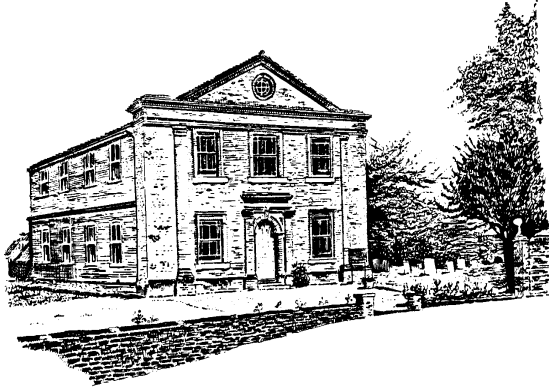




# Fairland News

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**Bookings for**            Mrs Jill Brown  
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**Services** are held every Sunday at 10.30 am  
On the first Sunday of the month, the Service includes **Holy Communion**

**Fairland Searchers** Youth Club meets at the Fairland Hall every Monday at 6.30 pm

Dear Friends,

The “A” level exam results are published as I write today and the GCSE results are due next week, a stressful time for young people and their families, whatever their hopes for the future are. There are the usual press reports about dropping standards despite the good results. The young people are given little or no credit for their hard work, and teachers are berated for feeding their pupils the answers and making things easy.

Is that really the case? Speak to most teachers or young people and it isn't, the good pass marks are the result of hard work and teaching which inspires pupils enabling, exciting them, to think and reflect on what they are learning and its application for their life.

We don't have exams in church life, some may be relieved about that; (Does anyone remember the Bible exams that were common some years ago?) but education, learning and teaching should be part of our life together.

The bible is an exciting book, it is an enabling book, which allows and encourages us to think, reflect on how faith and belief relate to life and the world. Yet how many of us view it in that way?

I hope that the Vision4Life Bible year and our recent safari will have given us all a fresh enthusiasm for scripture and how we can share together in its wonderful encouragement, teaching and living.

An inspiring thought for the autumn, and it is our task for the coming months, working together in study, learning and teaching each other, sharing our insights, thoughts and ideas and how we think our faith applies to daily life and the life of the world.

It could be a daunting time, but I hope it will be exciting, it will certainly be challenging. We may get berated by the press for being simplistic or even not living in the real world. There will be some hard work involved as we change and are changed by our encounters with God, the Bible and each other.

*Alison*

## Summer at Fairland URC

We have had several Church events on over the past few months, and it has been really good to meet with the other six churches in our URC area, and enjoy fun and fellowship.

In June, quite a large number of us met at Oulton Chapel, just through Aylsham. It is not used for worship now, and is looked after by Norfolk Historic Buildings Trust. It is set in a wonderful country setting, surrounded by trees, and we were so fortunate to be able to sit outside and have our picnics, with Ipswich Road ladies providing drinks for us. Rev Neil Walker conducted a lively service and we even had a couple out walking joining us for that. It was strange that Neil had taken our morning service at Fairland, a first for him, and the first time many of us had met him.

The weekend of 11th/12th July our church was full of members' and friends' talents. It was truly amazing to walk into church and firstly see all the tea cloths hanging from the gallery - and I gather not room for them all! Then on a board under the cross, leaflets of so many charities and organizations that we are involved in, either in Wymondham, or around the world. It was good to see and know that our love for God goes out into the community and beyond. There were so many displays of people's talents, too many to mention, and I wouldn't want to leave anybody out!

On Saturday the hall too was showing people using their talents, and we could 'have a go' Everyone enjoyed this and some did things for the first time. Of course we always have lovely refreshments, and the cakes looked rather tempting.

While everything was going on, Trevor spent his time taking photographs, which were great!

Sunday morning, Alison led a lovely service in which people took part, drawing to a close a very happy weekend, and bringing us all together in a real feeling of love.

