

The Glaven Valley Newsletter



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APRIL HIGHLIGHTS

Wed 3 Apr
Family Bingo Star

Thu 4 Apr
Square Eyes TV Quiz

Fri 5 Apr
Northern Soul Night

Tue 9 Apr
Royal Ballet: Macmillan Triple

Fri 12 Apr
Downward Spiral: John Bowers
in conversation

Sat 20 Apr
Met Opera Live: *La Rondine*

Tue 23 Apr
National Theatre Live: *Nye*

Wed 24 Apr
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****CHECK OUT FOR EXTRA ITEMS****

Treasurer's Report

A big thank you to Blakeney Parish Council who awarded us a £500 grant from their Community Fund last month.

We welcome contributions from individuals – over 350 of our readers already do – our preferred method is by Standing Order – either monthly or annually – you can use the form below, or if you use online banking you should be able to set one up online.

Other ways to donate are:

- Cash or cheque to the Treasurer, Stonebridge House, Bridgefoot Lane, Wiveton, Holt NR25 7TP (cheques payable to Glaven Valley Newsletter);
- Online bank transfer to us (Sort Code 30-94-34 Account 00897099);
- Collection box at Blakeney Garage

Martin Tyler
Treasurer, Glaven Valley Newsletter

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GVN Production

Each month our lovely team of volunteers helps to print, collate, assemble, staple and deliver 1500 copies of the GVN: many thanks to you all.

My, voluntary, role as 'production coordinator' includes liaising with Chevertons printers in Cromer; collecting and collating the bi-monthly yellow pages; ordering paper for the white pages, scheduling the printing, stapling and bulk distribution; ordering printer ink and consumables as necessary, and generally being the 'single point of contact'. Unfortunately, single-point-of-contact can also mean 'single-point-of-failure,' and after 13 years, with health problems and an upcoming operation, it is likely that in the future I may not always be able to carry out these activities.

Rather than wait until this problem occurs, it makes sense to plan ahead, and to this end I am hoping to find one or two people who could help me as and when required.

If anyone feels this is something they would be interested in, and ensure the production of the GVN continues smoothly, please get in touch. Thank you

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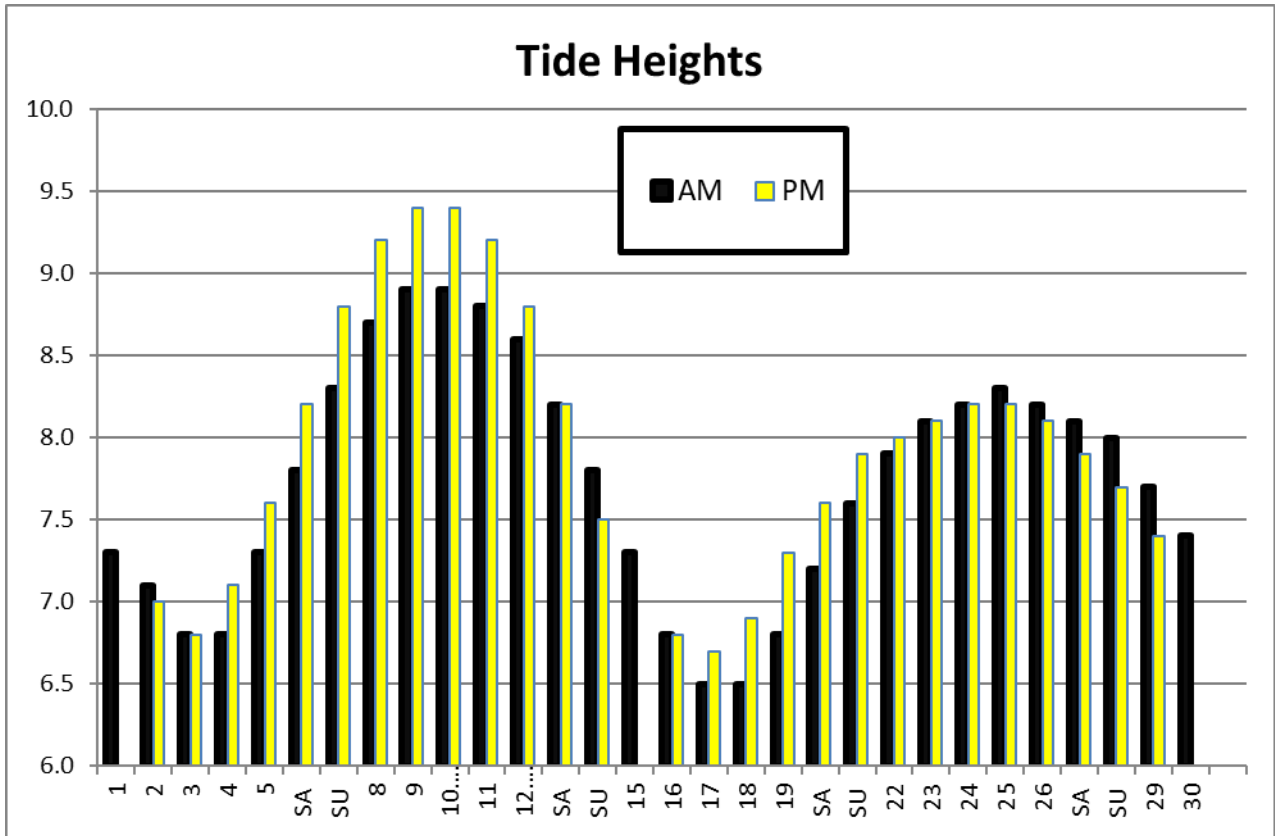
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April 2024 -Tide Details *by Martin Tyler*



