

# TOGETHER

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Winston

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## From the Vicarage, Summer 2015

I'm not quite sure why I liked the mawkish *The Other Side of Loss* enough to use it as a source for this article\*. Built round outlandish coincidences: £200 odd million lottery wins, friendly robin hopping on a book to give a sign, [at the beginning] and broken winged robin model popping up at the end, not to discount loon birds and a chipmunk giving signs from the dead.

Solecisms are there in number too—an overlap period for Anglican clergy changing parishes? A bishop able to sell off the church without telling the incumbent? [He would have made the man priest in charge, not vicar!] A murder victim's body released for cremation in 3 days? Still I suppose what we see is the Roman Catholic background of the author, so needn't judge too harshly!

Ignore those things—those coincidences that Vaughan suggests are made in heaven—and look to the text, where harsh reality—as with Good Friday—is seen as a pathway to redemption and to the triumph of love. In real life we can meet, on occasions, the dying person whose faith transcends ours; but they are not often followed by signs from the dead, nor should we expect them to be. What we must work at is our transformation in and through our experiences.

Our hero Robert is transformed during the course of the novel, most spectacularly to the outside world by becoming immensely wealthy and conforming to the admiration of the world by putting on the mantle of the super-rich. Then, less comprehensibly to the world, throwing off that mantle and giving away *all* the money to return to a run-down parish. Then he felt, he had returned to the place he ought to be.

There we come back to the other hero, Brenda[n], who is the Christ-like figure whose role as a prostitute would put him on the edge of society to be judged harshly by the world: yet he comforts and loves his clientele: the handicapped, the disfigured, the maimed. [He himself dumb because his tongue had been cut out: and his friend had denied him.] Yet Brenda reaches out to the world in an understanding love that is in no way mawkishly sentimental.

Vaughan has someone else in the book described as 'She is like love ought to be'. Brenda is like love ought to be, and the book perhaps has its strengths by highlighting for us not the outward events in the story but the inward hope of redemption.

Why believe it? Well I rather like the quotation in the book: 'What is the opposite of faith?' The answer is not doubt, but 'Certainty'. Those coincidences in the book perhaps help some to turn faith into certainty: but what is sure is that if we have faith we cannot be sure. In real life would Robert really get happiness by selling all and giving to the poor? Could a Brenda really exist who is not turned bitter by the way she has been treated by the world? If we forgive, give money to charity, give up high salaried jobs to work amongst the poor would we be more happy? Faith says yes...

Do not look for signs, I think is the message: instead be inspired by the example of how in this world we can attempt to be good, and even now some people offer the most profound example of how to follow the example of Christ who, for his love of his world died on the cross, and then events happened that convinced his disciples that he was alive. Go follow the example of love, he says, and try to make yourself 'like love ought to be'.

[\*The Other Side of Loss by Tom Vaughan, Pencoyd Press 2014. Not currently available in Suffolk Libraries. Ed]

## HELMINGHAM

**Easter Sunday** Mark Trevitt Presided over the Extended Communion service.

**July All Age** The open-air Service will be held at Helmingham School on **Sunday July 5th at 10am.**

**Weddings** Congratulations to Jessica Churchyard on her marriage to Graham Mcguire-Smith on April 18<sup>th</sup>. Also planned marriages, June 20<sup>th</sup> Matthew Lucas and Natalie Cox, June 27<sup>th</sup> Abigail Ryding and Russell Robinson, July 18<sup>th</sup> Jennifer White and Michael Burley, August 8<sup>th</sup> Emma White and Ben Jones, August 22<sup>nd</sup> Jolita Slivzaitė and Evan Guppy, September 5<sup>th</sup> Katie Smith and Paul Simmons. Warmest wishes for the future.

**Congratulations** to Adam and Ruth Trevitt on the birth of their daughter Zoe Katie, born April 10<sup>th</sup> Also to Nicki and Mark, their first grandchild, best wishes to them all.

**A fundraising event** for St Mary's Helmingham is being planned to take place at Laffits Hall Pettaugh on **Sunday June 21st** to celebrate major turning points in history.

**Scrap metal** Thanks to all who have been saving scrap for recycling to help raise much needed money for church funds. There will be an opportunity for anybody who would like to deliver items to Helmingham Church between 10am and 12noon on Saturday June 13<sup>th</sup>. Collection of larger pieces can be arranged.

### **The Old School House Nursery**

The Easter Holidays has been a busy time for the Nursery. Staff have been in painting sheds, blackboards, boats and transforming one of the rooms into a dressing up role play area which the children will be able to enjoy.

