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Editor's Letter

Hello, and welcome to the October edition of OHSMag.

This is my first issue as editor, and I am very pleased to take on the magazine as it begins a new chapter. Thank you to Emma, the previous editor, and to everyone whose time and care have kept OHSMag at the heart of Onehouse, Harleston and Shelland.

The magazine is now settling into its digital format. We know that changing how people receive and read it may take some getting used to, and we are working to make every edition easy to find, open, read and share. A limited number of black and white printed copies will still be available at key village locations.

Although the format is changing, OHSMag's purpose remains the same: sharing local news, supporting village groups and helping residents stay connected. Suggestions, photographs, articles and notices are always welcome.

Please send material for the November edition by October 25th.

James Buret
Editor, OHSMag
ohsmag@onehouseparishcouncil.gov.uk

Circle dancing

Gentle (mostly!) dances to world music.

1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month. £7/session

2pm–3pm at Trinity Hall, Onehouse. No partner needed.

Jen Larner
07896 495574



Next Mobile Library Visit
Friday, October 2nd

Northfield Road, 9:30am - 9:55am

Onehouse Church Room, 10.00am -10:20am

Harleston Postbox, 10:25am - 10:45am

October: Dates for your diary

Fri Oct 2nd	**Mobile Library, 9.30am-10.45am** *Northfield Road, Onehouse Church Room and Harleston Postbox • p. 3*
Fri Oct 2nd	**Woolpit Coffee Time, 10am-noon** *Woolpit Village Hall • p. 15*
Sat Oct 3rd	**Flu and COVID clinic for patients aged over 75** *Woolpit Health Centre • p. 15*
Sat Oct 3rd	**Macmillan coffee morning, 10.30am-noon** *62 and 64 Forest Road, Onehouse, IP14 3EP • p. 6*
Sun Oct 4th	**Benefice Sunday services** *Local churches and Zoom; see the full service list • p. 34*
Tue Oct 6th	**Circle dancing, 2pm-3pm** *Trinity Hall, Onehouse • p. 3*
Wed Oct 7th	**Flu clinic for eligible patients under 75** *Woolpit Health Centre • p. 15*
Wednesdays	**Three Village Coffee Morning, 10.30am-noon** *Trinity Hall; October 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th • p. 35*

Please check with organisers if circumstances change.

October: Dates for your diary - continued

Fri Oct 9th	**The Dementia Event, 11am-3.30pm** *Stowmarket Golf Club, Lower Road, Onehouse, IP14 3DA • p. 19*
Sat Oct 10th	**St John's Gift Day and churchyard working party, 9.30am-noon** *St John's Church, Onehouse • p. 31*
Sun Oct 11th	**Repair Café, 2pm-4pm; Benefice Sunday services** *Red Gables, Stowmarket; service locations on p. 34 • pp. 24-25*
Mon Oct 12th	**Harleston Coffee Caravan; Parish Council meeting, 7.30pm** *Harleston village green; Trinity Hall, Onehouse • pp. 11, 20*
Sun Oct 18th	**Haughley Hoofers taster, 2.30pm-4.30pm; Benefice services** *Wetherden Village Hall, Park Road, IP14 3JS • pp. 35, 34*
Tue Oct 20th	**Circle dancing, 2pm-3pm** *Trinity Hall, Onehouse • p. 3*
Thu Oct 22nd	**Compost Making Session, 10am-1pm** *Orchard Barn, Battisford, IP14 2LY • p. 23*
Sun Oct 25th	**Benefice Sunday services; November OHSMag deadline** *Service locations on p. 34; send submissions by email • pp. 34, 3*

Please check with organisers if circumstances change.

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News from your District Councillor - John Matthissen

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Local Government Reorganisation (LGR)

At the time of writing, the Secretary of State has very recently announced that the process of reorganising Suffolk's four districts, one borough & one county council into three Unitary councils is on indefinite 'hold' and will now be subject to further review. Huge amounts of work and investment have been involved in meeting Government's detailed requirements and tight deadlines in preparing for these changes. The result is a period of uncertainty ahead for all of us as residents, and disappointment and frustration for council staff and elected councillors. Unitary elections, due in May '27, are now on hold, but district elections (which Govt had delayed to May '28) are now brought forward, once again, to next year. As far as we know, parish elections will go ahead as planned. There may well be further changes we are not yet aware of, but as always Mid Suffolk District Council will remain focused on service delivery, and on support to communities and businesses across the district.