Tide Times

	AM	PM		AM	PM
Mon 01 April	11:44		Mon 15 April	11:52	
Tue 02 April	00:21	12:41	Tue 16 April	00:49	12:58
Wed 03 April	01:32	14:01	Wed 17 April	02:33	14:55
Thu 04 April	03:24	15:42	Thu 18 April	03:54	16:07
Fri 05 April	04:52	16:53	Fri 19 April	04:58	17:05
Sat 06 April	05:51	17:47	Sat 20 April	05:47	17:51
Sun 07 April	06:39	18:35	Sun 21 April	06:23	18:28
Mon 08 April	07:22	19:21	Mon 22 April	06:54	19:01
Tue 09 April	08:02	20:05	Tue 23 April	07:24	19:33
Wed 10 April	08:40	20:49	Wed 24 April	07:55	20:06
Thu 11 April	09:17	21:31	Thu 25 April	08:27	20:39
Fri 12 April	09:53	22:14	Fri 26 April	08:59	21:14
Sat 13 April	10:29	22:57	Sat 27 April	09:30	21:51
Sun 14 April	11:08	23:55	Sun 28 April	10:03	22:32
			Mon 29 April	10:41	23:19
			Tue 30 April	11:27	

ALL TIMES BRITISH SUMMER TIME

Blakeney



ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Blakeney, Cley & District Branch

A big welcome to former paratrooper Daren Bell who has joined us as the Branch Treasurer in place of the interim Treasurer Judy Pegden. Thanks so much Judy for standing in.

Daren, with a history of active service, makes a perfect addition to (our now complete) Committee. So, amongst other skills, Daren will bring an insight into the real needs of services families; those presently serving, veterans and their carers. That will help this Branch of the Royal British Legion to be as effective as we possibly can be, in providing the most relevant support, given the natural resources we have here.

With two national nature reserves we have a pastoral setting that is perfect to develop programmes for well-being and a recreational setting to stimulate activities.

And, while we are thinking about those issues, it would be great to hear from others with experiences of the support that has been needed for services personnel and their families.

What have we got here in Blakeney that can be the stimulus to support them? Please do get in touch with our Secretary, Helen Gimson (helen.gimson@btinternet.com, 07966 494423 or 01263 741608), if you have any views or know of those in need of the support we will be offering.

News from Blakeney School

I must start this month's news from the school with a number of thank you's. The school PTFA recently held a quiz night and raffle at the Village Hall. So many of you attended and supported this event and we are very grateful for your support. It was such a fun evening and the winning team took home a wonderful shield. PBS Butchers kindly donated the sausages and Niven Last supplied us with the potatoes for the "bangers and mash" supper. To everyone who attended or donated, we are sending you a very big thank you!

The Easter holidays are providing a much-needed break for children and staff. We have all been working hard and the children finished the term with assessments. The children are proud of their learning and enjoy the opportunity to demonstrate what they can do. Their hard work is paying dividends and the results reflect their achievements. We also finished our 40 miles for Lent walk on the treadmill. The children have enjoyed using the machine to test speed and

endurance. I think it will be very handy for those days when it is too wet to go out and play. Well done Blakeney-keep it going!

The children have been making use of the new table tennis table (which was another generous donation from a village resident) and the Plantation outdoor area. Our fire-pit area has also been given a spring tidy-up. We all have our fingers crossed for some balmy afternoons so that we can end the day with family, friends, roasted marshmallows and stories. Staff are also completing training on the new Lego Spike Kits.

This is a great piece of kit (organised by Alderman Peel in Wells) and will enable us to extend the children's design and technology learning.

In the coming month, we have a change of learning theme in both classes. The Key Stage 2 Sapphire Class, will base their learning around the theme of *World War II*. We plan to study the causes of the war, rationing and evacuees. If there is anyone in the village with special knowledge around this area, please do get in touch, it would be lovely to have an expert visit us.

In the KS1 Class and Nursery, their theme is seasonal and is *Growing things and Life Cycles*. I know that Miss Collison has some amazing visits planned. I can't think of a school anywhere which is better placed to provide so much outdoor learning for this topic!

From Team Blakeney

DO YOU HAVE A BUSINESS IDEA THAT REQUIRES PREMISES?

Could the Parish Room (formerly known as The Scout Hut), in BLAKENEY be of interest to you?!

Do you have a great idea, something in mind, either a new venture or something that you are already doing?! If so, and you would like a confidential and informal discussion then please do get in touch now. Call the Parish Clerk on 01263 741106 or send an email to clerk@blakeneyparishcouncil.gov.uk outlining your idea. We are currently considering the future of this room and are open to considerations.

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Glaven Caring

Happy Easter from Glaven Caring!

Spring is definitely in the air and we are in the mood for celebrating – we do hope you and yours might like to join us!

All are invited to our big fundraiser - our Spring Coffee Morning in the Harbour Rooms Blakeney on 6th April from 10am to 12 noon. Delicious cake stall, a fabulous raffle, tombola, and bric-a-brac. Bring your family and friends – all welcome for a coffee or cuppa. Lots of parking. £2 entrance fee for free tea and coffee.