On 1st August something completely different - a Bible Safari - when the whole of Mark's gospel was read. At 9.30am Princes Street started it off, then to Trinity, followed by Wroxham and Hoveton. Then at 2.15pm it was the turn of Fairland and seven readers read the portion allocated to us. I joined in at this point, so can't say what went before. Alison Chalcraft had arranged a large display of bibles, in several languages - some old, and some very

modern - some I had no idea existed. We then moved on to Mattishall - a small church with only a few members, but we had the usual warm welcome and refreshments that we had at all the churches. Our next stop was Jessopp Road, where we joined in some singing and their part from Mark was dramatized. Finally to Ipswich road, where seven ladies read the last part of Mark. We finished off the day with a fish and chip supper, and again so good to share with people, some of whom we didn't know too well. The Ipswich Road men were very good at serving tea and coffee and clearing up! Thanks to Kenneth, Alison and David for organizing this, and to everyone who took part in any way.

On 2nd August it was a pleasure having City Church joining us for morning worship, which included communion. The church was almost full, which was thrilling for us, and to have so many children there was wonderful - all so well behaved. It's good to share different ways of worshipping, and this must be the way forward. We all worship the one God, and need to show the community that we can all get on together, because it must be confusing to some why we have so many different churches.

Finally, on 4th August, Jennifer had arranged a day out for us to Hunstanton, calling at Heacham Lavender for coffee. Some hadn't been there before, and not only is the restaurant good, but there is a shop, a garden centre, and a lovely walking area, which they are still developing, with a lot of rare breed animals, which children and parents enjoyed. Then we were dropped off in the centre of Hunstanton and did our own thing. It was a very warm day and just wonderful to sit and watch all the activity around us and in the sea. Some had a ride on the train, which takes you round the town, while some just wandered round the shops or along the front. We couldn't believe we only had rain going there, and a few drops later. We were all back on the coach for 4.15pm and then to Gayton, where the WI had prepared a lovely ham salad tea, with flans and trifles. We had a good journey home with Brian our driver, calling on Newmarket Road to drop off Pam and four of her friends from Cedar Court.

Well, I think that's everything about all our summer activities. Oh yes, Jennifer is going to arrange another Church lunch, possibly in September, at Bawburgh, so watch this space!

*Ruth*

## Celebration Weekend 11th/12th July

How colourful the Church Centre looked when opened to visitors on Saturday 11th July. Various collections and the creative skills and talents of members and friends were much in evidence. Collections as diverse as Devon Motto Ware, tea towels, Victorian tiles, Russian dolls and sea-shells, to name but a few, were on display. Cross-stitch, needlework, wood-turning, painting and metal work and a varied and interesting display by the Pottery Group were all there to be enjoyed by all who came. A large display of charities and organisations our members support was also on show.

At the same time, demonstrations of various crafts were taking place in the Fairland Hall, with the opportunity for people to join in and 'have a go'. These included the construction of unusual jigsaws, cake decorating, scrapbooking, flower arranging, watercolour painting, rug making and potpourri. Refreshments were available, giving visitors the opportunity to relax with friends.

On Sunday our service celebrated people's gifts, interests and charities they support. We thank those who took part, especially Olive who spoke to us at length about her long involvement with the Guide movement. I think we all would agree that the weekend was an interesting and enjoyable one. Gift envelopes were handed in for the ongoing work of the church.

A big thank you to Trevor for the many lovely photographs he took of the occasion. These were much appreciated.

*Netta*

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During the Sunday morning service mentioned above, Netta talked to the congregation about her own interests and talents, which include painting, photography, collecting shells - and writing poetry. She read out one of her poems and several people suggested that it should be printed in this newsletter, to be enjoyed again by those who heard it on this occasion and also for those who were unable to attend church on that Sunday.....

