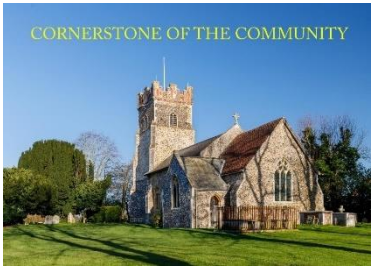
THE LANTERN

NEWS OF THE PARISH OF ST ANDREW'S BREDFIELD



NOVEMBER 2026



FROM ST ANDREW'S
MINISTRY TEAM

Dear Friends,

Imagine standing in a field at dawn. The mist hovers over the ground, and there is complete silence. But 110 years ago, that same field was not silent. It was torn apart by the thunder of artillery, the cries of men, and the smoke of battle. This was the Somme, one of the bloodiest days in human history.

On the morning of 1st July 1916 thousands of young men, many barely out of school went 'over the top' in the Battle of the Somme. By nightfall, nearly 60,000 British soldiers were dead, wounded, or missing. It was the single worst day in the history of the British Army. In 2026 we particularly remember the 110th anniversary of that horror.

This month, as we approach Remembrance Sunday, we pause to honour and remember the courage and sacrifice of those who served in conflicts past, including the Battle of the Somme.

Do join us in our churchyard and church,
as we gather at 10.50am on Sunday 8th November
to lay wreaths and offer prayers for peace on this solemn occasion.

Let us pray together for the families who bore the cost of war, for those who served, and for a world yearning for 'shalom', the peace that Christ himself promises.

In Jesus, we find the ultimate example of sacrificial love. His life, death, and resurrection remind us that even in the darkest of times, hope shines brightest when shared. As we reflect on the loss and heroism commemorated this Remembrance Sunday, may our hearts also be opened to God's call to be

peacemakers in our own homes, streets, and wider community. Every act of love, mercy, and kindness draws us nearer to the light of Christ.

A service of Commemoration and Thanksgiving on Sunday 1st November at 10am at St Andrew's:

This is a time to pause and remember those we have loved and who have died. There will be an opportunity to have names of loved ones read out, and to light a candle in their memory. The candles serve as a symbol of both of our memories of our loved ones, and of Jesus Christ the light of the world, in whom we place our hope. The service will include a mix of readings, well-known hymns, and prayers. Refreshments will be served after the service. We do hope that you can join us on this occasion and look forward to seeing you.

Looking further ahead, we begin to sense Advent approaching at the end of the month with:

A scratch Christmas Choir starting practices on Thursday evening 26th November,

The Village Christmas Fair on Saturday 28th November

and a season of waiting and joyful anticipation.

May the peace of Jesus fill your hearts, your homes, and our village. I warmly invite you, neighbours and friends, to join us at St Andrew's in worship, prayer, and remembrance this November, as together we appreciate the gift of life, the courage of the past, and the joy that is to come.

With my prayers and every blessing,

Charles Trefusis
Rector

DIARY DATES

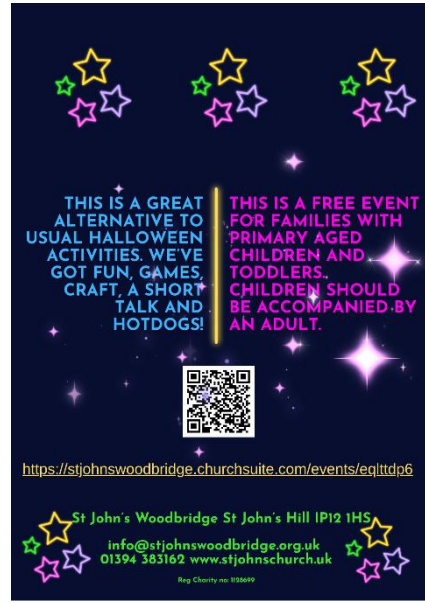
CHURCHYARD CLEARUP

Our annual churchyard clear-up this year will take place on Saturday, 31st October, starting at 10am. There will be plenty of jobs including strimming, leaf raking, pruning, hedge trimming, etc. The gutters around the church room also need cleaning. Inside, the church needs a deep clean and the pews and altar rail etc. will need polishing. Lots to do and all forms of help would be appreciated. Lunch/refreshments will be provided as usual. This is always a great social event and we would love to see you there if you are able. For catering purposes, it would be helpful if you could let me know if you intend to come (steve_st.andrews@btinternet.com).