Love cake, coffee and a chat? Our Coffee and Cake Morning at the Glaven Centre is just the ticket. Tuesday April 2nd 10am – 12pm with coffee, simnel cake and hot cross buns to tempt you. Bring your friends – and pop a donation in our box. Thereafter every first Tuesday of the month.

SAVE THE DATE for our 50th Anniversary Wine and Cheese evening in the grounds of Bayfield Hall on 22 June 2024 from 6pm to 8.30pm. Tickets will be on sale shortly and if you would like to be added to our 'interested list' please do email us at rsvp@glavencaring.co.uk

If you have a friend or neighbour who might like to come along to Glaven Caring, please do get in touch nurses@glavencaring.co.uk or do call 01263 740762 to arrange a viewing and a free day visit.

See you on Facebook @GlavenCaring for regular updates and all our daily news.

HIRE 'BLAKENEY PARISH ROOM' (formerly known as The Scout Hut) in BLAKENEY, for just £12.00 an hour (plus VAT)

SUGGESTED EVENTS: Childrens' Parties – Clubs – Societies – Meetings – Events – Art – Yoga – Bingo – Dancing – Social – Talks - the possibilities are endless...

WHY: Local – Free Parking – Kitchen – Medium sized space – Disabled access – Adjacent the village playing field

WHERE: Langham Road, Blakeney (same site as the Village Hall)

Other venues and car parking, too large or too small; then give us a look.

For more information or to take a look inside the PARISH ROOM, please call 01263 741106 or email clerk@blakeneyparishcouncil.gov.uk

Blakeney Village Hall Craft Fairs for 2024

April 20th & 21st

May 18th & 19th

June 15th & 16th

July 20th & 21st

Aug 17th & 18th

Sept 14th & 15th

Oct 19th & 20th

Nov 16th & 17th

Blakeney Area Historical Society

**Tuesday 30th April at
2:30pm**

Cley Village Hall

**The Norwich Architects:
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Tuesday 24th
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(01263 741106)

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Car Park Permits for the 2024 Season - All existing permits expire on 31st March 2024 and it is your responsibility to renew them.

The Parish Office is open on a Tuesday & Thursday morning between 9am and 11am. At other times by appointment only.

Carnser Car Park – Residents Permits – If you are a resident of the Electoral Roll for Blakeney and have your 2024/25 Council Tax Bill, then you can reapply for a new permit for the 2024 season. You can apply in the Parish Office in person, by email, by post or pop your application in the letterbox. Please make sure that you know your vehicle registration number as this is printed on each permit issued and held on the register, or bring last year's permit in with you, along with your proof of residency if you still have the same vehicle.

Coronation Car Park – All persons eligible for a permit, who require one (i.e. must live in the High Street as permanent residents and have no other parking facilities, sorry no second home owners), should be applying to renew their permits as soon as possible. You must not park on this car park without a valid permit, or you will be fined via the Fixed Penalty Notice system.

2024 - DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Grays Travelling Funfair – On the Carnser; Tuesday 13th August 2024; operating on Wednesday 14th to Saturday 17th inclusive

Bingo in the ‘Big Top’ – Saturday 17th August 2024

Party on The Pastures: - Sunday 18th August 2024

End of Season Bonfire & Fireworks: - Saturday 26th October 2024. (Plan B is Sunday 27th October)

If you are interested in helping at either event or joining us in some capacity, then do get in touch and we will keep your details on file, until we start planning in earnest.

A reminder: VISITORS/GUESTS/HOLIDAYMAKERS please be aware...

NO OVERNIGHT PARKING ON THE CARNSER CAR PARK – It has been brought to our attention that several people staying in holiday cottages in Blakeney, are told by the owners of the cottages that they can park overnight on the Carnser Car Park on Blakeney Quay. This is not true, the signs advise that **no overnight parking** is permitted on The Carnser, and this is due to the fact that the Carnser Car Park is liable to unpredictable tidal flooding. Many of the

vehicles that are caught out and flooded have been parked overnight on the Car Park when they should not have been. There are alternative car parks for overnight car parking, including Coronation Car Park and Blakeney Village Hall Car Park.

Please do help us to spread the word, many thanks.

EXTRACTS FROM THE MARCH FULL COUNCIL MEETING...

Welcome and thanks to Paul Searle (North Norfolk Signs). With his help members were able to consider the design/layout of the agreed **Village/Business Signage** which would be sited by the roadside of The Pastures, along the A149, the aim being to remove the ‘A Boards’ from the village, but still promote the local businesses and amenities. **Resolved** to ask for the following items to be included in the emerging prototype;

- i) *Style very similar to the Newton Abbot sign, including map*
- ii) *Rustic posts/wooden sleepers*
- iii) *26 business spaces*
- iv) *Spaces for community amenities, toilets, play area, etc*
- v) *Board no bigger than 4ft x 4ft*
- vi) *Smaller map than the one on the sample this evening*
- vii) *Businesses to be branded with their individual logo, which they are to provide*
- viii) *Sticker overlays will be produced for new/changing businesses*
- ix) *Noted that dark shades work best, i.e. longer lifespan 6 – 7 years*
- x) *Board made from fully recyclable material*

(With regard this proposed signage we will be in touch with local businesses very soon, to discuss this with you.)