## Autumn to Spring

Golden days and rose-tinted skies  
Luscious fruit and apple pies  
Mellow days, mornings of mist  
Gossamer webs, spangled, sunkissed  
Treetops black with sedentary crows  
Plough-turned earth in furrowed rows  
Seagulls scavenge in noisy throngs  
Robins sing their seasonal songs  
Autumn's cloak of vibrant hue  
Lingers then fades with the morning dew  
The season of plenty withers and dies  
As storm clouds gather in leaden skies  
Blustering north winds howl and roar  
Swirling leaves around my door  
Rivers flow swollen round rock and ridge  
Eddying and swirling neath rustic bridge  
Geese fly south in fading light  
Wings beating out a rhythm of flight  
Soft flakes fall from thickening cloud  
Covering the earth with a virginal shroud  
A quietness descends upon the earth  
And all things wait for Spring's rebirth  
As Winter ebbs and Spring begins to flow  
New life awakes beneath the melting snow  
Dormant trees in all their naked form  
Blossom in the warmth of an April morn

*Netta*

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## Coffee Morning

Thanks to Elizabeth for organising a very successful coffee morning in July in aid of Church funds. The weather stayed fine and it was a very happy, relaxing occasion for those of us who sat in her lovely garden, enjoying the surroundings. Thanks to everyone who supported this event and helped to raise **£216**.

## **Church Day Trip to Norfolk Lavender and Hunstanton**

Despite a dismal weather forecast, eighteen members and friends set off by coach from Fairland in sunshine. Leaving just before 10.00am, we picked up five more friends on Newmarket Road. Travelling via Swaffham we reached Norfolk Lavender at 11.40am. Having passed through a few light showers on the way, we enjoyed the break for refreshments and a browse round the shops and plant centre. A newly set-up Rare Breed Animal Centre was also nearby for those who wanted to take a look round that.

Leaving there in sunshine at 12.45pm, we arrived in Hunstanton where it remained dry and pleasantly warm; and with the tide way out, the exposed beach gave young families the opportunity to explore the rock pools. There were several wind and kite surfers taking advantage of the sea breezes.

With over three hours to spend, Ken and I enjoyed the sea air and view as we sat a while by the very well-tended and colourful gardens. We also enjoyed lunch and a browse round the shops. Friends had split up into smaller groups to 'do their own thing' also.

We rejoined our coach at 4.00pm for our onward journey to Gayton, where members of the local Women's Institute provided a most welcome tea of ham or cheese salad with new potatoes and trifle, fruit flan and cups of tea to follow. David thanked them for their kind hospitality and Jennifer was thanked by Ruth for organizing such a lovely day out for us.

*Netta*

\* Thanks to Ruth and Netta for their reports on all the happenings during the summer months - and thanks also to all the other contributors to this month's newsletter

*Ann*

## **Wymondham Abbey Centenary Service**

We have been invited to a Centenary 2009 Service at Wymondham Abbey on 21st October at 2pm. Please let me know if you would like to go.

*Jill Buckenham*

## A New Corn Drier

Last year's harvest on our farm was long and difficult due to the wet weather, and very little grain was dry enough to be stored without going through our corn-drier. This meant the oil-fired burner was working hard over many weeks and sadly it caught fire and was burned out. In fact it caught fire twice, but on the first occasion James was alerted by his dog barking loudly when she saw smoke pouring from the building. On the second occasion, about three weeks later, it took hold very quickly and the fire brigade were called to put it out. A neighbouring farmer helped us by lending us the use of his drier, but it put a lot of extra work onto our busy team of men.

The drier was burned out and so a new one has been under construction since last autumn and I have listened to many discussions about drainage, grain pits elevators, oil tanks, heat units, grids, fans and up-and-over doors. The drier looks like a silver box and is 25ft tall and 20ft square, The building materials were delivered throughout the winter and spring and sometimes the farmyard looked like a giant Meccano set! Most of it has now been constructed and it looks sleek and modern. The plasterers and bricklayers have now finished and the electricians are due any day - it will be interesting to hear if it is noisy as the old one was.

Alan tells me that when the first drier was installed in 1971 it was followed by two dry years and it was hardly needed - so perhaps this year will be the same?

I am reminded of one sad fact while writing this and that is that James' dog died at the end of May. She was a great guard dog and lived in the farm workshop and kept an eye on all that was going on, so she will not witness the turning on of what we hope will be a reliable and successful new drier.