We have had another successful Playday during the holidays with an Easter Theme. The children have been on an egg hunt in the Nursery garden having made and decorated Easter baskets. They weighed and mixed ingredients for an Easter Cake which was then covered with marzipan, iced and decorated with little icing chicks. Children then hunted for a large Dinosaur nest where there were huge eggs to paint and decide what might be inside... T-Rex, Triceratops? Finally putting the painted eggs back carefully in the nest to await home time. Plus making fluffy chicks with chocolate eggs inside constructed with card and lots of glue! Finally in the afternoon we held a rabbit game with lots of ink stamps to find and put on a chart to get a chocolate bunny ... running around the garden looking for the rabbit signs ... lots of laughter and helping one another.

Some of the children with their families joined us a The Wolsey Theatre to see Room on a Broom. Superb acting and singing had the children clapping along and lots of squeals when the big red dragon came out! We plan to take this excitement forward

into the new term by setting aside the first week of Nursery to follow Room on Broom. Even getting some ‘broomsticks’ to use to sweep leaves outside.

The children will be looking at all things growing .. starting with planting. We are taking part in the potato planting that schools can get involved in. Two different types in black bags—we are taking photos as a visual record as we go along. We are also involved in the Kew Wildlife Flowers looking to scatter in our garden and some pots. Ultimately we hope to grow enough different vegetable to be able to cook/bake with—something the children really enjoy. Following on from this we will look at animals growing and then on to people growing.

Our week is busy with Monday’s Music Group, Tuesday’s cooking choices, Wednesday dance with Miss Pamela, Thursday French with Agnes and Friday when we enjoy our forest type activities. Something for everyone. Come and visit us 01473 890950 /check out our website.

## PETTAUGH

It is with great regret that parishioners learnt that Jan Scott was closing our village shop. The shop closed its door for the last time on the 9<sup>th</sup> May and thus our community has lost another asset seemingly due to the inevitable shift in the way in which shopping practices have changed in recent times. The village has been served by a shop since the 19<sup>th</sup> century and at one time there were two shops and a Post Office. Jan has provided an enormous service to Pettaugh since 1986 and her cheerful smile of welcome has been much appreciated. Her long service to the community was recognised when the Parish Council put her forward for a Suffolk High Sherriff’s Award for Community Service. We are pleased to say that she won the award. We wish Jan and Keith all happiness for their retirement in Lincolnshire.

We are pleased that the Parish Council successfully negotiated all the bureaucratic procedures to have a flashing speed sign erected on the road into Pettaugh from Crowfield. This was the only site deemed suitable by Suffolk County Council. It is hoped that this will improve safety of our parishioners. There have been several accidents and ‘near-misses’ at the intersection of the A1120 with the roads linking Crowfield and Debenham. Parishioners are asked to report any incidents to the Parish Council in order that representations can be made to the authorities to improve road safety in our village.

We said farewell to David and Ann Moulton who moved to Ipswich and welcome Steve and Claire who have moved into Mill Field. We hope that the family has an enjoyable life in our community.

Myrtle Gooderham passed away in January and her funeral was held in the church attended by many friends and relatives. Myrtle was born in Pettaugh and was resident here for her whole life, living at Crows Hall after marrying Kenneth Gooderham. She played an active role in St Catherine’s Church serving for many years on the PCC.

Norman Bennett passed away in April he was born at Walnut Tree Cottage where he lived as a youngster. His father Leslie was the lead horseman at New Hall, Crowfield. He attended Pettaugh School and was a member of the Pettaugh Brass Band. He is remembered for his honey, the sign which could be seen in Crowfield for many years. Our sympathies go to his wife Hilda, his family and his sisters Sybil and Barbara.

We would like to remind all parishioners about Church Meadow and the spectacle of swathes of wild flowers which can be appreciated in summer. Our grateful thanks are expressed to those parishioners who have spent many hours in clearing areas of the churchyard and repairing gravestones.

## WINSTON

The annual quiz on 6th February was another fun evening with the questions set by Lynn Odell. Thanks also to those who provided the refreshments and to Sandra for organising the raffle (£95). A total of £210 was raised for Schoolroom funds. It was lovely to see “New Faces” at our quiz.

The christening of Jonty Benedict Croskell took place at Winston Church on 22nd February. Love and best wishes to parents Sophy and Marcus.

We thank the Parish Council for organising the Litter Pick and many thanks to all the ‘pickers’ who turned up on the day.

The **Annual Winston Fete** takes place on **Saturday 13th June**. The fund starts at 2pm ending approximately 4pm with the Grand Draw. Refreshments, Stalls, Games, Tombola, the Grand Draw and much, much more. Entry and car parking FREE. Please think of us for books, ‘white elephant’ items etc and we also need cakes etc for the refreshments and cake stall. Please ring Veda Berriman on 01728 861363 with offers of any of these and also with offers of help before the day and on Fete Day. Thank you.