We welcomed **PC Graham Gower-Smith** – The Holt SNT are focussing on Holt at the moment. Blakeney is a good place with no real antisocial problems. Project Kraken is being pushed (leaflets provided for the noticeboard & hopefully copied within this edition of the GVN) with the focus being to report *Boats arriving at unusual times*; i.e. looking out for and being alert to *Coastal Crime*.

Planning Items – PF = Full Planning Permission, PM = Planning Permission – Reserved Matters, LA = Alteration to Listed Building & Appeals.

PF/24/0186 – *Proposal; Part rebuilding/re-roofing of rear extension to create dining room, internal alterations, and installation of roof lights in front roof slope at; Fairland, Morston Road, Blakeney. Resolved;* No Objection; subject to the inclusion of CPRE Standard Light Pollution Clause.

PF/24/0281 – *Proposal; Demolition of attached building used as art studio and erection of single storey extension to form additional living accommodation at, Morgan Cottage, 97 and 99 High Street, Blakeney. Resolved;* No Objection; subject to the inclusion of CPRE Standard Light Pollution Clause.

FINANCE - Accounts totalling £5,980.75 were approved.

Clerk/RFO Report;

- Our grant application to the **Football Foundation** for new/replacement goalposts was successful, and we will now confirm commencement of this project with our chosen provider.
- Our grant application to **The National Lottery Community Fund** was successful for the new/replacement goalposts and the creations of a Pétanque/French boules court, hence both these projects can now proceed.
- **Parish Hall** (old scout hut), after consideration, Pointens have advised that they can think of no real use for this building, and agree that our best course of action is to advertise it and invite interest as we currently are.
 - The gutters have now been cleared, and work is needed on soakaways, gutters, and brackets.
 - Funding from the outgoing scout group is due anytime now, to help with the upkeep of this building.
- As part of the discussion over the future of the parish hall, the entire BPC assets on the village hall site, are to be considered. Pointens advised that if planning permission to A1 retail could be obtained for the current **Store block** then this may be lend itself to being an attractive seasonal shop unit available to let.
- NNDC have confirmed that it is highly unlikely that there will be any **£106 funding** from the two proposed Langham Road developments, as both will contain an element of affordable housing.
- **Mariners Hill** work to reinstate the post and rail fencing and remove the obsolete steps to be undertaken as soon as possible.

Community Fund (£1,500) as follows;

- i) Glaven Valley Newsletter = £500 as requested.
- ii) Glaven Caring = £500 as requested.
- iii) The remaining £500 to be *earmarked* for the BPC Village/Business information sign as discussed earlier.

Written Reports from Representatives on Other Committees/Groups which have met recently;

Blakeney Surgery – Cllr Nigel Sutcliffe.

At the PCCG meeting on the 13th February 2024 the issue of the surgery was discussed. Seven local people spoke out against the decision with each asking a specific question. The seven included our Chair, our District Councillor, our MP., the Chair of Stiffkey PC, Tim Ambler and myself. Written answers were later provided to these questions by the ICB which were somewhat vague and not specific.

The result of the meeting was that the decision to close Blakeney surgery was deferred to the 23rd April 2024 whilst the ICB were mandated to undertake public involvement under its duty of public involvement and consultation to explore the practice proposed mitigation to offer a medication collection service in Blakeney.

Let me be blunt the ICB recommendation to the PCCG is to close the surgery it is just the issue of how repeat prescriptions are processed that is up for discussion.

BPC wrote to the ICB on the 15th February 2024 asking them how they intended to undertake this consultation and the time scale they intended to follow. Whilst we have not received a formal response a ‘Teams’ meeting was organised for the 1st March 2024 where your chair, District Councillor and myself met with Sadie Parker and colleague of the ICB. It became clear that they wanted to know who it was best for them to consult with to enable them to complete their mandated task. It is fair to say we were quite blunt with the ICB about the whole process that had taken place so far.

They were told the current repeat prescription service worked well with Blakeney Surgery as it is, so why change it. They were also reminded of the wealth of correspondence, covering this issue and others, that had already been sent to HMP and themselves. This when added to the two independent surveys conducted by HealthWatch and our MP gave them substantial data already.

The result of that meeting was that they intend to consult with all Parish Councils who are affected including BPC and, in that regard, the ICB will attend at our APM on 7th March 2024. Please come and have your say with the ICB.


In addition, there is an article in the GVN for March titled ‘Blakeney Medical Services prepared by your chair which gives an update and includes a draft letter for everyone to complete and send to the ICB to express their concern and disappointment about what has taken place so far.

A recent meeting was also held with the Glaven Caring to discuss if they could deal with repeat prescriptions. The conclusion was that due to their terms of business, their available office spaces and the lack of car parking, that it was not possible for them to help with this.

Dinghy Park Management Committee – Rosemary Thew gave an update of the meeting. (The draft minutes are available on the BPC website)

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Resolved to appoint Rod Jeffreys as the third representative of the Blakeney Sailing Club to the Dinghy Park Management Committee.

Events; Party on The Pastures Committee – *Samantha Arlow* gave an update of the meeting. (The draft minutes are available on the BPC website.)

CORRESPONDENCE –

There will be one addition to the licence with **Grays funfair**; This being that the Parish Councils Trading Site Vans, are permitted to remain on site should they wish, (not to trade) and not be subjected to paying rent to Grays funfair, i.e. Grays cannot sub-lease parish council owned land to any other party. (No other amendments.) *Conversation to be had with Mr Gray about use of site/layout.*

Confidential Business – Exclusion of the Press & Public – Resolved; *Due to the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted (NNDC Monitoring Officer Decision Notice; Armstrong v All BPC & The Clerk) outcome of Formal Complaint, it is proposed that the press and public are now excluded and they are instructed to withdraw. (Admission to Meeting Act (Public Bodies) 1960.*

Members noted the confidential report resulting from **official complaint; Decision by NNDC; No further action**, and BPC themselves agreed, no further action.

