

## Great Bricett Notes:

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### **Church Cleaning**

The usual team will be cleaning the church on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May.

### **Church Flowers**

Anyone is welcomed to put flowers in church – maybe you wish to remember a loved one or a family anniversary – whatever the occasion, flowers are always welcomed. Feel free to bring your own vase or use one from the back of the church.

### **Services in May**

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May 9 am Holy Communion

For services in the other churches, please see the rota at the back of this magazine.

### **Future Events**

The Suffolk Show will be taking place at The Showground on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May. A great day out for all the family.

In Church on Sunday June 14<sup>th</sup> an evening concert with the A cappella (no musical accompaniment) choir **Illuminati**. Further details next month.

### **The Red Lion's Roar**

So, spring is finally here, with the wonderful yellow cowslips nodding away in the verges are stunning, and lambs scampering around in the fields.

Danny has been busy, putting some more paint on the outside walls, but it doesn't look as if it's been touched, it's just soaking it in. I expect it will level out in the end.... that the trouble with neglected buildings, you have to do so much endless work, before it starts to look good again!

Our colony of Newts at the pond have virtually doubled and they have no shame in marching across the living room floor, giving us a bit of a scare, so as not to stand on them....also, then there are the endless Ladybirds waking up coming out of all the cracks and crevices in the wood, which you don't always see, but you do smell, if you inadvertently knock them !

Steve and Julie from Ringshall have now finished clearing the hedging next to The Red Lion, and in doing so have made a splendid job.

"The Vintage Run" will be taking place again this year with vintage military and civilian vehicles taking part. The run will start in Stowmarket and the vehicles will be here at The Red Lion at around 10 - 10.30am. Come along and show your support. Make a note in your diaries for Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May.

We continue to be entertained by The Last Sunday Session Group of instrumentalists and singers, who welcome anyone musical to come along on the last Sunday of every month at 3pm to "have a go"!

We have been approached by a newly set up travelling Pizza van by the owner Tom. He will be here on Thursday April 30<sup>th</sup> from 5 pm. Once again, it will be Eat-In or Takeaway. As Frances is to have a shoulder replacement on 27<sup>th</sup> April refreshments will be light bites eg Ploughmans and basket meals eg Scampi and Chips etc for a short while until full

service can be resumed!

For the May bank holiday weekend on the Monday we are fortunate to have a supporter of The Red Lion, who has volunteered a couple of ponies here, for the children to have pony rides from 12 midday. We are raising funds to add to, and upgrade the children's play area at The Red Lion. We hope the weather is good, and everyone can enjoy being outside in the warmth of the sun.

Danny and I look forward to seeing and welcoming you, now the weather is improving.

We are hoping the weather will continue to be kind, and that we can make great use of our new picnic benches and seating, throughout the coming months.

### From the archives.....



This very old photograph of the church is to be found behind the bar at The Red Lion. Sharp eyed readers may note that the current bell turret is not the one pictured. It was sent to a Mrs Gomm in Chiswick in June or July 1906. Local archivist Alison has discovered that –

The photographer was Percival Walter Finter, he was a 'native of Needham Market' but opened a business as a photographer and hairdresser in Bildeston in 1906. As the mark says Needham Market, I would presume the photo was from before then. (He was working as a grocer's assistant in Ipswich in 1901 so we could probably narrow the photograph down to between 1901 and 1906?)

“The sender would be Ernest Albert Gomm, a postman from London, who married Cinderella Clark, miller's daughter. She was the daughter of Aber John Clark, miller at Bricett Mill (as was his father before him).

The 'bundle of worry', Cinderella, (*mentioned in the text on the back*) was born in Barking while her father was running the mill there but Abner was born in Great Bricett (probably in Mill House). Her family appears to have been in Barking between (roughly) 1868 to 1880 before returning to run the mill at Bricett.

Ernest was born in Buckinghamshire but appeared to live most of his early life in Chiswick (at the address on the postcard even - 4 Hogarth Lane).

They married in Great Bricett church (*as referenced in the postcard*) on 3 October 1900, and the couple set up home together in Chiswick. They were recorded just around the corner from 'mum' in the 1901 census the following year.

At the time of this postcard they had just one child, Gilbert Walter, but the next year, their daughter Grace Minna would arrive.

Introducing Alison Ebbans.....

"I am currently carrying out a detailed study of Great Bricett (registered with the Society for One-Place Studies). My research looks at the people and families who have lived in the village over time, exploring how they are connected to one another and to those in the surrounding villages.

I am also interested in connecting these families to particular houses, farms, and buildings in the area.

If you have any memories, stories, photographs, or other items relating to Great Bricett or nearby villages, I would love to hear from you. No detail is too small!

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