

Village Voices

The local newsletter for Hollesley, Boyton, Capel and Shingle Street

30p

Dear friends,

NOVEMBER 2006



John MacLeod

Members of the **Village Voice** team (Back row) Nick Mason, Mike Adams, Keith Burton and Rob Claxton (Front row) Laurie Forsyth and Helen Macleod

Village Voices is *ONE YEAR OLD!* May we have many Happy Returns! We have also won the competition for the best Newsletter serving villages of up to 1500 residents in the whole of Suffolk. What a fantastic birthday present!

The free copy you receive is paid for entirely by our advertisers, and delivered by volunteers each month. Some of our team who work together are pictured above. Read about how it all happens in this month's feature article. We believe **Village Voices** can only be as good as you make it. Thank you everybody: those who write to us, or contribute in any way at all, so that we really do become the **Village Voices**.

Helen Macleod (Editor)

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Bonjour!



David Dee

Ambriere, northern France

I must admit I wasn't looking forward to it! The thought of any school trip can be daunting, but a trip that starts at 3am in a Tesco car park is even more so. Yes 3am! That is the time our trip to France set off from sunny Suffolk.

I was wrong. It was a marvellous trip. The children came from several schools in the area and we had an excellent time staying in Ambriere, northern France. We visited the Tapestry at Bayeux, bought cakes from a Patisserie (all the children had to ask for their chosen cake in French), went canoeing, visited a cathedral and so much else besides. The most moving part of the trip was a visit to the beaches of the Normandy landings and a nearby American cemetery. The children were amazed and humbled to discover the price of liberating Europe in 1944. An amazing trip. I'm already looking forward to next year.

School life continues at breakneck speed and there are opportunities for you to be involved. **We look forward to seeing you all at our School Christmas Fayre on Saturday the 9th of December from 2-4pm.** We also are looking to recruit a new Community Governor for the school. If you're interested do give me a call and I would be happy to explain what is involved.

Must rush off now. We are taking most of the school to London tomorrow to see the Royal Ballet perform Coppelia at the The Royal Opera House in Covent Garden. I look forward to telling you about this trip next month.

David Dee
Senior Teacher

*Could you be a Community Governor?
Call David Dee on 411616 (Editor)*

From Hillside

It is a time to celebrate!

Village Voices is celebrating its first anniversary.

The churches in Boyton and Hollesley are celebrating as well. The church in Hollesley is dedicated to all the saints – *All Saints' Day* is 1st November. Celebrating this feast began in the fourth century.



Church of St. Andrew, Boyton

From those early days the church has recognised heroes of the faith. It was excited by, and wanted to recognise those who lived to the glory of God. They furthered this work in the past, still do now, and will do so in the years to come.

The church in Boyton is dedicated to *St. Andrew*, whose day is 30th November. St. Andrew, a fisherman and one of the first disciples to be called was with Jesus throughout his life on earth. His example gives us a challenge to follow and to live in the image of God.

Are you a saint? Yes, you are. We are all saints of God. Do you help people, sit and listen to them, smile, hold and love them? Do you shop for them or take them out? Do you care and pray for the needs of others?

If you do any of these things, and perhaps many more, then you are living in the image of God.

Peninsula Churches

In 2000 the 17 parishes and 18 churches on the Peninsula joined together to form a large group under the leadership of a Team Rector: Revd. David Murdoch, who is based at Orford. The team works in 4 areas or Benefices.

1. Orford, Sudbourne, Iken, Chillesford and Butley, (Revd. David Murdoch)
2. St Gregory and St. Phoenix at Rendlesham (Revd Colin Macdonald)
3. Eyke, Wantisden, Tunstall and Bromeswell (Revd Patrick Kerley)
4. Hollesley, Boyton, Sutton, Shottisham, Bawdsey and Ramsholt (Revd Geoffrey Clement)

Once a year the Bishop comes to share a service with us, this time on 26th November, 10.30 am at Hollesley.

Come and celebrate with us!

Judith

Hollesley Church Gift Day

Saturday 18th November 10am – 12noon

It takes a lot of money to keep the church open for everyone to appreciate. It is a wonderful historic building, which should be kept in good repair inside and outside for future generations. But we are struggling. There is always work to be done as the weather hits the walls with heat, snow, wind and rain.