*Anne Alston*

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## Prayer Cards

It was agreed at the last Church Meeting that we should look into producing another form of Prayer Cards, with a simple design in muted colours. Trevor Brown has offered to help me with this and produce something suitable on his computer. If you know of any relations or friends who need our prayers, or have a particular concern for which you would like people to pray, you will be able to use these cards - or talk to an elder who will arrange this for you.

*Jill Buckenham*

**Flower Rota**  
September / October

6 September	Jill Buckenham
13 September	Ruth Dunning
20 September	Betty McKechnie
27 September (Harvest Festival)	Elizabeth Portsmouth
4 October	Horace Wilkinson

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Gifts of flowers from the Communion Table have been given to the following friends:

Mrs Suzanne Walker, Mrs Patricia Lithgow, Mrs Joan Green, Mr Alan Alston, Mr and Mrs J Dunning, , Mr Spencer Prior, Revd Eilleen Ritchie, Mrs Ros Crowe and Mrs Olive Blowers.

Fairland Friends,

Thank you very much for your kind gift of flowers. These were much appreciated following the sad loss of my husband.

Thank you again

*Ann Sprules*

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I would like to thank you for including me in your thoughts and prayers on Sunday and also for the nice flowers which Anne brought home - all is going well.

*Alan Alston*

Being unable to attend church due to the effects of medication, I was comforted and most grateful to receive some flowers.

It was good to know of kind thoughts. My thanks to all concerned.

*Spencer*

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### **Plant Sales**

Congratulations to Jill Buckenham on raising **£200** for church funds by selling plants, provided by herself and other church members, from a stall outside her home. This has been a record year and we thank her for all her hard work in achieving this.

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### **July Lunches**

About 40 people came along to the **Light Lunch** in July and thanks go to those who worked so hard in the heat. Profit was **£68.85**.

For the **Community Lunch**, Elizabeth prepared a delicious meal which was enjoyed by all. The profit for this lunch was **£182.43**.

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### **Betty Darby**

We were sad to learn of the recent sudden death of Betty Darby, who was a loyal helper and member of our Community Lunches. We remember her family and friends at this difficult time.

## Communion Offerings for September and October

The offering for the next two months will be in aid of the causes in India and Madagascar which benefit from the sale of Revd Eileen Ritchie's cards. Eileen will be talking about them when she leads worship at our church on 4th October. In the meantime, she has sent me some information on the Videyal Trust in India and Rev Edmund Banyard has supplied details of the work going on in Madagascar.

Edmund Banyard has written the following:

'Shortly before we moved to Diss in August 1987, I visited Madagascar at the invitation of the FJKM (The Church of Jesus Christ in Madagascar) to represent the URC and CWM at a great celebration they were holding to commemorate the death of the first of their many martyrs 150 years earlier. During the fortnight I was their guest, I came to greatly admire a church that was vibrant, forward-looking and active, despite many difficulties and very few resources. Materially speaking the church is desperately poor, serving desperately poor people. For example, they were training Ministers, but had very few of the basic books they needed. Fortunately I was able on my return to England to pass this need on to those who could and would help. There were, and are, of course many other needs and among them two causes which friends in Diss URC have been helping ever since. One is **Akany Avoko**; there they take in young girls who have no family to care for them, give them a home, educate them and see them through to the point where they are able to set up home on their own. The former missionary and his Malagasy wife, who for many years have built up, guided and inspired Akany Avoko, have just retired, but they have left a strong team in place to carry on and continue developing the work.

The other cause we support is **Mamre**. When I was there, this was a venture in its infancy. A small group of women dedicating themselves as a group of Sisters to pray and work together. They were being helped by a Welsh Missionary, Eleri Edwards, now back in this country, but still very much in touch with them and it is through Eleri that we send support for this piece of work. Our money is used to support a canteen the Sisters run for school children and in a recent letter to our Treasurer, Ian Bacon, Eleri writes, 'It is thanks to you and other gifts - but mainly yours I think, because you have been so faithful - that the canteen has developed so wonderfully and is doing so much good for so many children.'