Waste collections

If anyone has any remaining issues with the new system of collections, please let me know.

Gateway 14 news

If you want to have a look in the Innovation Centre, the café is now open to the public from 9am - 4pm https://stowmarketinnovationgateway.com/cafe/

This in addition to short and long term room hire and hot desking.

Locality budget

The 2026-27 Locality budgets remains open and I would love to receive applications for funding from any community group in the ward.

Details can be found on the website https://midsuffolk.gov.uk/w/locality-awards

It is usually a good idea to contact me to discuss your application before submission.

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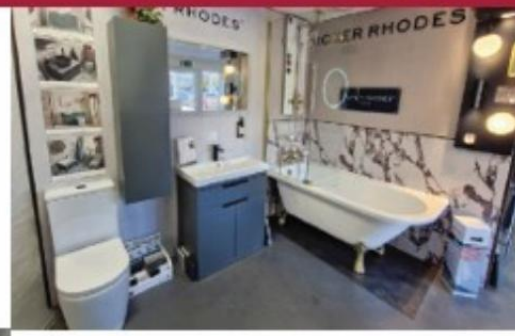
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This is all a bit strange with the realisation that my report won't go to print and be delivered.

I will carry on with the new online version, and hope most of the Harleston residents are able to read it, but will give it a go, and see how many have been able to access it.

You can read it on:
www.hugofox.com/community/ohsmag-21235

COFFEE CARAVAN…

Unfortunately, Bernie, mine host for the Coffee Caravan, was away this month on her well deserved holiday, but Hilary, myself and Gill decided to go ahead with it ourselves, providing teas/coffee and cakes - Mark kindly played for us, and we organised a quiz which was quite fun.

So many of you kindly contributed the cakes, we really had quite a spread!!

Our next meet up will be on Monday 12th October, and fingers crossed, it will be on the green if the weather is kind to us.

ST AUGUSTINES…

We were pleased to have a wedding in our lovely church last month…we don't have many!!

Peter and Myra's son David, married his bride Jackie. It was lovely to have a wedding in our church, especially a 'local lad'



St Augustine's Church, Harleston
- Andrew Hill
(CC BY-SA 2.0)

PET SERVICE…

Numbers were down this year, but evidently several of the pet owners were away on holiday.

Is was lovely that Lisa brought her horse, who was very well behaved (the horse, not Lisa!!)

However, Rev Sarah did a splendid job blessing the pets, mostly dogs this year (and didn't get bitten once!!)

HARVEST FESTIVAL…

I would like to thank everyone who answered my call for produce..this year we had a record amount of donations from you all,

It was collected by Stowmarket Food Bank, and, as always, they let us know how much it all weighed. This year it was 50kg (last year was 44kg) they were so pleased with this amount, they took photos of it in the church, and posted them on Facebook!!

RIDE AND STRIDE…

We owe a huge thank-you to Reader Rod Higham who was our only rider/strider this year.

However, he made an amazing amount of approx £250. We can't thank him enough for coming to the rescue..

As you all possibly know, monies raised are divided between St Augustines, and Suffolk Historic Churches Trust, so it will swell our thatch fund by £125.!!!



Harleston Green
- Jonathan Thacker
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THE ORGAN!!…

Disaster struck our ancient organ, sadly during a special service. It has well and truly given up the ghost!! Not only did it conk out, but fused all the lights into the bargain.

Gumtree came to the rescue, and the next day..Trevor and Mark went to one advertised in Haverhill - Mark gave the go-ahead (and it was free!!)

He is now like a dog with two tails, and rightly so because is sounds amazing.

THANK YOU, GWEN

We must thank Gwen Caddock from Woolpit…who had an association with our church, for doing a splendid job on repairing our altar kneelers, and It was a very difficult job to tackle, as she had to source threads etc, but the result was wonderful. Thank you Gwen

That's all for now, hope to catch up next month.

Ursula



Harleston Village Sign - Adrian S Pye (CC BY-SA 2.0)

Please let me have your feedback
Contact Ursula: 01449 737845
or call in at 8 Haughley Road

The past 3 months has been a busy time in the Health Centre. We have received a total of 11,256 Anima requests, averaging 185 per day.

Contacting us

We are proud to offer our patients different options for contacting the health centre, online using Anima, via our reception team or through Andi.

We remind patients using the telephone for access that they can utilise the callback function if there is a queue.

Unattended appointments

In the last 3 months 4% of the 4,440 face to face GP appointments were un-attended and not cancelled.