The church holds an annual Gift Day and we ask you to show your appreciation of the building by helping us to maintain it. Someone will be in the church to receive your gift or it can be given to a member of the PCC, Geoff or Judith. All gifts are very welcome at any time. If you are a taxpayer please sign the envelope so we can claim the tax back. There is an envelope and covering letter in with your copy of **Village Voices**.
Judith

Holiday Club for children in school years 1 – 6 at Hollesley Church Thursday 21st December 10 – 12noon

Come and make things, sing and play games at Hollesley Church! We will have fun and practise for the Crib Service on Christmas Eve at 5pm. More details next month.



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Laurie Forsyth

Coastguard Cottages

On **19th September** we were called to Shingle Street at 1.30pm. A ‘mayday’ had been received by Thames Coastguard from a Cessna aircraft which was about 20miles east of Orfordness, and was losing height rapidly. The aircraft finally ditched about 8 miles east of Orfordness and sank quite quickly. Luckily the German pilot was able to get out, and was picked up by the air-sea rescue helicopter and was taken to Ipswich hospital suffering from mild hypothermia and shock.

On **21st September** we were called to Shingle Street with reports of flares being sighted in the area. The air-sea rescue helicopter conducted a search from Orfordness to Bawdsey but nothing was found. **Roy Clark**, Shingle Street Coastguard

Woodbridge Choral Society Handel’s Messiah

7.30pm November 25th St. Mary’s Church, Woodbridge

Several people from the Peninsula are members, and this performance is being dedicated to the memory of **Miles Shillingford** of Boyton who was a member for many years. Tickets available at St. Mary’s on the night, or in advance, call 411214

Pat Shannon

Happy birthday Village Voices!

Did you read *The Peninsula*? Apparently it was good, and well read here and in the surrounding villages, but it ceased publication before I came to Hollesley last year. For the past ten years, prior to last

November we received the monthly Contact, produced by the church. Village newsletters/magazines/bulletins are important to people in small communities, and that is probably why over 70% of homes in the village said Hollesley needed one when asked for an opinion in the Hollesley Parish Plan questionnaire in 2004. This is the one-year anniversary of your magazine, so let's look behind the scenes at the process that ends each month with **Village Voices** dropping onto your doormat.

Two weeks ago in mid-October, the production team had its usual monthly meeting in the Village Hall to review the October issue, and to hear any comments from readers or advertisers.

Editor Helen Macleod then reviewed the entire November magazine, from the choice of the second colour on the front page to the Village Stores advertisement on the back page. How many photographs? Where do they go? Have we received instructions from all the advertisers? How many letters to print this month? Sometimes there are some worrying blank spaces,



where promised contributions have missed the copy date: usually they appear at the last minute, and Helen incorporates them into the make-up almost on her way out of the door on her way to the printer. The next item determines the action points: the dates for delivery to the printer; for checking the proofs, for collection, and for distribution in Hollesley, Boyton and beyond.

Rob Claxton and Tina Morley produce the calendar and some advertisements in a format that makes them easy for the printer to use, and Keith Burton sends all the photographs electronically to the printer: Keith, as the originator of the village Website also looks for ways to make the magazine and Website work in tandem.

Unless financially independent, magazines and newspapers rely on income from advertising to cover most of their costs: the economics of producing The Daily Telegraph are exactly the same for **Village Voices**. Mike Adams is at the head of the production team, and is responsible for its financial viability. His efforts have produced a steady demand for advertising space in the magazine that produces income to entirely cover production costs. We need our advertisers, and are grateful for their support: in turn, they need you, so please use their services whenever you can so that we all benefit.

Someone once said 'the buck stops

here', and for an editor it is true. However hard Helen tries, **Village Voices** will only be as good as the contributions sent in by you, the reader.

There are regular letters and contributions from Judith and Geoffrey at the church. Nick Mason is in charge of reports on village sports: Debbie Pipe covers 'Village Contacts', the month's calendar and also 'Youth,' which she shares with Vanessa Bishop, whilst Malcolm Fleetwood and Isobel Lilley look after the interests of Boyton. Mike, Debbie and Vanessa organise the distribution of the magazine each month to your door, and I check the proofs for errors, write occasional feature articles like this, and share the wildlife and conservation niche with Nick.