Steve Stammers

LIGHT PARTY AT ST. JOHN'S 31st OCTOBER







COFFEE AND CAKE



Do come along to **COFFEE AND CAKE** mornings in St Andrew's Church Room.
We meet on Wednesdays, usually twice a month.
ALL WELCOME!



Wednesday 11th and Wednesday 25th November, 10am to 12 pm
Christmas Party Wednesday 9th December, 10am to 12 pm

POSADA FIGURES

Posada (from the Spanish word for "hotel or inn")

There will be a Mary, Joseph and donkey group travelling from home to home in Bredfield from Advent until Christmas Eve this year. The journey re-enacts Mary and Joseph's search for lodging before the birth of Jesus. If you would be willing to house the weary travellers for the night, please contact Paul Cannard at paul.j.cannard@btinternet.com or on 07764 532154


Bredfield
VILLAGE HALL'S
CHRISTMAS FAIR
Saturday
28th November
1pm – 4pm
CHRISTMAS THEMED STALLS
MULLED WINE
MINCE PIES & FESTIVE BAPS
Santa will open the Fair at 1pm
Raffle to be drawn at 3.30pm
Come and Enjoy
this Community Event

CHRISTMAS CHOIR

Once again this year, we will be running our Christmas "Scratch" Choir and we would love you to join us. You do not have to be an experienced singer. You just need to enjoy singing. It's for all ages, although children under 11 must be accompanied by an adult. Rehearsals will take place in the church room from **19.30 to 21.00 on Thursdays 26th November and 3rd, 10th and 17th December** before we take part in our "Carols by Candlelight" service on December 20th at 17.00. If you'd like to take part or would like more details, please either contact Steve Stammers at steve_st.andrews@btinternet.com or phone 07704 856005. **OR**, you could just turn up at the first rehearsal. If anyone has any ideas regarding what we might sing as a choir only item, please get in touch.

Steve Stammers

NEWS FROM BREDFIELD



IMPORTANT - A BREDFIELD QUESTIONNAIRE

Bredfield has a Neighbourhood Plan – this helps planners to determine what development is permitted and where in our Parish. The plan must be reviewed on a regular basis, and since it was adopted in 2019, it is now time to examine the plan, update and make amendments where needed.

In addition, a new Local Plan for development of the area is being prepared by East Suffolk Council, which will determine the level of housing and where new homes, jobs, infrastructure, and community facilities could go – this could also affect our plan.

To help the team working on this, during November every household will receive questionnaires, which will ask a range of questions which will help determine the revision of the Plan. The surveys will be personally delivered by a member of the team.

it is important that we have as good a response as possible, so the more people that complete this survey, the better.

… and if you would like to help the Team by delivering the questionnaires, the Parish Council would appreciate it…. Contact a member of the PC to volunteer.

Thank you

David Hepper: Chair Bredfield Parish Council

RIDE AND STRIDE

A big thank you to everyone involved in this year's Ride and Stride – sponsors, volunteers and participants. We raised **£780.00**, half of which comes to St Andrew's, with the other half going to support the work of the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust (of which we have been a beneficiary in the past). Thank you!

Anne Ackerley

PHOTOS FROM HARVEST FESTIVAL



Photos by Ann Pilgrim





BREDFIELD PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

NOVEMBER 2026

Bin Collection

East Suffolk has had some success in resolving bin collection problems but there still are issues: food waste bins are not being regularly collected, new and replacement bins have not being delivered, some bin lids remain changed and bin collections in general are being missed (particularly on, yes, you've guessed it, a Wednesday).

To try and sort out this fiasco the district council have employed a consultant for four months (to the tune of £62,400) and recruited additional staff.

They are also considering moving some Wednesday bin collection days to later in the week (no news yet).

Bus Stop

For the greater good the Parish Council are attempting to have the redundant Chapel bus stop sign collected as it has fallen over and become a trip hazard.

Letheringham Solar Farm

The planning application for the 170-acre solar farm at Letheringham is now subject to an environmental impact assessment as part of the planning application process (previously this wasn't required).