And finally; 12th March 2024, marked the start of my 24th year here at Blakeney Parish Council as the Parish Clerk/RFO. I have to beat a total of 33 years and 2 months, to compete with the current longest serving Clerk, Mr A T Steadman, who served from 21/02/1911 to 14/04/1944. Not sure I'll beat that...!!

What makes the job great? *Achieving great things for the village and the people.*

YOUR SERVING PARISH COUNCILLORS ARE: -

- Rosemary Thew – 740555 – Moonraker, Back Lane
- Nigel Sutcliffe – 741714 – Dallinga, 71 Morston Road
- Jenny Girling – 741048 – 11 Queens Close
- Samantha Arlow – 741297 – 40 Langham Road
- Alban Donohoe – 741741 – Ivy House, Back Lane
- Shirley Everett – 740819 – Southside, 87 Morston Road
- Barry Girling – 740792 – 11 Queens Close
- Willie Weston – 740910 – 27 Queens Close
- Iain Wolfe – via Parish Office
- Judy Pegden – 741497 – 8 Wilsons Way
- Mike Reed – 07760 162344 – 2 Memorial Cottages, New Road

Next Full Council meeting; Tuesday 2nd April 2024.

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BAND NIGHT - Saturday 13th April

XANDER AND THE PEACE PIRATES

A charismatic blues band from Liverpool - virtuoso guitars and slide guitar. Recently co-headlined the Great British R & B festival. £15.00 via our website or on the door.

FOLK CLUB - Sunday 14th April 3 - 6 pm

A monthly sing around in the Harbour Room. Performer and listeners all welcome.

QUIZ NIGHT - Thursday 18th April 7pm

FUTURE EVENTS

MUSIC & BEER FESTIVAL 5/6/7 JULY 2024

A weekend of music, festival food and local ales.

Fantastic fun for all the family, with live music outside on the lawn to suit everyone and right in the heart of Blakeney

SUMMER CRAFT FAIR 26/27/28 JULY 2024

A wide range of local crafts available, entertainment food and much more!

FORTHCOMING BANDS

LET THERE B/DC - 18th May. This AC/DC tribute return by popular demand.

ROB TOGNONI - 8th June. Expect a night of proper rock from this Tasmanian Devil!

NEAR LIAM GALLAGHER - 29th June - The country's top Oasis tribute band.

Please go to our new website for listings of all the bands booked for 2024

Quotable Quotes on Communication

Nature hath given us one tongue and two ears, that we may hear from others twice as much as we speak - *Epictetus*

The most important thing in communication is hearing what isn't said - *Peter Drucker*

Wise men speak because that have something to say. Fools because they have to say something - *Anon*

Blessed is the man, who having nothing to say, abstains from giving wordy evidence of the fact - *George Eliot*

To say nothing, especially when speaking, is half the art of diplomacy - *Will Durant*

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Event Reminder: Macmillan Mighty Hikes Norfolk

As we approach closer to date, I wanted to send an event reminder out regarding the Norfolk Macmillan Mighty Hike taking place on Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th May 2024.

The event is a full and half Marathon distance trek and is set to raise £1million pounds for Macmillan Cancer Support.

The marathon starts at Runton Rd car Park and finishes at Holkham Estate, while the half marathon finishes at Blakeney Playing fields. There will be no amplified sound at the start before 6:30am and we are anticipating the last participant to have crossed the finish line by 10pm. The sound levels at both the start and finish will be monitored at all times.

Please visit the Macmillan website for the proposed route. We will brief participants on route etiquette; to close any gates they walk through, respect the landowners, and pick up their litter. The small red arrows used to sign the route are collected by the back marker, who follows the last participant on foot.

Participants will set off every 20 minutes across 3 hours. By staggering the participant start times we reduce any possible build up along the course, making it a pleasant experience for those taking part as well as keeping any build up in the local area to a minimum. All participants will be passing in small groups so should not cause inconvenience to the local community.

We have carefully considered every element of the logistical delivery in consultation with our specialist Health and Safety advisors and can assure you that we are carefully planning for a possible series of different scenarios. Our number one priority is for the health, safety, and welfare of all those involved in the Mighty Hikes. This includes not only participants, but the crew and volunteer teams, our suppliers, and the local communities who so kindly support and help plan these important fundraising events.

We thank you for your continued understanding and support for the Macmillan Mighty Hike series.

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Shaun Hill

Eulogy

Shaun didn't want a funeral at all. He didn't want to die and he didn't want Anne to have to go through with it all. He felt that they had had such a good send off when they left Blakeney that they wouldn't need another such event. But life never goes to plan and here we are to remember Shaun - and to pay tribute to the brilliant life he lived, and everlasting legacy he now leaves us all.

Shaun was born in 1958 in West Runton. The first of seven children for Pauline and Ken Hill. He started his formal education at Providence House in Blakeney, moved on to Beeston Hall, then Gresham's. He went on to study history, staying in the same room in Cripps Court throughout his entire sojourn at Selwyn College, Cambridge. He gained a 2:1 and promptly turned his back on further academic studies although his passion for History continued through extensive reading and lively debates.