Our Distributors

*Di Whitney, Olive Andrews, Di Barnard,
Joan Butcher, Dorothy Holmes,
Sue Miller, Pam Thomas, Debbie Pipe,
Judith Andrews, Helen Saagi,
Mike Beatrice, Pat Shannon, Vanessa Bishop,
Val Murray, Isobel Lilley, Mike Adams*

As **Village Voices** enters its second year, the team thanks our readers and all the people who have contributed in the past. We especially thank our advertisers, and Mark at Bettaprint in Woodbridge for his rapid and efficient service. This magazine is your opportunity to air your views and say what you think – so the choice of its name by children at the school a year ago was excellent.

Laurie Forsyth

Without the support of our advertisers Village Voices would struggle to find the finances that enable us to print and distribute the 800 free copies that are delivered to all the households in Boyton, Capel, Hollesley and beyond every month. As a way of saying thank you to our advertisers we will be profiling a different business each month.



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Graham particularly likes exterior painting and this activity has seen him sprucing up some unusual bits of property. He recalls being escorted 50 yards down a garden to be shown the household 'thunder box', which the owner was anxious to have smartened up. A tree house at Martlesham was quite a challenge along with watermills and various shapes and sizes of garden sheds. Not surprisingly, the conventional house poses no problem. Graham would welcome your enquiry and is always pleased to come and chat over your needs and provide a no-obligation quote.

Youth Talk

HOLLESLEY YOUTH CLUB

WEDNESDAY 7.30PM – 9PM
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What a great turnout! We had 46 kids on the 1st night and 51 on the 2nd. After having a week off for half term, we'll be back up and running 1st week in November.

Don't forget your £1 subs, this is going to go towards equipment, trips and events during the year, so make sure you give us your ideas on what you want to do.



Huge thanks to everyone who has spent so much time and effort in getting this club off the ground. I think you can see it has all been worthwhile.

If you want any info on the club, please feel free to call Vanessa (412080) or email youth@villagevoices.org.uk



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On Sunday 26th November I am planning to do a sponsored swim for the L'Arche community in Ipswich of which Jacky is a strong supporter.

L'Arche provides a unique kind of care and support where people with learning disabilities and their assistants live and learn together, providing them with an alternative place to live and grow. For some they may provide a home for life. Others will gain the skills and confidence to live in their own accommodation with a lower level of support.

If you would like to sponsor me, please call me on 411080 or Jacky, on 07793068862. Many thanks for your support.

Debbie Duncan

To all Children's Society Box Holders

The annual opening of the boxes is due in November and I will be calling on as many of you as I can. However, it would really help me if you could bring your boxes along to Church or drop them off at my house - No.1 Moorlands, Hollesley any time after reading this note. If you have any problems please ring me on 411180.

Thank you all in advance for your support.

Unfortunately, due to a change in personal circumstances, I will not be able to continue with the Children's Society annual collection in Hollesley and would appeal to anyone out there who would consider taking this very rewarding job on. It would be a real shame if this worthwhile charity could not continue to be supported in this way. It is a very successful way of raising funds for the Children's Society.

If you would like to find out more, please do not hesitate to come and have a chat to talk things through and see what it involves.

Jan Sullivan, Honorary Local Secretary

The Power of a Simple Gift

Operation Christmaschild

Last year readers of **Village Voices** sent an amazing 72 *shoeboxes* filled with Christmas gifts to central and eastern Europe, Mozambique, Swaziland and India. They go to the collecting centre in Ipswich where more and more are received each November. Over a million were sent from Britain last year.

Can we do even better this year? What do we put in?

All the details are on page 13 of last month's **Village Voices**.

Ask Pat Fleetwood, Boyton (410409) or Di Barnard, Hollesley (411079) for a leaflet which gives all the information you will need. They also have a few spare shoeboxes. Ours must be in by **20th November**.

Just think what it means to a child to receive a box full of treasures, their only present at Christmas-time!

Mothers' Union

The MU held their Annual General Meeting on Monday 2nd October at Bawdsey Village Hall. Kay Raffe, (Secretary) gave a very thorough report on the year's activities; the first year that a member had travelled abroad for the Annual MU conference.