There is to be a **Benefice Bar-B-Q** at Winston, following the 11am All Age Family Service at Winston on **Sunday 9th August**.

Please remember when visiting the church to bring your old newspapers and put in the paper bank in the schoolroom car park. Money from waste paper has gone down in value a lot over the years but the money raised helps towards our expenses.

The primroses and daffodils have been especially lovely in the churchyard this year and also the cowslips in the schoolroom car park.

### Winston Parish Council

The Annual Litter Pick around Winston, Winston Green and Fenn Street took place on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April. TWENTY plastic bags of rubbish and disgusting debris were collected along with a car tyre, various large sections of hard plastic and rusty metal, a road sign, numerous cardboard boxes, 5 large containers of

old vegetable oil and a bicycle! All in 2 hours. Very many thanks to all residents who helped to clean up our community, especially the children. This was our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual event and, unfortunately, the hoard of rubbish discarded from passing vehicles through our Parish seems to grow-ing year on year. Please come and help remove it all next year.

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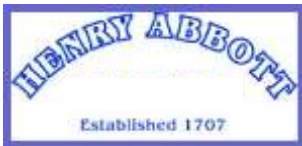
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Suffolk County Council have finally agreed to replace the rumble strips in Fenn Street with ones that really “rumble” to warn motorists of the dangers ahead. Together with clearer road signs, it is hoped that these improvements will slow down the speeding traffic in this area. Many thanks to Matthew Hicks, our County Councillor, for his active support. The Parish Council will continue to push

SCC for further speed reduction projects on other roads in Winston and Winston Green.

The Parish Council will shortly be implementing a website for Winston, [www.winstonsuffolk.org.uk](http://www.winstonsuffolk.org.uk) It is intended that this will be of benefit to the whole community of Winston and Winston Green to promote local events, advertise buy and sell, news items, etc. as well as publishing the Parish Council Minutes, Church Notices and Schoolroom availability for example. If there is a budding webmaster in our Parish, young or old, who would like to help establish and manage this website please get in touch with the Parish Clerk, Alison Payne, at [alisoncpayne@aol.com](mailto:alisoncpayne@aol.com) Any ideas to maximise the benefit of your website will be welcome.



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**Framsden Woodland Group** Dates for your diary:

**Sunday 7th June** 11-12.30 plant sale in village hall. 12.30 onwards Big lunch bring a picnic and join us in the woodland glade.

**Saturday 31st October** pumpkin lantern trail

## Editor's notes

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<b>JUNE</b>	<b>Helmingham</b>	<b>Framsden</b>	<b>Pettaugh</b>
7 <sup>th</sup> Trinity 1	10 a.m. All Age, Communion Service      Pettaugh		
14 <sup>th</sup> Trinity 2	6.30p.m. Evening Service	11a.m. Family Service	11a.m. Communion
21 <sup>st</sup> Trinity 3	9.30a.m. Communion	9.30a.m. Morning prayer	11a.m. Morning Prayer
28 <sup>th</sup> Trinity 4	9.30a.m. Morning prayer	11a.m. Communion	11a.m. Morning prayer
<b>JULY</b>	<b>Helmingham</b>	<b>Framsden</b>	<b>Pettaugh</b>
5 <sup>th</sup> Trinity 5	10 a.m. All Age, Communion Service      Helmingham [Open air]		
12 <sup>th</sup> Trinity 6	6.30p.m. Evening Service	11 a.m. Family Service	11a.m. Communion
17 <sup>th</sup> Trinity 7	9.30a.m. Communion	9.30a.m. Morning prayer	11a.m. Morning Prayer
26 <sup>th</sup> Trinity 8	9.30a.m. Morning prayer	11a.m. Communion	11a.m. Morning prayer
<b>AUGUST</b>	<b>Helmingham</b>	<b>Framsden</b>	<b>Pettaugh</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> Trinity 9	10 a.m. All Age Communion Service      Framsden		
9 <sup>th</sup> Trinity 10	8a.m. Holy Communion, Kenton.      11a.m. Benefice Communion, Win		
16 <sup>th</sup> Trinity 11	9.30a.m. Communion	9.30a.m. Morning prayer	11a.m. Morning Prayer
23 <sup>rd</sup> Trinity 12	9.30a.m. Morning prayer	11a.m. Communion	11a.m. Morning prayer
30 <sup>th</sup> Trinity 13	8a.m. Holy Communion, Aspall      10a.m. Benefice C		

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