Another lifelong love was listening to a wide range of music. He had an extensive collection of LPs and CDs and regularly tuned in to Spotify to spot new bands. Hawkwind was his first and abiding love.

He spent his last Summer on his final, all-consuming love, his narrowboat "Nouveau Lady." Bought a few years after he stopped being a grocer, the boat became his 'happy place' and, when it was working, he spent time with family and friends and the Middle Level Waterman's Club, exploring the river and canal system.

His brother, Brent, and his five sisters, (all born within 13 years of each other) have loads of memories of an older brother who always looked out for them especially when they lived together in the flat above the family shop in Westgate Street.

There was the library Shaun set up set up and 'ran.' Books were all recorded with a code written in pencil on the inside cover. They had to be signed in and out. A fine, probably a penny, was levied on any book that, on return, was not in pristine condition. This reverence for the physical aspect of books and periodicals stayed with him all through his life together with an amazing facility for facts which made him a much-prized team member for pub quizzes at the Legion. One of his regrets was that he didn't get to read all the books on his bookcase and another was that 'Private Eye' just wasn't funny anymore.

Shaun was educated via the public school system but never felt that comfortable with it. He was put a year ahead at Gresham's which worked academically but was disastrous for sport. It wasn't until he left college that he found success, and so much fun, playing for Cromer Hockey Club. The team wasn't that good, then, but Shaun loved it because he had lots of activity in goal. The only bad thing about it was if a ball got past him, he'd go totally 'ape.' He was absolutely passionate about cricket and football, too, but could never decide whether Norwich winning was better than Ipswich losing.

"The Shop," though, trumped everything. Hills Home Supplies was the family business built up, originally, by mobile grocery deliveries from small premises in Westgate Street. The Hill children spent their Summer Holidays working in the shops and Shaun in particular loved being in the warehouse as a teenager. The business expanded, over the years, to 3 shops: the original but larger supermarket in Westgate Street; Haywards up the High Street with the Post Office included and (Shaun's absolute 'love') the little shop in the High Street in Cley. He had only just gained his degree, met his future wife and was embarking on a career in retail management when he was called back home to manage one of the stores. He married Anne, had two children, Emily, and Alex, and lived with them in the flat next door to the one in which he had grown up in. Shaun stayed on at the family business until it was suddenly sold - a catastrophic sadness from which he never recovered.

After the shop became a Spar Convenience Store, Shaun worked at The British Legion Bar and gradually became more involved with Blakeney V.A. School. He was a natural teacher, though (as most of you know), never a certified one. Working with the kids was a life-line and a pleasure. He adored being their sports coach and running after-school clubs, one of which was a Hobbies Club. Shaun invited local experts to engage the children in workshops with the intention of enthusing the youngsters with a love for learning beyond the confines of the classroom. He set up a strong link with the Blakeney Historical Society: John and Pam Peake took the children on walks around the villages and trips inside the various churches to search for clues as to how people lived and thought in the past. One of the high points of that time was Year 5 and 6 children being involved in a project that much older children would have found challenging - an archaeological dig in Wiveton sponsored by Carezza Lewis (of Time Team fame).

The playing field was a major part of Shaun's life from his very earliest days: generally unsupervised, he would be playing cricket, football and rounders with his brother and village friends from dawn to dusk in the school holidays. As an adult, "Monday Night Football" was an absolute passion. Neither snow nor rain or even thunder storms stopped it going ahead -even the flood lights failing wouldn't always result in cancellation. Sometimes it felt like the whole village was there, up on the playing fields kicking the ball about.Fathers and friends would come along too and by playing alongside the young people would teach them how to be part of a team and learn resilience. Any visitors that the younger Hill family had at home, would join in, if they happened to be around on a Monday. Shaun showed his affection by giving out nicknames which gave him great pleasure when they caught on with the wider community and often, by being included in the team, less confident youngsters blossomed, not just at sport but at schoolwork too.

Gareth Mears was just one of the many young boys, who now as adults, have the very fondest memories of those special times with Shaun. Gareth sums everything up with these beautiful words, which I'll read now:

"I hope Shaun knew how much of a positive impact he had on all of the kids in Blakeney and the wider area for so many years. Giving up such a huge amount of his precious time to get us playing sports...Monday night football, Sunday night Cricket, and all of the events he used to drive us to in-between. It holds such a special place in my childhood memories and it's all because of him. The positive impact of that on so many people's lives is incalculable but undeniable.

I'll never forget sliding around on cardboard in the back of his van crying with laughter, it brings a smile to my face just thinking about it. Nights at Carrow Road and him taking the mickey out of us relentlessly. The friendship borne out of those events across such a wide demographic of kids is incredible.

Such a top man who will never be replaced."

Some of the footballers of Shaun's own childhood were also respectable members of "The Blakeney Twelve." Shaun was surprised, and honoured when he was invited to join this small, charitable organisation which was set up in the 60's, originally, to give extra sacks of coal to the elderly in winter. The camaraderie and commitment to helping anyone in the community who was in need was a big 'ask' but also a pleasure. He was immensely proud of their work and compassion, literally, to his dying day.