Mrs Pat Fleetwood, Leader and Treasurer

and Mrs Kay Raffe, Secretary were re-elected to the same posts for the forthcoming year. The next meeting is at 1.30pm in Bawdsey Village Hall on Monday 6th November, when the coming year's programme will be organized for speakers and activities, starting with the shoe boxes for Samaritan's Purse, (see p.14) Why not come along and see and hear what we are really all about?

Pat Fleetwood

Wanted

Do you have a Pool/Snooker table, Table Tennis Table, Portable TV, Playstation or beanbags that you no longer need?

The **Hollesley Youth Club** is looking for additional equipment for their Wednesday evening club. If you can help, please give **Vanessa** (412080) or **Debbie** (411976) a call. Many thanks

Ikea coach trip. Thursday 16th November

£9 per person, organized by Bawdsey Craft Group. Departs Bawdsey Village Hall 9.30am with pickups at Alderton, Sutton, Melton and Woodbridge Swimming Pool. Return 5.30pm (Traffic permitting) To book call **Sue 411758**

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We are a voluntary run pre-school with Charitable status. The old portacabin is to be demolished and we have planning permission for a new purpose built pre-school. Without your help we will be closed because we cannot stay in our present building.

We need local help and support to gain the funding by Christmas

We are hoping to re-open in time for the **Spring term 2007!** If you would like to use this wonderful new facility **we need to know now!**

1. Please look for our questionnaires around the Peninsula collecting points of interest.
2. If you don't find them then please don't wait: just call our chairman on 411032 to give your views.
3. In order to get the funding for the building we must prove there is an urgent need for this service in the community.

These are exciting times for our playgroup as we seek to serve the community better. Look out for our first- ever sign coming soon at the bottom of the school drive.

There are other ways you can help:

1. Do you know a builder or anyone with the knowledge to get this project started?
2. Can you help with supplying materials?
3. Can you hold a fundraising event?
4. Please support our fundraising initiatives

Help us to serve you. Without our pre-school we ultimately condemn our Primary school. If parents have to send their children off the Peninsula to pre-school or nursery then the natural choice is to send them to the school which is connected with it. That is where they've already made friends!! It really is that simple.

Noelle Gore, Chairman for the Committee, Hollesley Pre-School



Diary—November 2006

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<p>To have your event listed here, please contact Debbie Pipe on 01394 411976 or email diary@villagevoices.org.uk</p>		<p>Mobile Police Station 10.15-11.45 am 1</p> <p>Short Mat Bowls 2pm Hollesley Youth Club 7.30-9pm</p> <p>Badminton 8-10pm</p>	<p>Phantom Archers 2</p> <p>Judo Club</p> <p>Hollesley Parish Council Meeting</p>	<p>Whist Drive 3 Boyton Village Hall 7.15pm</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>Suffolk Wildlife Trust 5 Working Party 9.30am ring Nick Mason for details 411150</p>
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Your Letters –

Please write to the Editor at Village Voices

Dear Editor,

I am delighted to send good wishes to the production team of **Village Voices** for the magazine's first year and even more pleased to offer warm congratulations on the news that **Village Voices** has won the Village Magazine of the Year award – the best publication out of 40 entrants.

You and all the team thoroughly deserve this recognition of your hard work in publishing interesting and informative articles in a most attractive format and delivering the magazine so efficiently to all residents in the Holllesley and Boyton area.

Very well done, all of you. With kind regards,

Rosemary Clarke,
Suffolk County Councillor,
Wilford Division

Thank you, Rosemary for your most encouraging letter. May we do even better in the coming year! (Editor)

Dear Editor,

It was heartening to read Jan Parry's letter in the September issue of Village Voices about the proposed new village development. It is a tragedy in this modern age of global warming that so many housing estates in Britain have been built recently with the same architecture and without ecological additions. What a wasted opportunity! There have been programmes on television telling

us about houses which can be built in several days for approx. £80,000 which look really good and incorporate ecological features. There are community benefits: such as building on a courtyard style with gardens backing onto a playground. The children can play together without going out of the front door.

Let's talk about heat pumps and solar cells and turn this into a showpiece of what can be done. Prices have gone up enormously with nothing new to show anybody. People love the 'grand designs' programme. Let's make this a grand designs estate with houses to suit all price brackets. I would love to buy one of those £80,000 houses but at the moment there is no choice. Can a developer be found who is brave enough to do something different?

