

Other Reports

St Edmund's Church

The Vicar, the Revd Brigid Hadfield, retired early in April and the Benefice of Hauxton, Harston and Newton is now in a Vacancy and during this period retired clergy will be taking our Services.

The Benefice will be seeking to replace the House for Duty position, and as part of the Deanery Pastoral Plan that was put in place in 2012, it was decided that after Brigid retired, the appointment of her successor would be an Associate Priest, reporting to Simon Talbott, Priest in Charge of Great Shelford and Stapleford. Simon will then also become Priest in Charge of our Benefice, in addition to Great Shelford and Stapleford. The new Associate Priest will live in Harston Vicarage. The benefice churches are in the process of drawing up a profile of the parishes, which will be sent to any interested applicants. It is unlikely that Brigid's replacement will be in place before the end of the year.

In the meantime, do please support the various events that are organised by the church.

Church coffee mornings

Over the past year the coffee mornings have raised £425.00 for St Edmund's Church. £130 as proceeds from the coffee morning in September was donated to the Red Cross Hurricane Fund and £184 was donated to Wintercomfort as proceeds from the Christmas coffee morning in December.

Village Tree report

As per the Parish Councils (PC) adopted trees and shrubs Policy Wardens Tony Allison (TA) and Janet Lockwood (JL) carried out a survey of all the trees and shrubs in Parish ownership.

This year we carried out a full audit, noting and considering any actions still outstanding from our last audit. Generally, the work carried out over the past three years has resulted in a healthy tree and shrub population.

New trees are becoming established to the point where they are now mostly self-supporting. The reshaping and pruning of the Older trees and ongoing maintenance has resulted in a more attractive look overall. Thanks are due to the PC for funding the necessary Tree Surgeon and Chris Parr work and the volunteers for their assistance and watering. Unfortunately, there were still a few acts of unnecessary vandalism that required immediate and ongoing attention and the Inclement weather brought down a few more trees.

During and immediately after the audit TA carried out a number of minor improvements, trimming inappropriate and damaged branches and suckers and removing/adjusting tree stakes and ties. He and Jane Ward also planted a new Oak on the Recreation Ground to replace that removed to facilitate the New Play Equipment.

Hauxton U3A Art Group

We meet on Friday afternoons from 2 till 4pm, at the moment we are on summer break and start again on the 21st September 2018.

We are a small group of 10 and ideally we would like to have 15 plus, we are not experts but enjoy trying to paint and find if we do not go on Fridays then we don't get out our paints and do any at home. We do not have anyone to give us tuition as this is very expensive so we try to help each other out with any problems. We make a small charge to cover the cost of hiring the hall.

For more information please contact Mick **01223 871765**.