Moving across the County to Upwell, once the children had left home and Shaun's mother-in-law had died, was a surprising decision which worked out wonderfully well in the end. Shaun continued his commitment to helping people in various voluntary roles and regained confidence in himself. The transition was aided immensely by working on the indexes of 'The Glaven Historian' and regular contact with friends in North Norfolk supplemented by receiving, by post, the monthly edition of 'The Glaven Valley News.' The fenland air, damp and usually fairly foetid, was initially an unwelcome change from the salty, sandy, biting blast of the North Sea but he soon got to tolerate and then enjoy the huge skies and open landscapes.

Work with children continued when Shaun became a "Volunteer in Child Protection." For several years he supported families containing children at risk - until the funding stopped! At the same time, he joined the local archaeological society, FenArch, and was part of the small team that went into local schools to do workshops and presentations centred on Iron Age settlements and the Romans in Fenland. His death ended 13 years of service as a Community Youth Offender Panel member which saw him helping young people steer away from further crime and take responsibility for their own actions.

For some of this time he was also helping adults who were coming to terms with their actions: he was a member of the Independent Monitoring Board at Whitemoor Prison - another voluntary post which had to end when he collapsed in this Category A prison with a bunch of keys at his waist- one of the inmates called for help instead of making a run for it.....!!!

For a while he also helped at the Witness Service in Kings Lynn supporting vulnerable witnesses in the days leading up to the trial and when they had to appear in court. He also popped in to Wisbech Museum to help Geoff with cataloguing but actually spent most of his time discussing football and cricket and completing the Times Cryptic Crossword!

And, not by any means the least of his actions, he was passionate about litter picking during dog walks and whilst paddling down the Well Creek in the canoe with his wife and his little dog, Bonnie, he'd fish out floating debris to make the river look clear again.

Shaun was truly, one of a kind. A very special person to all who had the pleasure of knowing him. A wonderfully kind-natured soul, who always had a cheeky glint in his eyes, a kind smile and humour that brought so much joy to everyone. He was a character like no other - a man who was unapologetically himself, no matter the person or surroundings. He will always be remembered forever and always.

I would also like to express my thanks to all those who came to Knight's Hill and my regrets to all those who I, somehow, neglected to inform of the funeral.

All the best, Anne Hill

Thoughts from the Rectory For April

Dear Friends,

This month begins with April Fools' Day, when the tradition is, of course, to play a trick at someone else's expense. Apparently, this tradition has been going on for centuries in many countries, but no one actually seems to know how it started. Some of you (the middle-aged and upwards?!) may remember the April Fools' Day joke which the BBC ran one year, when the supposedly serious investigative programme 'Panorama' broadcast a report on the disastrous spaghetti harvest that year (from spaghetti trees) in Italy. Some extraordinary hoaxes have been perpetrated in the media over the years. When HG Wells' "The War of the Worlds" was broadcast on the radio in the USA in 1938, huge numbers of people were convinced it was really happening and that the country was being invaded by Martians – wide-spread panic ensued! I hope that when the furor had died down, people had a good laugh about it instead.

We should be grateful for all fools and jokers and comedians. Medical research has proved that laughter is good for you. Evidently laughing opens up the arteries and increases the blood flow, strengthening the heart and thus helping to prevent cardiovascular disease. You see, laughter really is "the best medicine."

It's interesting that quite a few big-name comedians around today are Christians – Milton Jones, Frank Skinner, Miranda Hart among them. What a wonderful ministry it must be to spend your time making people laugh! St Paul talked about being "fools for Christ," and about the wisdom of God seeming foolish to others. The fact that the Christian faith is actually all about love and joy is quite a surprise to some people who have never had the chance to hear about it, or whose experience of Christianity has been marred by people without a sense of humour!

Perhaps we should all make a special effort to make each other laugh as often as possible – wherever we may be. It seems there's real healing in laughter, too!

Wishing you a happy and "foolish" month!

Richard

More information, as always, is available on our benefice website: www.glavenvalleychurches.org.uk. You may find you need to click "refresh" when returning to the website, to be sure of the latest information. Or please contact me on revrichardlawry@gmail.com or by phone on 740686, if you need information, advice, or help. Contact details are also on the website, and the contacts page of this magazine.

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Funerals:

Recent funerals in the benefice have included services for John Peake on 29th February and Ruby Johnson on 15th March.

The funeral of Vivienne Wilson (who lived in Blakeney) took place in Morston on 22nd March.

Please remember their families at this time.

Weddings:

Christian Green and Kate Day will be married in Cley Church on 6th April. Our warmest congratulations to them!

St Peter's RC Church, Back Lane, Blakeney

Mass Sunday - 11am

Mass Wednesday - 9.30am

Holyday of Obligation 9.30am

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April 2024

SERVICE SCHEDULE

Wed 3rd	Holy Communion (BCP) 10.00am	Cley
SUNDAY 7th	<i>Easter 2</i>	
8.00	Holy Communion (BCP)	Wiveton
9.30	HC (CW) [<i>& live-streamed</i>]	Blakeney
11.15	Holy Communion (BCP)	Letheringsett
6.00	Sacred Space	Cley
SUNDAY 14th	<i>Easter 3</i>	
9.30	Praise & Worship [<i>& live-streamed</i>]	Blakeney
11.15	Holy Communion (BCP)	Glandford
6.00	Service of Meditation	Wiveton
Wed 17th	Holy Communion (BCP) 10.00am	Cley
SUNDAY 21st	<i>Easter 4</i>	
9.30	Celtic HC with Healing [<i>& live-streamed</i>]	Blakeney
9.30	Morning Prayer (CW)	Letheringsett
11.15	Café Church	Cley
6.30	Evensong (BCP)	Wiveton
SUNDAY 28th	<i>Easter 5</i>	
8.00	Holy Communion (BCP)	Cley
9.30	Holy Communion (CW) [<i>& live-streamed</i>]	Blakeney
11.15	Family Service (All-Age)	Wiveton
6.30	Evensong (BCP)	Glandford