Jacky Aufenast, Holllesley

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Past Times – Village Faces and Places

In the next few months we hope to publish a selection of old photos telling something of life and times as they were within living memory. Although few people had cameras, nevertheless many photos were taken by a visiting photographer who made postcards. Few people had telephones and villagers would often keep in touch with friends and relatives by sending postcards. These were treasured and kept in a box or drawer for many years. Sometimes they were only discovered after someone had died.



Hollesley Primary School. What year was it?

Are **you** in this old photograph from Hollesley School? Do you know the boy in the sailor suit or the girl with the bows in her hair? Do you know when the photo was taken? What was the school like in those days? Someone must know something!

Have you an old photo we can publish for you in **Village Voices**? Tell us what you know about it, or perhaps someone else will be able to fill in the details. All photos will be returned to you.

Please call or write to the Editor at **Village Voices**, (see P.1 for details.)

Ward off the flu and pneumonia this winter!

Alderton Health Centre has a good supply of vaccinations for those who are eligible, and the nurses are already starting their vaccination programme. Tel. **411641** to book an appointment

The Shepherd & Dog



November Events

Lots happening in November including Karaoke on Saturday 4th

Watch the board for more events



Carole is planning lots of seasonal fayre during November including soups and traditional English hot puddings just like Mum used to make!



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Sutton Heath adult football team

Established in 1992 predominately as an army team we initially played at Sandlings School, Sutton Heath hence our name! However with the retreat of the army from the base we moved to Hollesley recreation ground and have never looked back. We have grown year after year and can now boast teams in the Under 15s, 13s, 12s, 11s, 10s and 8s with over 90 children registered, as well as an adult team.



Eddie presenting Sam Reach with the 'Man of the Match' award, after the team's first win.

There will be major changes this year as the club's success

has seen the need to revise our pitches with the current configuration. This is the only way of fitting in all the required pitches in the available space.

What a great sight on a Saturday morning to see so many boys and girls playing football. With tea and coffee available and a friendly greeting spectators are always welcome. Why not come and see what all the noise is about?

Nigel Bingham

Sponsored Hair Chop!

My name is **Mark Bevens**, (father of Alex and Kieran) and I am raising money for Cancer Research and The British Heart Foundation Charities, both chosen due to family reasons.

On Saturday 4th November, I would like you to sponsor me per inch to have my hair cut off – feel free to come along, sponsor me and cut off a section yourself!

The event will take place in The Pavilion at Hollesley Recreation Ground from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. during the Sutton Heath Football Club home match, so please come along and support me – scissors will be provided!!

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The Bishop visits Boyton

On the 24th September **Bishop John Waine**, who used to be the Bishop of this diocese and also had a house in Boyton, preached at a Thanksgiving Service in the evening.

It was a double celebration thanksgiving for the repair to the Church roof and the Harvest Thanksgiving. Bishop John remarked in his sermon that it was very good to see a larger congregation in Boyton now than when he lived here. The service was followed by a Harvest Supper which Mr and Mrs Waine also attended as guests.

The guest speaker for the evening was 'Fred, the rural correspondent' of BBC Suffolk Radio. All attending had a good meal and hilarious entertainment from Fred.

The evening raised over £200 toward the Church Restoration fund. A very big thank you to all who attended, and especially to all the ladies and their helpers who worked hard to make the evening not only enjoyable, but very successful.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

The Macmillan Support Coffee Morning held at Bellfields, Boyton on September 29th raised £352.10p. Thank you to all those who helped to make it such a success.
Beverley Hough and Isobel Lilley

BT Broadband

Some of us have been experiencing difficulty getting a workable bandwidth on BT Broadband. It has been going as low as 160Kbps whereas most of us in the country normally get at least 1.2 Mbps. BT do not respond to single voices and the time has come to see if a 'class' action is necessary to get something done. If you have difficulty (low bandwidth, connection dropping out etc.) please keep a log and let me know the details by email to fred.stentiford@btpenworld.com

You can check the Broadband speed you are getting by hovering your mouse over the little double TV icon in the bottom right hand corner of your screen.

Fred Stentiford, Boyton

Boyton Village Bonfire Sunday 5th November. 6pm

Up Mill Lane, field on left.