This wastes 35 hours of time dedicated to patients, equating to 175 appointments that would have been available over the 3-month period.

Reminder to Patients

Please remember to contact the health centre if you need to cancel your appointment. You can do this over the phone or via the NHS app. Every appointment missed and not cancelled is an appointment that could be used by someone you know who needs our help.

2026-27 Autumn and Winter Vaccinations

The main flu and COVID vaccination campaign starts on October 1st.

Flu vaccination eligibility

- People aged 65 and over
- People aged 18-64 at clinical risk
- Residents in long-stay care homes
- Carers and close contacts of immunocompromised people
- Frontline health and social-care workers

COVID booster eligibility

- Residents in care homes for older adults
- Adults aged 75 and over
- Immunosuppressed patients aged six months and over

Large clinics at Woolpit Health Centre
Saturday, October 3rd: COVID and flu for patients over 75 only
Wednesday, October 7th: flu only for eligible patients under 75

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Ingredients

- 1 small pumpkin or butternut squash, peeled, deseeded and chopped
- 1 onion, chopped
- 1 garlic clove, crushed
- 750ml vegetable stock
- 1 teaspoon dried sage
- 2 tablespoons crème fraîche, plus a little extra to serve



Pumpkin and sage soup

Method

1. Gently cook the onion in a little oil until softened.
2. Add the garlic, pumpkin and sage. Cook for a further 2 minutes.
3. Pour in the vegetable stock and bring to the boil.
4. Reduce the heat and simmer for 20-25 minutes, until the pumpkin is tender.
5. Blend until smooth. Stir in the crème fraîche and season to taste. Serve with crusty bread.

Kitchen tip: Roast the pumpkin seeds with a little oil and seasoning for a crunchy soup topping.

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Preparing for winter and planting for spring

October is the perfect time to tidy, protect and plant, helping the garden through winter and preparing it for a colourful spring.

• Clear fallen leaves from paths and lawns, but leave a small pile in a quiet corner for wildlife.

• Plant spring-flowering bulbs such as daffodils, crocuses, alliums and tulips.

• Divide congested perennials and replant healthy sections to fill gaps.

• Move tender plants into shelter or protect them with horticultural fleece before the first frost.

• Add garden compost or well-rotted organic matter to borders, keeping it away from plant crowns.

• Raise pots onto feet so excess rain can drain away and roots are less likely to sit in water.



Autumn colour and spring bulbs

Gardener's tip
Do not be too tidy. Seed heads and hollow stems provide food and shelter for birds and beneficial insects over winter.

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Onehouse Parish Council Update

Onehouse Parish Council met on 14 September at Trinity Hall to discuss a range of local issues, projects and community initiatives.

Residents raised concerns about the move of OHSMag to an online format. Councillors confirmed that a limited number of printed copies will continue to be available at key locations around the village and welcomed suggestions, including the addition of a community events calendar.

Several residents also highlighted concerns about emergency access to Northfield Woods, the development of a Community Emergency Plan, and the ongoing water leaks on Forest Road. The Council confirmed that work on an emergency plan is continuing and that Anglian Water is considering major works to address the long-term leak issues. Both matters will remain under review.

Councillors were pleased to note that Onehouse has secured £8,000 of funding towards the Neighbourhood Plan, with the next Design Plan meeting scheduled for 5 October.

The Council approved the appointment of James Buret as the new Editor of OHSMag. While the magazine moves increasingly online, some printed copies will continue to be produced in black and white to help minimise costs.

Support for community projects was also agreed. The Council approved a £500 contribution towards a new access path at Onehouse Parish Church, and a further budget was approved for the installation of an additional dog waste bin near Lower Road, subject to final site approval.

At the Paupers Graves, new first aid and PPE equipment has been delivered for volunteers, locality funding has been secured for a replacement lawnmower, and work continues on improving facilities and governance arrangements.

To improve communication with residents, councillors also agreed to establish an official Onehouse Instagram account, which will complement the parish website and Facebook page.

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on Monday 12 October 2026 at 7.30pm in Trinity Hall, and residents are welcome to attend.

Roman Era

The Romans were the next significant group to come along on the timeline but the Roman occupation did not leave behind anything magnificent. There are no concentrations of finds on the Suffolk Heritage Explorer website to indicate a grand villa in Onehouse, Harleston or Shelland. By the time that the Romans had occupied Britain the local population was concentrated in the area from Haughley to Stowmarket along the Gipping.