Westerfield Quary

A decision on the proposed quarry at Westerfield has been delayed at the applicant's request – amongst other things the lorry route (and changes to the B1077) are still being worked out. From a Bredfield perspective lorries from the quarry could travel along the B1078 towards Wickham Market / Sizewell, creating further traffic problems for us.

The Forge Development
An outstanding query on the boundaries, requiring an investigation into the past 80 plus years of ownership. is delaying submission of the new planning application for the Forge.

East Suffolk Planning
From 31st October the process by which East Suffolk District Council evaluates planning applications will change:

- The delegated powers of Planning Officers will be increased meaning fewer public meetings and opportunities for the public to speak out against planning applications.
- Planning will now come under a single committee that will meet monthly, speeding up the process but reducing the public consultation period of any application.
- Decisions on whether a planning application requires an environmental impact assessment will now be made by the planning officer.

Next Meeting
The next full Parish Council meeting is scheduled for 7:30 Monday 30th November in the village hall. Please contact the Parish Clerk by the 16th November if you would like to raise an issue for the Parish Council to discuss / resolve. Alternatively, members of the public can raise items at the start of each meeting or talk directly to our District / County Councillors.

Nik Bestow

NATURE NOTES

A FIRST FOR SUFFOLK

Sometimes, unexpected wildlife can turn up in quite ordinary places. This is what happened a few weeks ago. It was another warm day in an extended hot summer and our house windows were open. When I went into the lounge, I noticed an unusual insect in an unusual posture on our curtains. I knew it to be a robberfly, which are fairly large flies with long abdomen and long legs. They are voracious predators of other insects. If you want to be rid of house flies, a robberfly in your house might do the work for you quite effectively; though I'll understand if you would prefer not to have such a resident assassin around your kitchen. The good news is that they don't bite humans. And the unusual posture? Well, it had the end of its abdomen curled under in an egg-laying posture. I suppose it would be a strange conversation piece to say: "I had a robberfly ovipositing on my curtains this morning". Anyway, I think the insect was only investigating and decided that our curtains were not the best place to start a family!

With these sorts of insects, it is very difficult to identify precisely what species they are without having a close-up photo to examine. I am just the obsessive type of guy who needs to identify wildlife precisely and give a name to what I'm seeing. So, I grabbed a small glass specimen jar and eased the robberfly into it. I then took it outside, with a macro-lensed camera at the ready, and encouraged it to come out and rest on a handily placed leaf. In the most accommodating manner, the insect posed for a couple of photographs: side-on and above. It then flew off, never to be seen again. Here it is:



When I examined the photographs, I was struck by the fact that the insect had red legs – not like any species of robberfly I have ever seen before. Luckily, there are online dedicated forums where you can post pictures of insects and some expert will pass judgement on its identification. When I posted my pictures of this robberfly it suddenly caused a stir. It turned out to be a very rare species, hitherto largely confined to a few places in Devon and the far west of England. Its common English name is 'Devon Red-legged Robberfly' (and if really want to know, its Latin name is *Neomochtherus pallipes*). Not only now confirmed as a first record for Suffolk, it had never previously been recorded east of Oxford.

How this rare insect ended-up in Bredfield is a matter of conjecture. Like several other new species, it may well have been a pioneer spreading north from continental Europe with global warming. Alternatively, eggs laid by an adult, probably on some object other than a curtain, may have be unwittingly transported in the horticultural trade. What should also be taken into consideration is the fact that insects such as this will most often be over-looked. Many more of these Devon Red-legged Robberflies may be flying around unnoticed. Anyway, Bredfield now has an honoured place on the UK Diptera map, albeit quite an esoteric map!

Stewart Belfield https://bredfieldwfv.org.uk

All photos by the author

Bredfield
Wildlife Friendly Village

100 CLUB WINNERS
October 2026

1st Prize	No.24 A Ackerley
2nd Prize	No. 8 N Bestow

SEASONAL RECIPE FROM THE VILLAGE SHOP

This month, a warming November lunch, in just one pot!