Such a needy country in such a needy world, but these are two small points at which some of us feel we are in a worthwhile way personally involved.

**The Vidiyal Trust** has, since 1990, been serving the poorest in rural and city areas of Southern India. It also helps families in Sri Lanka who were affected by the Tsunami.

Its founder, Canon Pat Atkinson, has made well over thirty visits to India since 1990, many of these visits lasting several weeks. She has lived with, and been part of, the communities with which the charity works and continue to visit India and Sri Lanka twice every year.

The Trust (then under a different name) began by instigating a project for street children in Tamil Nadu. This work encompassed the setting up of a medical centre, a drop in centre for working children and a child sponsorship scheme. They also trained over 100 women to use sewing machines, giving each of the ladies a sewing machine when they completed training. They run a similar scheme with a church in Kerala, sponsoring the training of 30 ladies to date. They have also sponsored a total of 25 poor children who continued to live at home with family members. They provide school fees, books, uniforms and supplementary food for each child.

Currently, in India, their projects include building a boys' home, a girls' home and a school and the purchase and running of two ambulances for a regional cancer centre. In Sri Lanka they are working with a Catholic priest to offer education to Tsunami affected children and building a community centre.

Please look at the noticeboard for more information - and visit the Vidiyal Trust's website at [www.vidiyaltrust.com](http://www.vidiyaltrust.com)

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### **Magazines and books for 2010**

Please let me know if you would like to order copies of 'Reform' magazine, 'Words for today' (Bible notes) or 'Light for our path' for next year.

Unfortunately, they have all gone up in price - 'Reform' magazine will be £18.90 for the year whereas 'Words for today' and 'Light for our path' are each priced at £8.50.

Maybe you would like to share a magazine/book with someone instead, and pay half each? I would be happy to share with someone.

Please contact me for your orders. Thank you.

Jill Buckenham

## **Do you have a favourite smell?**

If, when mammals were created, they were given their five senses to aid them in their quest for self preservation, this need in humans is no longer required. We no longer need an acute sense of smell, sight or hearing to warn us of the approach of predators or enemies. Neither do we need them to hunt for our next meal.

Take the sense of smell, for instance. Our nostrils are often assailed by the aroma of certain foods - the smell of bacon or onions frying, which can be found almost anywhere. Now, I personally appreciate their smell but not actually the taste. The smell of bread baking in a supermarket is intended to make us want to buy some.

However, to me certain smells evoke memories. Yes, I am on one of my nostalgia trips again! Any of you who do not 'do' nostalgia can turn the page now!

When I open a box or bag of Bramley apples and the smell emerges, I am transported back to my childhood. In the 1940s our downstairs front room had very little furniture in it, no carpets and no heating. It was therefore an ideal place to store the apples from the three trees at the top of our garden. The smell of Bramleys when the door was opened will never leave me.

Another smell I love is that of new tarmac being spread on the road. We used to be told that the smell was good for our lungs and we were allowed to stand for a few minutes, breathing it in.

The smell of roasting and grinding coffee beans is also an evocative smell to me, although it is not often smelled nowadays. It brings back to me memories of Wilson's Coffee Shop in Croydon High Street. The beans were roasted in the shop window and a fan blew the smell out into the street. Funnily enough, I did not like drinking coffee then, but I loved the smell.

However, without doubt, my favourite smell is that of woodsmoke, particularly pinewood. I don't know why, but I have always loved bonfires. Not those smouldering weed and garden refuse fires but real blazing wood fires and scout and guide campfires. I learned to make good bonfires from my father, who was a builder, when clearing new building sites. I also worked for the Forestry Commission, clearing quite large areas prior to replanting. These fires went on for weeks without going out. The smell still lingers.

Do you have a favourite smell? If so, tell Ann and we can all share it. Over

the next few months we hope to bring you some thoughts of the other four senses.