Tantalising fragments of Roman material appear every now and then and suggest that the people in the area were affected by Roman occupation but probably only in trading with their merchants. The archaeology in the wider area tells us this was an active landscape. Over the hill towards the river Gipping valley in Stowmarket there had been a number of kilns, most likely producing products for the Roman centres towards Colchester.

The few people living in the area were living on the edge of two kingdoms, the Trinovantes in the Colchester area and the Iceni in the Norwich area. It is very likely that they might just have treated

both groups with suspicion. The local inhabitants of the OHSmag area in those days would have gone to local markets to trade with the Roman Empire and no doubt pay their taxes to the emperor. More of the population became more settled and surplus produce could be sold to those people who had begun to not work on the land full time, eg potters.

Saxon Onehouse

Roman records showed that place names and personal names were in use before the Romans arrived but mainly for those who needed to be taxed.

It was the Saxons who began creating names for all places and people everywhere. The name Onehouse appears for the first time in the records during the Saxon period and becomes regularly used from then on. It was recorded as Anhus but there were many spellings, Aneus, Anehus, Anuhus, Onhus

Anhus at its simplest means "one hall". An hus is very close to the local pronunciation of "Wunnus" so I am happy to think that the Saxons said something similar to Wunnus.

The name Onehouse refers to there being only a solitary notable building in the landscape. The hall was where the Lord of the Manor administered the King's laws. It was necessary to have a place to meet. It was under the Saxons that the various tribes of England became recognisably one kingdom ruled by a single king.

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From Waste to Wonderful – Compost at Orchard Barn

Autumn is a wonderful time for transformation at Orchard Barn. As we scythe the old orchard, the final cuttings of the year will join weeds, garden waste and other organic material to make our last compost heap of 2026.



Compost is recycling at its simplest and most magical. What looks finished becomes the beginning of something else: dark, crumbly organic matter that feeds the countless organisms living beneath our feet and helps soil hold precious moisture.

That matters more than ever during increasingly dry summers. At Orchard Barn we harvest rainwater and use it sparingly for both our gardens and earth building. Healthy, compost-rich soil holds onto that water for longer, helping plants through periods of drought.

Compost Making Session
Thursday, October 22nd, 10am-1pm
Orchard Barn, IP14 2LY — on the far south-west side of Battisford

We also welcome volunteers Wednesdays and Fridays, 9am–1pm for traditional carpentry and greenwood work, and Thursdays, 9am–1pm for orchard, garden and wildlife care.

Enquiries: Sarah Partridge • 07766 054042
sarah.orchardbarn@gmail.com

Collection of hard to recycle items

Collections continue at our monthly Repair café but please be reminded that the Market Stall collections have now stopped. This is because many of our items are now recyclable in the new bins. The Repair Café is held on the 2nd Sunday of the month (11th October) at Red Gables 2-4 pm stowrepaircafe@gmail.com

Items currently collected

- Blister packs
- Coffee pods: plastic and metallic, not mixed
- Pet food pouches: empty, clean and dry
- Spectacles without cases
- Plastic make-up containers
- Mobile phones and batteries
- Bicycle inner tubes

Pet food pouches can also go in Tesco's soft-plastic bin. Tesco also has a make-up-container collection point. Batteries can be recycled at supermarkets and Argos.

Thank you to everyone who supported the stall and to the volunteers and local organisations that helped. Collection now continues at Red Gables.

Mid Suffolk Green Party Evening Socials are held monthly at Fred's Bar on the third Tuesday of the month. All welcome.

Mike Bailey, 'multi fixer'

Describing himself as a "multi fixer", Mike is happiest when he is working with wood. As a boy, he picked up his carpentry skills from his grandfather who was a cabinet maker and was keen to pass on his knowledge. Mike is equally happy passing on his skills to his own granddaughter and having worked as a GP during his career he's also keen to share health and safety advice. Mike's claim to fame is being involved with the V festival for more than fifteen years, where he organised the medical support. Mike moved from Essex to Suffolk four years ago on retirement with his wife Ann. He was keen to get involved in the community and was looking for something to do, when he saw the advertisement for the repair café. Having been inspired by watching the Repair Shop on BBC he made contact. He feels there is not so much for men to get involved in locally as there is for women and he recognises the importance of socialising with others in the same position as himself.

Mike likes to see people coming to the repair café with their children and grandchildren, to teach them how important it is to repair things rather than throw them away and buy new.