Bring your guys (and gals) Guy Fawkes competition

BYO food and fireworks – or donations for fireworks by 31st Oct. to

Malcolm 410409 or Andrew 411720

To walk in the footsteps of Jesus



Photo from Richard Wilson

Church of all Nations, Jerusalem

Despite the recent trouble in the Middle East, the reality on the ground is often far removed from what we read about in the press and see in the news. Places of pilgrimage are open and are welcoming visitors. I visited many of these places last year and have planned an inter-faith pilgrimage for a group of us to visit the Holy Land in November 2007 in conjunction with the travel company McCabe. The month, November, has been chosen because it is just after the high summer heat and after the peak period when the pilgrimage sites are less crowded. During our time with the pilgrimage we will have the opportunity to worship with the local Christian community on the Sunday morning in Jerusalem as well as participating in our own acts of worship throughout the week.

Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth, Capernaum, the Sea of Galilee, Mount Tabor and Acre and includes free time for relaxation and private exploration. We will walk along the Via Dolorosa, the route Jesus took to his death on the Cross, sail on the Sea of Galilee and have the opportunity to experience the unique buoyancy of the Dead Sea as well as ascending Mount Masada by cable car.

If you would like to join the pilgrimage, please contact me, Richard Wilson on 01728-688546 or email: mail@richard-c-wilson.com for more details and a booking form. Your local clergy also have further details and a short DVD video which you can view to give you an idea of what we might see on our pilgrimage. (AVHS video is also available.)

The pilgrimage will include visits to

Richard Wilson

News from Hollesley Parish Council August meeting

There were several reports:

PC Warne said there had been 7 crimes in the village: serving alcohol to an under 18 (1 incident) criminal damage (2), burglary non-dwelling (1), deception(1), threat to cause criminal damage(1), domestic incident (1). On 17th Aug. he had accompanied the Court official to serve Notice to Quit at New Age Traveller sites in Capel and Tangham. He was thanked for helping to reduce the riding of motorbikes on the heath.

Mrs R. Sturrock said that the new Wheelie bin system would operate from 11th Sept, but some outlying areas, including Oak Hill would receive them at a later date.

The Clerk reported that a letter had been sent to John Gummer M.P. along with a list of all the correspondence to date regarding the purchase of the recreation ground at the Village Hall. Mr.Gummer responded that he would take up the matter with Clarke and Simpson Estate Agents.

On 11th July she sent 2 copies of **Village Voices** to enter the SALC (Suffolk Association of Local Councils) **Newsletter of the Year Competition** – she hoped we would do well!

- and we won the competition!

*Thank you Margaret and the Parish Council
for entering us (Editor)*

The Parish Council would donate £500 to the Youth Club to get them started. The Clerk had received an enquiry from SCDC about the possible burial site of a lost airman – Douglas Gerald Hatch Coles who crashed at Shingle Street in 1943. He died on the way to hospital in Woodbridge. Is it possible that someone knows of a burial ground apart from Hollesley, Sutton or Shottisham where he might have been buried? A letter had been sent to John Marsh of The Suffolk Punch Trust asking for permission to install a footpath from the Water Tower to Duck Corner.

Some of the correspondence received:

1. From a resident in Woodbridge road regarding the sewage smell along that stretch of road. The PCC would look into the matter.
2. SCC – Public Footpaths – A letter had been written to the person who posted advertisements on the new Footpath sign which is not allowed.
3. A parishioner had asked for a new Footpath map outside the shop. Mr Shelcott would arrange for one to be produced and Mr Chris Clement at the shop had agreed to refurbish the Notice Board.

Planning Permission granted by SCDC to Blandford (Alderton Road,) 36, Moorlands, Gresley Farm (Lodge Road,) Outyonder (Alderton Road), Redcroft (Rectory Road)

VILLAGE VOICES PHOTOGRAPHY AND CHILDREN'S ART COMPETITION



November is the first anniversary of Village Voices.

You can help us celebrate the occasion by entering our photograph and art competition. Local photographer Bill Baston has agreed to select the winners for us, and there will also be prizes for the children. It would be wonderful if we had enough entries to stage an exhibition next year.

