

Report for Brundall Parish Council Annual Parish Meeting

The last 12 months have been a busy period for the Yare Valley Churches, and we are grateful for all the ways we can work together with other local groups and organisations.

We have over 60 volunteers who help to run the varied services, groups and activities in the church. We are particularly grateful to the support from the village community for the Community Pantry and over this last year have increased the opening times to include a Thursday, as well as a Monday morning.

We have enjoyed collaborating with the Parish Council and the Memorial Hall in producing the Brundall Newsletter and it's good to have a way to share with each other all the good things which happen in the village.

We have continued to support the Park Run each Saturday morning with the catering pod providing hot drinks.

Last September we started a new Youth Group for young people in Y6 – Y9 which meets in the St Laurence Centre on a Thursday evening.

Our Community Café continues to be open on Monday and Thursday mornings, and these have benefitted from additional activities happening on a Thursday including a craft group. The craft group produced a beautiful display of poppies in the church for Remembrance Sunday.

Other groups meeting weekly, include the 'Forget me Not' group on a Tuesday afternoon, which is for people on the dementia pathway and their carers.

We also run a Toddler Group on a Tuesday morning with free play for the children and ending with a story, activity and songs.

More recently we have become aware of how many men are socially isolated and have started a new monthly Men's Group. This group's aim is to provide an opportunity for men to meet, chat and meet new people.

This last year we have removed the old portacabin in the churchyard and there has been some removal of dead trees in the churchyard. We have a team of volunteers who keep the churchyard in good order, and we hope that it continues to be a place where people can come and sit and remember their loved ones.

Rev Dave Hanson

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