His most memorable repair wasn't one of his own but watching a repaired teddy bear being reunited with its owner, which brought her to tears. Through his involvement at the repair café Mike has since become involved in another volunteer role with Suffolk Sight and has encouraged his wife, whose expertise is sewing, in particular quilting, to join the repair café team. If this has inspired you to get involved please come along to the next repair café on Sunday, October 11th, 2pm-4pm at Red Gables.

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Ride and Stride 2026

Georgina Debney and family completed a marathon 26.2 miles, visiting 16 churches and finishing in Stanton near Diss. Their chosen church was St John's in Onehouse.

They also stopped at the Harvest Festival Messy Church in Onehouse, where a young farmer let Georgina's seven-year-old son sit on his tractor before he continued the ride.

Half of the sponsorship money raised through the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust event supports the church chosen by each participant.







Ride and Stride 2026 - photographs





Photos supplied by Georgina Debney

Nature notes: Exodus

Trevor Goodfellow

Now we have passed the Autumn Equinox, the daylight hours give way to nighttime. The Summer migrant birds: Swallows, Martins, Swifts etc, should now have left our shores with their offspring. The incoming migrant species will be returning. The Fieldfare and Redwing are a familiar sight in Thurston during the autumn and winter months as they feast on berries in the hedgerows. The fieldfare is a member of the thrush family and is bigger than our song thrush, more like a mistle thrush but prettier. Like the mistle thrush, they will often choose a favoured hawthorn bush and chase of any birds that try to steal the berries. They nest in Europe during the summer. Their communal nest sites are defended with vigour often bombarding intruders with droppings if they get too close.

Autumn is a wonderful time of the year. Bright Autumn sunshine from low in the sky illuminates the kaleidoscope of colours as the leaves stop producing chlorophyl and change to reds and browns. An excellent tree for autumn colour is the Broadleaved Thorn which displays yellow, green, orange and red as it changes, plus it has a good crop of berries loved by Fieldfares and Redwings. The Ironwood tree is another good one which turns dark red quite early. Raywood Ash, June Berry and Liquidambar are all colourful in Autumn too.

It is still worthwhile putting food out for hedgehogs so long as you take good advice on what to use and attempt to prevent cats and rats stealing it. Milk is not advised but water is essential.

Mission Direct Trip to Zambia 2026.

Liz Beale

A great big 'Thank You' to everyone who supported my mission to build educational facilities at schools in Lusaka, Zambia.

I have recently returned from a highly successful building and painting project at various schools in Lusaka, Zambia.

We painted, very well if I say so myself, 3 classrooms and an office at Kiine Primary School at the Evangelical Church, Zambia, headquarters, where we were also accommodated, and 2 classrooms at the 'Kumbaya Primary School' in a very poor area of Lusaka.

We progressed as far as we were physically able at the 'Crown of Life School' building the walls of a nursery classroom. The next stage will require professional builders, for which Mission Direct provides funds as far as possible.

We would not have been able to make such amazing progress without the generosity of those of you who contributed to my GiftAid page – very many, and sincere, thanks. Thank you all.





Apologies that last month's editorial from St John's Church did not appear in the OHSMag. Hopefully the following will!

October services

In October there will be a Holy Communion Service on the 11th October and a Morning Worship Service on the 25th October. Both Services commence at 11.00am. Please come along if you can. Stay for refreshments after the Services if you would like. There is always someone willing to chat and make you feel very welcome.

Annual Gift Day • Saturday, October 10th

The Church 'Annual Gift Day' will be on Saturday, 10th October and, in the next week or two, letters will be delivered to all households in the Parish of Onehouse, explaining the purpose of the 'Gift Day' and inviting donations.

Churchyard working party

On Saturday 10th October Church will be manned from 9.30am until 12 noon whilst there is a working party clearing and tidying the Churchyard during those hours. If you would like to assist in any way, improving the appearance of the Churchyard or wish to bring a donation for Onehouse Church Funds, please come along. During the morning of the clear up, the Church will be open and refreshments will be served. If you decide to help please bring along any tools that you think will be useful.

Donations

As will be outlined in the 'Gift Day' letter, if you would like to donate to the 'Gift Day' and cannot get to the Church please deliver to Sylvia Emsden at 22 Forest Road Onehouse or Andrew Rogers at 2 Northfield Road, Onehouse. Alternatively, donations can be made by bank transfer using the bank details which will be provided.