Rules

1. The photography competition is open to all residents of Boyton, Hollesley and Shingle Street. Professional photographers will be judged separately – please indicate at time of entry. Judge BILL BASTON'S decision will be final.
2. Photographs may be submitted digitally or in print form.
3. All non-digital entries must have the class number and exhibitors name and telephone number on the back of the photograph or picture.
4. The Art competition is open to all children under the age of 16 who are resident in Boyton, Hollesley and Shingle Street.
5. Photographs must be taken in Boyton, Hollesley or Shingle Street.
6. Minimum size of print 6 inches x 4 inches - Maximum 12 inches x 15 inches. JPEG format for digital images. Children's art A4 maximum size.
7. A maximum of three entries per person per class is allowed.
8. Winners will be announced in the January **Village Voices** and if sufficient entries are received an exhibition of all pictures will be held in the village hall.
9. **Village Voices** reserves the right to publish any entries in future issues.
10. Prints will be returned after the exhibition provided they are clearly named and a self-addressed envelope is enclosed with the entry form.
11. Send your entries to Mike and Wendy Adams, Birch House, Lodge Road, Hollesley IP12 3RR, Tel. 01394 411422 OR email to adams@sandlings.co.uk no later than **1st December 2006**.
12. Should you require further entry forms you may photocopy the form or contact Mike or Wendy and we will send/email extras.





VILLAGE VOICES PHOTOGRAPHY & CHILDREN'S ART COMPETITION



ADULT ENTRY FORM

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

_____ TEL NO. _____

CLASS	NO. OF ENTRIES
ONE:- A VILLAGE SCENE A traditional or unusual scene from around our villages.	
TWO:- FAMILY FRIENDS AND PETS A photograph of your family friends or pets in action.	
THREE:- IN FOCUS A close up photograph of local wildlife and/or plants.	

CHILDREN'S ART & PHOTOGRAPHY ENTRY FORM

CHILD'S NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

_____ TELEPHONE NUMBER _____ AGE _____

CLASS	NO. OF ENTRIES
ONE:- A VILLAGE SCENE A picture of your village.	
TWO:- FAMILY FRIENDS AND/OR PETS A picture of your family friends or pets.	
THREE:- FLOWERS AND ANIMALS A picture of a flower or animal.	

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Gorse on the Heath



Helen MacLeod

Gorse flowers in the Autumn

I am often asked why the Gorse on our commons is in bloom most of the year, when most flowers are seasonal. Well the answer is it isn't! We actually have two species – Common (European) or Western. They are both natural to our heathland as would be the much smaller and lower Dwarf Gorse if it occurred in Hollesley.

The Common Gorse, which is also known locally as Furze or Whin, is in flower now and will go through the winter into the spring. It tends to be larger and the spines, if you want to test them, are furrowed and the flowers are yellow. The Western Gorse has more golden flowers, which come out in the autumn. The spines don't have the deep furrows but again go and have a look!

Heathland does not have a great variety of obvious flowers, unlike meadows and open woodland. Most of them are small, ground-hugging and lack much colour. The Common Heather (or Ling) of course comes into full bloom in August. The other species is the Bell Heather, which comes out quite a bit earlier and might last through until August. When the flowers fade they turn orange and then brown making a beautiful contrast with the purple of Ling and the yellow and green of the Gorse plants.

Nick Mason

Gardening – A Pleasure or a chore

The design and layout of a garden will largely determine how much time it will take you to look after it. I always feel a garden is a reflection of its owner/s: how much he or she knows and what do they want their garden for. Are they retired, busy at work, or perhaps they have a young family who just want somewhere to play.

Gardens developed from scratch tend to evolve gradually, with new ideas and experiments that may or may not work. Mature gardens also need attention, especially at this time of year. Old shrubs may need to be drastically cut back to avoid them taking over and smothering other plants. Some may need to be taken out altogether and replaced with a new exciting variety which promises interest for years to come.

Perennials can be divided, replanted and will grow all the better next year. The ones left over can be given away to give pleasure to other gardeners. This is the time to plant winter pansies and bulbs. Snowdrops, aconites and crocuses are the favourite early ones to brighten up the dark days after Christmas. We can look forward to many different varieties of daffodil to herald the spring during the cold windy days of March.

Over the coming months I hope to pass on some knowledge, to stimulate ideas which will make for easier gardening and greater enjoyment. A well stocked garden with interest all the year round gives enormous satisfaction to both the gardener and all who come to see it. Happy gardening!

Ivan Clark



Vanessa Bishop

Flower arranging at Hollesley Church

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