*John Adams*

(So - come on readers! Please let me have a few words about YOUR favourite smells. One smell which transports me back to my childhood is the smell of home-grown tomatoes. One whiff of them and I am back in my mother's greenhouse! *Ann*)

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## Operation Christmas Child



There are many children in our world living in appalling conditions. We see pictures on television and in newspapers - pictures of children who are hungry, thirsty, orphaned and alone and wish we could do something to help. We can bring a little love and joy to these children. We can fill a brightly covered shoe box with small gifts that can be sent as a Christmas present. Just imagine the face of a small child receiving such a gift. They cannot believe that someone so far away cares for them.

Please pick up a leaflet from churches and some shops to give you ideas of what to send. Our first boxes will be sent to the warehouse for packing on October 12th and the **latest date is November 22nd** but please try to be early if you can.

Boxes can be given to Ann Scott, or left at Bartrams Funeral Services or given to me at church. If you are unable to fill a box but would like to help, money donations go towards the cost of transporting or some small packets of sweets will be very useful. **Please note all kinds of sweets can be sent this year, including chocolate.** If you would like to know more please phone me on 01603 810323.

Thank you

Shirley Adams

## Take Hold of Every Moment

A friend of mine opened his wife's underwear drawer and picked up a silk paper wrapped package: 'This', he said, 'isn't any ordinary package'.

He unwrapped the box and stared at both the silk paper and the box.

'She got this the first time we went to New York, eight or nine years ago. She has never put it on - was saving it for a special occasion. Well, I guess this is it.'

He got near the bed and placed the gift box next to the other clothes he was taking to the funeral house. His wife had just died. He turned to me and said:

'Never save something for that special occasion. Every day in your life is a special occasion.'

I still think those words changed my life.

Now I read more and clean less.

I sit on the porch without worrying about anything.

I spend more time with my family, and less at work.

I understood that life should be a source of experience to be lived up to, not survived through. I no longer keep anything. I use crystal glasses every day. I'll wear new clothes to go to the supermarket, if I feel like it.

I don't save my special perfume for special occasions. I use it whenever I want to.

The words 'someday' and 'one day' are fading away from my dictionary.

If it's worth seeing, listening or doing, I want to see, listen or do it now. I don't know what my friend's wife would have done if she knew she wouldn't be there the next morning - this nobody can tell. I think she might have called her relatives and closest friends.

She might call old friends to make peace over past quarrels. I'd like to think she would go out for Chinese, her favourite food. It's these small things that I would regret not doing, if I knew my time had come.

I would regret it, because I would no longer see the friends I would meet, letters... letters that I wanted to write 'one of these days'.

I would regret and feel sad, because I didn't say to my brothers and sons, not times enough at least, how much I love them.

Now, I try not to delay, postpone or keep anything that could bring laughter and joy into our lives.

And, on each morning, I say to myself that this could be a special day. Each day, each hour, each minute is special.

Remember that 'one of these days' is far away ..... or might never come.

*submitted by Ruth  
(author unknown)*

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The above advertiser has been recommended by members of our church.

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Please don't forget -

**Operation Christmas Child Coffee Morning**



**Thursday 3rd September 10am - 12 noon**  
 at Marion Roberts Court, Hethersett.

Cakes - Books - Toys - Gifts - Jewellery - Cards - Tombola - Raffle

All money raised will help to send more boxes to the needy children in Serbia, buy chocolate for the boxes already filled with gifts and go towards transporting the boxes.

If you have anything you would like to donate for sale at this coffee morning or need a lift to come along, please contact Shirley Adams on Norwich 810323. Thank you.

## **‘Possibility Brown’**

When Chris’s mobile rang I just thought “One of the children needs a lift”, but, when I saw his expression change, I knew there was a problem.

“Is it the family?”

“No,” he said. “It’s the house.”

The call was from our neighbour. They had already sent for the Fire Brigade.

When we reached the top of the Avenues, and turned into Bluebell Road, we could see the Fire Engine outside our house, with the hoses snaking down the drive.

The road was partly blocked. The traffic was slow-moving. We were in a little 850cc Mini. We drove along the grass verge to reach our house. Traffic violations would have to be sorted out, later!