Ride, Drive and Stride

As I sit writing this, I must just say well done and thank you to all those who walked, biked or drove as part of the 'Suffolk Historic Churches Trust' annual 'Ride, Drive and Stride' event on Saturday, 12th September. I was at the Church to greet these wonderful people who had visited so many Churches as well as Onehouse. Fortunately, the weather was kind to them. Thanks too to their sponsors. Half of the monies raised will go to the Church each represented and the other half will go to the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust.

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Letter from the Rector

Revd Sarah

The month of October in the life of the church is an opportunity to draw breath after the busyness of the summer months with weddings, the Strawberry Fayre at Combs, a Hymns and Pimm's service at Great Finborough, our annual pet blessing service at Harleston, the first Open Day at Buxhall church and our benefice Quiet Day on pilgrimage amongst many other events and services that took place at the seven churches in our benefice. And of course the harvest festivals held in our churches during the month of September which, as I write this letter, are still ongoing.

We are of course preparing for services for Armistice Day and Remembrance Sunday in November, our annual Advent course in December and services and events for Christmas. But October brings a moment of quietness and stillness in our churches when we are able to focus on our worship, spend time tidying our churchyards before the winter and remind ourselves of the importance of maintaining a Christian presence in our communities.

And just a reminder that we have a group of people from across the Benefice who pray individually and privately for anyone who asks for prayerful support, whatever the situation may be. All information given is kept totally confidential. Our only request is that the person receiving prayer gives their consent. If you or someone you know would welcome prayer, please contact Elizabeth Mooney at emooney6@sky.com.

With blessings
Revd Sarah

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND SUFFOLK

The Combs and Finborough Benefice

Buxhall, Combs, Gt and Lt Finborough, Harleston, Onehouse and Shelland

Services in October 2026

Rector: The Rev'd Sarah Jenkins, The Rectory, 135 Poplar Hill, Stowmarket IP14 2AY 01449 676065
Associate Priest: The Rev'd Canon Pauline Higham, The Rectory, Woodland Close, Onehouse IP14 3HL 01449 771791

Sunday Services

Please use this link for all services held on Zoom - Meeting ID: 470 378 1299 - Password: Benefice
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4703781299?pwd=doep7y6JYxv0IIXsxROxnbezIda9ME.1

4th October: The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.00 am	Holy Communion	Little Finborough
9.30 am	Spiritual Communion	Zoom
9.30 am	Morning Worship	Harleston
11.00 am	All Age Worship	Combs

11th October: The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.30 am	Morning Worship	Shelland
9.30 am	Holy Communion	Buxhall
11.00 am	Holy Communion	Onehouse
11.00 am	Morning Worship	Great Finborough

18th October: Luke the Evangelist

9.30 am	Holy Communion	Harleston
11.00 am	Family Communion	Combs
6.00 pm	Choral Evensong	Little Finborough
6.00 pm	Compline	Zoom

25th October: The Last Sunday after Trinity

9.30 am	Morning Worship	Buxhall
9.30 am	Holy Communion	Shelland
11.00 am	Morning Worship	Onehouse
11.00 am	Holy Communion	Great Finborough

Weekday Services

9.30 am on Wednesday	Holy Communion	Trinity Hall, Onehouse
10.00 am on Saturday	Morning Prayer	Zoom Meeting

All Welcome! Whether you are a regular worshipper or a visitor to our churches this Sunday, you will find a warm welcome at any of our services

Haughley Hoofers and community notices





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FREE TASTER SESSION

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Contact: haughleyhoofers.nwclog@gmail.com
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THREE VILLAGE COFFEE MORNING

Wednesdays, 10.30am-noon
October 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th
Trinity Hall, Onehouse
Coffee, tea and homemade cakes
Everybody welcome

Where in Suffolk?

Can you identify these five Suffolk places from the clues?

1 I grew wealthy through the medieval wool trade. My streets contain many timber-framed buildings. A famously crooked house stands here.

2 I sit beside the North Sea. I have a lighthouse, a pier and rows of colourful beach huts. Adnams has brewed here since the nineteenth century.

3 My ruined abbey once guarded the shrine of an Anglo-Saxon king. My market and cathedral now stand beside the abbey gardens.

4 My castle has thirteen towers. Mary Tudor gathered supporters here before becoming Queen of England.

5 An Anglo-Saxon ship burial was discovered here, overlooking the River Deben.

Answers are printed upside down below

1 Lavenham 2 Southwold 3 Bury St Edmunds
4 Framlingham 5 Sutton Hoo





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