

SOCIAL NEWSLETTER

May 2025

Hello everyone, it seems ages since our last Social Newsletter and indeed it was – the end of January . This wasn't because nothing was happening, but just that we thought we would reduce the number of Newsletters a bit this year so that you are not bombarded with information.

So read on to catch up on all the Parish social news!

As always, do please let us know if you have any views or thoughts about our Parish Social Newsletters

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Pancake Evening at St Cecilia's -

About 35 parishioners and friends enjoyed Pancake Tuesday at St Cecilia's Church, with £171 collected for Parish funds. Everyone enjoyed a selection of home-cooked pancakes with maple syrup and cream. The evening ended with a draw for very generously donated raffle prizes.



Ecumenical events – After the success of the Pancake evening we entered the period of Lent. Although we had not planned any parish specific social events during this time, we did take part in the Lenten lunches in Hunstanton and Heacham.

Over the six Fridays of Lent, each of the churches in Hunstanton delivered a Lenten service followed by lunch. All the churches had agreed that as we are currently in the Jubilee Year of Pilgrims of Hope, each of the Lenten services would be based on the theme of hope. This was a wonderful way for us all to reflect and prepare for our Lord's sacrifice and resurrection. The lunches afterwards – which as usual was a joint effort of all the churches together – gave us a great opportunity to continue to build on our friendship with other Christians in our community.

After Easter, OLSE also worked with the Anglican churches of St Edmund's in Hunstanton and St Andrew in Ringstead to provide the next Faith service and meal. Although this was held at St Edmund's, the service was largely prepared by us and based completely on the themes for Pilgrims of Hope.

Coming fairly soon after the death of our Holy Father, Pope Francis, this was a particularly special event when we were able to share information and pray together about matters which had been very close to his heart. Attendees also generously contributed nearly £155 which we donated to the Foodbank in Hunstanton – reflecting our support for the Food Poverty theme in this Jubilee year.

Whybelonely – This is a new initiative starting this year. Nick Mansell, who came up with the idea writes: " *The first ' Whybelonely Club Social ' was held at St. Cecilia's Church on Friday 2nd May. The afternoon comprised music and singing, a number of fun activities and an opportunity to engage in an interactive social experience. Refreshments were enjoyed by all who attended.*

The next ' Whybelonely ' Club Social will be on Friday 6th June, 2.00 pm - 4.00pm. All welcome to come and join us."

Nick hopes to run the club on the first Friday of each month at St Cecilia's – why not drop in and have a bit of fun!

Dates for your diary

14 June - Strawberry Fair at St Cecilia's – see the poster overleaf for more information.

Please think about what you could donate to the stalls. Also, if you can help on the day – especially if you are able to make some of the scones - please contact Maureen Vernon on 01553 630914 or 07794 061413

13 September – Parish lunch – details to be confirmed at later date

30 November Or 7 December - Christmas Fair at OLSE

11 December - Parish Pre-Christmas tea – venue to be confirmed



St Cecilia's Church

81 Mountbatten Road, Dersingham

STRAWBERRY TEA

2.30 - 4.00 pm

SATURDAY 14TH JUNE 2024

TEAS

£5.00

Children under 12 FREE

**RAFFLE, CAKES
JIGSAW
PUZZLES,
TOMBOLA AND
PLANTS**

STALLS