



Newsletter September 2016

Where is 2016 going? We cannot believe it's already September. We have held successful events, including the Vintage Afternoon Tea Dance in May, the Murder Mystery evening in June, our Jazz Evening in July and a talk last week.

The **Tea Dance** proved popular and with Dancing to 40s and 50s music, Guest Musician Paul Brown (live guitar and vocals) and a Musical Picture show depicting "Rye and Winchelsea". Thanks to Mel Jeggo for all her hard work promoting the event, baking cakes and scones and providing the beautiful china cups, saucers and plates.

The **Murder Mystery evening** was performed by Alternate Shadows Theatre Group. We were invited to try and solve the murder which was carried out during an air raid. Super sleuth Carolyn Jarvis solved the crime and won a bottle of champagne and some chocolates.



The **Dave Bowdler Trio, featuring Claire Harper** on vocals, treated us to the songs of Doris Day, Ella Fitzgerald and many more on a beautiful summers evening in July. The band received a standing ovation, which we have not seen in St Mary's before, but agree it was deserved.



At the beginning of September we had a **talk about “The Green Man in English Churches”** by renowned Historian Imogen Corrigan – this was fascinating and enjoyed by all. This was a joint event with Higham Village History Group.

Next Event:

On October 9th between 9am and 4pm we will be holding a **Vintage and Collectables Fair**. Entry is £2, children free and hot drinks and cake will be available and a tombola as well as a wide range of vintage and collectables. **If you are interested in booking a table for this event please email melaniejeggo@gmail.com or phone 07958 359746. If anyone could spare an hour or two to help at this event, please contact us (details below.)**

The Spire at St Mary’s

If you were around St Mary’s on the 13th June you may have seen steeplejacks assessing our spire. It is in need of urgent repair and The Churches Conservation Trust are currently working out a plan for this. The Friends of St Mary’s will be working on ideas on how we can raise funds towards this work. If anyone has any ideas for fundraising, or indeed would like to make a donation, please email friends@stmaryschurchhigham.com

Thank you

We would like to thank **Terry and Jackie Matthis** for allowing us to site our portaloo on their drive for our Jazz night. Without their help we would not have been able to offer stable and comfortable facilities for our attendees.

We would also like to thank **Matthew Ledger of Abbey Farm** for the use of his field for parking and also Dave and Tracy Greenwood for unlocking and locking the field for us.

Our thanks are extended to **Joyce and Rodney Theobald** who tend the flowers within St Mary’s, we all agree they always look beautiful.

Very special thanks go to **Pat Reeks and Rodney and Joyce Theobald** who, after many years of keeping the church clean, have decided to hang up their dusters. Your hard work and dedication over many years has been much appreciated.

We have an excellent support group of people who give up their time to help us at events and bring along cakes and prizes. Without these people our events would not be as successful as they are, a special thank you goes out to all of you.

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