CASSEROLE OF MIXED BEANS IN TOMATO SAUCE

Serves 4 people:
2 cans of beans of your choice - eg. Cannelloni, red kidney beans, Borlotti….
1 stick celery
5 or 6 shallots or baby onions
2 tblsp veg oil
1 red chilli pepper or pinch of cayenne pepper (optional)
2 cloves garlic
500g fresh tomatoes, or 1 can peeled tomatoes
3 or 4 leaves of Cavolo Nero

Drain the tins of beans, reserving a little of the liquid.
Heat oil in a large pan and sauté the onions, celery, chilli or cayenne, and the crushed garlic. Add the tomatoes - remove skins if using fresh - roughly chopped. Simmer for 5 mins. with the bean liquid. Add the beans and heat through.
Meanwhile chop the Cavolo Nero and cook lightly in some butter or oil until it softens.
Add to the pot and stir, then simmer for a further 3 mins, seasoning with salt and pepper to taste.
Serve hot in bowls and garnish with parsley. Delicious with crusty bread.

This recipe is easy to vary - more spicy, less spicy, spinach instead of Cavolo Nero, some strips of bacon or pieces of sausage stirred into the mix - hope you enjoy it!

Kate Pirkis

USEFUL INFORMATION

St Andrew's, Bredfield
Rector: Rev Charles Trefusis: 01394 383162 or info@stjohnswoodbridge.org.uk
Churchwarden**:** Stephen Stammers: steve_st.andrews@btinternet.com or 07704 856005
For enquiries about baptisms, weddings and funerals, please contact the Rector.
For all other enquiries about St Andrew's, contact the Rector or Churchwarden.
For information about the Benefice of St John's and St Andrew's go to www.stjohnswoodbridge.org.uk

Bredfield Village Shop opening times: Monday – Saturday 9.30-12.30

Mobile Library: Thursday 5th November 12.05-12.30 Village Hall car park
www.suffolkcommunitylibraries.co.uk/mobile-library-stop/bredfield-village-hall/

Want to know what's happening in the village? Check out the website https://bredfield-pc.gov.uk/
For regular info updates- join our MailChimp email group. Email Anne Henderson - henny@dircon.co.uk and she will add you to the MailChimp list
Want to know about the Village Hall and Bredfield Wildlife Friendly Village – check out https://www.bredfieldvillagehall.org.uk
https://bredfieldwfv.org.uk

BREDFIELD PRAYER CIRCLE
This is a group of Parishioners united in prayer for the needs of our community. It operates in confidence, does not discuss your requests but simply includes your needs with their private prayer. Please give just a first name and enough details to make your request meaningful to those who will be praying with you. Please contact: Anne Ackerley 01394 384805 or Alison Cannard 01473 737707.

PARISH GIVING SCHEME – St Andrew's
This is a simple and secure online way for churches to receive donations in support of their work and upkeep. It accepts both one-off donations and the setting up of a regular commitment. To make a donation please click on the QR code. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT**

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER SERVICES AT ST. ANDREW'S

Sunday 1st November	**Service of Commemoration and Thanksgiving**	**10.00am**
Sunday 8th November REMEMBRANCE	**Service of Remembrance**	**10.50am**
Sunday 15th November	**Holy Communion**	**9.15am**
Sunday 22nd November	**Service of the Word**	**9.15am**
Sunday 29th November ADVENT and ST ANDREW'S DAY	**Celebration of the start of Advent and St Andrew's Day (Patronal Festival)**	**10.00am**
Sunday 6th December	**Holy Communion**	**9.15am**
Sunday 13th December	**Service of the Word**	**9.15am**
Sunday 20th December	**Carols by Candlelight**	**5.00pm**
Thursday 24th December CHRISTMAS EVE	**A Family Christmas Eve: Story, Carols and Celebration**	**3.00pm**
Friday 25th December CHRISTMAS DAY	**Christmas Day Celebration and Holy Communion**	**10.00am**
Sunday 27th December	**NO service at St Andrew's**	**--**

DIARY DATES AT A GLANCE

Saturday 31st October	**Churchyard Clear-up**
Saturday 31st October	**Light Party at St John's**
Thursday 5th November	**Mobile Library**
Wednesday 11th November	**Coffee and Cake morning**
Wednesday 25th November	**Coffee and Cake morning**
Thursday 26th November	**Christmas Scratch Choir**
Saturday 28th November	**Christmas Fair**

Please send contributions for the COMBINED DECEMBER/JANUARY LANTERN to Alison Cannard at lantern.bredfield@gmail.com , 01473 737707 by 15th NOVEMBER.