People were standing around. Some were passers-by. Others were concerned friends, including our lovely next-door neighbours, who had called us, and the Fire Brigade. What would we have done without them?

The kitchen was black and swimming with sooty water. The whole house reeked of smoke. The culprit, the washing machine, had been dragged out into the back garden.

Tea and sandwiches appeared, as did the rest of the family, by car and bike. The sightseers drifted away.

And, the Insurance Assessor arrived.

He was a small, neat man, with rimless glasses that gave him a severe look, added to by the fact that he didn’t smile. He walked around with a clipboard and pen, and only spoke when we asked how badly things were damaged.

The same reply, each time, was “There is a good possibility of recovery”. Everything he looked at, appeared to have a good possibility of recovery.

In my hyped-up, fevered brain I kept thinking of “Capability Brown” who saw every landscape as having “capabilities”, thus earning for himself an everlasting nickname. So, our Assessor became “Possibility Brown” to us.

The ‘possibilities’ extended to the blackened cupboards, walls, cooker, ’fridge ..... anything and everything.

He asked to see the washing machine, which had refused to turn off, and had worked itself into a frenzy of activity, finally bursting into flames.

We went outside together, and viewed the blackened shell. The metal was now crisp and wafer-thin. The plastic dials had melted. He walked round, in silence.

I couldn't resist the moment. "I bet this has a good possibility of recovery", I said.

He looked up, and, like the sun breaking through the clouds, he smiled! "No", he said, "I think we're going to have to get you a new one".

And, he was right about the 'Possibility of Recovery'. Only the washing machine had to be replaced, and the room decorated. Everything else washed and cleaned up beautifully.

'Possibility Brown' knew his job!

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*The above article was submitted by Anne Alston and was written for the Club 52 magazine by one of the members - Thelma Newenham. Anne says that Thelma is "always a pleasure to be with, as she looks on the bright side of life". Thank you Anne - and Thelma!*

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### **Christmas Fair.**

Early notice of the Ipswich Road Christmas Fair!

Saturday 28th November 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Ipswich Road.

All the usuals - Father Christmas with a bran tub of gifts

Snacks and hot lunches of incredible value.

Gift stall, books, toys, preserves, indoor plants, cakes, sweets and Bric a Brac

Children's activities and of course a Traidcraft stall"

## September / October

6 September	Revd Alison Davis
13 September	Miss Vicky Brown
20 September	Mrs Jean Larner
27 September (Harvest Festival)	Revd Alison Davis
4 October	Revds Eilleen & Roy Ritchie

### Dates for your Diaries

*Details of these events can be found within the newsletter*

#### September

2 September (10am)	Midweek Service (Church Lounge)
3 September (10am-12noon)	Operation Christmas Child Coffee Morning
3 September (7.30pm)	Elders' Meeting (Church Lounge)
4 September (12-1.30pm)	Light Lunch (Fairland Hall)
7 September (7.30pm)	Meditation Group (Town Green Centre)
11 September (10am-2pm)	Pabulum Café (Church Centre)
12 September	Norfolk Churches Cycle Ride
16 September (7pm)	Churches Together (Church Centre)
18 September (12.30pm)	Community Lunch (Fairland Hall)
23 September (7.30pm)	Church Meeting (Church Lounge)
25 September (10am-2pm)	Pabulum Café (Church Centre)
25 September (10am-12noon)	Macmillan Coffee Morning (Fairland Hall)
27 September	Lunch at Bawburgh Golf Club

#### October

1 October (7.30pm)	Elders' Meeting (Church Lounge)
2 October (12-1.30pm)	Light Lunch (Fairland Hall)
<b>* Advance Notice *</b>	
17 October	'Caring for God's creation' conference (St Thomas, Heigham - <b>change of venue</b> - further details next month)
31 October	Fairland URC Autumn Event (Fairland Hall)

Items for inclusion in **October** newsletter (to be available on 27 September) should be given to Ann Scott **by 20 September please.**