 18% were legal, 79% illegal and nearly 10% (17 vehicles) highly illegal.

**Dunwich Road Northbound** This was monitored by the Data Logger in March. Overall 56% (696 vehicles per day) were legal, 44% illegal speeds, and less than 1 vehicle per day were highly illegal. During the daytime, 57% were legal and 43% illegal. At Night 35% were legal and 65% were illegal. Late at night 33% were acceptable with 67% illegal.

**A12 Northbound** This was monitored by the Data Logger in April. Overall 64% (2,988 per day) were legal, 36% illegal and 10 per day highly illegal. in the daytime, 67% were legal, 33% illegal and 2 vehicles a day highly illegal. At night it was 43% acceptable, 56% illegal and 1% highly illegal. Late nights were 33% legal, 65% illegal and 4 vehicles per night highly illegal.

**Roderick Orr-Ewing**

## Parish Council News

Following (uncontested) elections in May, our Parish Council has three new Councillors, Val Carse, Malcolm Doney and Chiara Saunders. Before his death, David Tytler had decided to stop down, as had Alan Mackley and Cliff Waller. At the first new council meeting, held on 14 May, Roderick Orr-Ewing was elected Chair. On Friday 18 May a healthy gathering turned out for the Parish Council Annual General Meeting. There were a number of displays by local organisations, Richard Smith,



our county councillor, gave a report and the worthy winner of the 2019 Villager of the Year was announced as the late David Tytler.

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## Notes from Daisy Bank

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It's impossible to write another one of these without mentioning the sad loss of our editor. It is strange how life 'jollys' along for several years and then suddenly it's all change, and we have to adapt to something new, when all we wanted was for the status quo to continue.

As I was about to leave the Parish Council, David was starting as a Councilor and, in the interregnum between those two events, I was pleased David took over as chairman. He had the knack of pushing meetings along and not allowing Councilors to 'go on' for too long. I'm afraid I was guilty as anybody of that sort of thing and David put a stop to all that. A sad, irreplaceable loss.

Daisy Bank is waking up at last after the drudge of winter. The cherry blossom has been and gone, and the roses will probably bloom much later. The squirrels seem to have had most of my allium bulbs but there are still a few popping through. I bought two roses recently from David Austin. *Gabriel Oak* and *Bathsheba*. It will satisfy my obsession with both the book and the first film version of Thomas Hardy's *Far From the Madding Crowd* starring Julie Christie and

Alan Bates. The roses are now side by side as, in the end, both Gabriel and Bathsheba Everdene were to be. I particularly love the famous quote from early in the book when Gabriel proposes marriage to Bathsheba: "And at home by the fire, whenever you look up, there I shall be – and whenever I look up, there will be you."

Sad to see the telephone box disappear. I remember signing a petition with 70 odd names on it trying to prevent it going but to no avail. In the pre-mobile phone era, I spent many an unhappy hour in that box trying to get through to BT in order for my phone to be repaired; our line has been an absolute nightmare over the years and continues to be so. Such were the frequency of one of the engineer's visits, that I saw him divorced, remarried, have children and retire. He was a metal detectorist in his spare time and he found a Saxon ring on one of the beaches near here which is now in Norwich museum. I don't think his cut was enough to retire on though. That red telephone box was part of the village, and with the post office gone and the shop. Where will it end? Thank God the bus had a reprieve, albeit a reduced service.

**Paul Bennett**

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<b>What's on</b>			
<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Time</b>
7 <sup>th</sup> June	Film Club	Village Hall	7.15
9 <sup>th</sup> June	Tenebrae (Aldeburgh Festival)	Church	8.00
19 <sup>th</sup> June	Alisa Wellerstein (Aldeburgh Festival)	Church	8.00
27 <sup>th</sup> June	Hort Soc Summer Show	Church	2.30-4.30
28 <sup>th</sup> June	Café and mini market	Church	10.30-12
6 <sup>th</sup> July	Love to Sing Community Choir	Church	TBC
10 <sup>th</sup> July	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall	7.15
26 <sup>th</sup> July	Café and mini market	Church	10.30-12
2-5 <sup>th</sup> August	Summer Exhibition	Church	See advert
4 <sup>th</sup> August	Blythburgh Day	Priory Gardens	11-5
18 <sup>th</sup> August	Animal Service	Church	11.00
21-27 <sup>th</sup> August	Inspired by Becker exhibition	Church	daytime
<b>Regular Events</b>			
Every Tuesday	Line Dancing	Village Hall	7.30
Every Thursday	Tours of the Church	Church	11.00
First Friday of the month	Film Club	Village Hall	7.30
Last Friday of the month	Café and Mini Market	Church	10.30-12
1 <sup>st</sup> Thurs of the month	Blyth Belles	Please check with <a href="mailto:blythbelles@gmail.com">blythbelles@gmail.com</a>	7.30
2nd Wed of the month, bimonthly	Parish Council Meetings	Village Hall	7.15

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