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Thursdays@Three

The series Thursdays@Three takes an Easter break but we restart on April 18th in the church at Cley (3pm). Printed leaflets of our Summer Programme will be available then, as well as by email if you have joined our mailing list. After a wonderful celebration to mark our hundredth concert in February, we look forward to continuing our progress towards another century, and thank you and our sponsors for support in raising money for the Cley Regenerate Project and for the whole idea of a regular community music project.

Thursday April 18th

North Norfolk Chamber Opera: Operatic Highlights
This local Operatic Group bring well-known highlights, as well as a taste of their forthcoming production of Semele in Cley at the end of May

Thursday April 25th

Jill Crossland: Piano Recital
Programme of Bach and Beethoven.

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Thursday May 2nd

Richard & Friends: Be Entertained!
A programme of song, monologue and chat

Wyatt Earp (01263 740902 wejearp@gmail.com)

Cley Village Hall News

Happy Easter to you all!

There are no dramatic developments to report from the VH, which I consider a good thing. Bookings are coming in regularly, so much so that you need to plan well ahead if you want to book the VH for a certain date. Maybe this is a dramatic development? Or if not dramatic, then certainly very positive and the result of ongoing efforts to keep the hall presentable and make improvements when and where necessary.

Speaking of which: our next work/ maintenance morning is on Saturday, April 20. The playground, and specifically the playground equipment are in need of some TLC - cleaning, general maintenance and tidying up, as well as the regular VH ground maintenance jobs. There will be bacon sandwiches, tea, and cakes for the workers!

These work parties are very important (and enjoyed by all), so please make a date in your diary:

VH work party Saturday, April 20 from 9:30 – 1pm.

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CLEY WI

April-June 2024

Apr 4th

Foraging

Naomi Simmons shares her passion for the food for free all around us

May 9th

Stody Lodge Gardens

Visit - magnificent azaleas and rhododendrons at their best

Jun 6th

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The summer season of Thursdays@Three starts April 18th. A special highlight is Operatic Favourites with the North Norfolk Opera on Thursday April 15th.

The T@T 100th birthday party was a huge success. Thank you so much Wyatt, Angela, Marketta and all other performers and helpers for 100 wonderful concerts and delicious teas! We are so grateful to you for your hard work and dedication.

Our next stunning event is the Transatlantic Hot Club on Saturday April 27th at 7.30pm playing French gypsy jazz. A blend of traditional Romanian music and swing jazz, this music has been hugely popular since the 1930's. The three performers are world famous jazz violinists, harpists and bass players and it's a rare treat to showcase them in Cley. Tickets are £20 from the Norfolk Churches website,

norfolkchurchestrust.org.uk. This promises to be a fabulous evening so I would book tickets whilst you still can.

For your diaries, our Five Churches concert, 'A Night at the Movies,' is on 13th July, and St Margaret's Fair is Saturday 27th July.

Our church book stall continues to thrive: thank you so much Hanne and Klausbernd for all the effort you put into this. Donations of books are very welcome; they can go in the box near the stall in the church or contact us for collection.

Thank you all very much indeed.

Victoria Holliday, Chair, Friends of Cley Church

Cley WI – January to March 2024

With the Christmas festivities well and truly over, our new year programme began with the AGM at which the President, Secretary and Treasurer presented their reports for approval and all officers and committee members were re-elected.

Next came a discussion on the shortlist of WI Campaign Resolutions which will be put to the vote at the National Annual Meeting later in the year. Our members voted overwhelmingly for the resolution calling on the Government to increase investment in the training and retention of dentists to ensure that everyone can access an NHS dentist wherever they live. Business proceedings completed, we all put our creativity to the test with an origami lesson from our member, Jean Ridler, who for the last two Christmas lunches has turned an ordinary paper napkin into a table decoration worthy of the Ritz. We also had a chance to admire each other's 'work in progress;' knitting, crochet, tapestry, embroidery, decoupage – you name it, one of our members does it - whilst enjoying catching up with each other over our renowned WI tea.

Mention of tea takes us neatly into our February meeting when Terry Rollinson entertained us with an illustrated talk on the world's favourite drink. In 1660, 2oz of tea was recorded as the first official import into Britain. By 2021, this figure had risen to 24,000,000 lbs and the commodity had gone from 'exotic luxury' to multi-million pound 'essence of Britishness'. Ever since the legendary two or three leaves wafted from a nearby camellia sinensis into a Chinese emperor's bowl of boiled water some 5,000 years ago, tea has been consumed for both its restorative and medicinal anti-oxidant properties and first became known to the western world through the Portuguese priests and merchants travelling in China during the early 16th century. The dark history of tea was also uncovered as we travelled the routes of the trade triangles: opium wars, slavery, and the Boston tea party all playing a major part along the way. A lively discussion followed, not least on the pros and cons of tea bags!

In March we welcomed Angela Gifford, of Able Community Care, who gave us much food for thought with her talk on scams and fraudulent doorstep callers. She described some

of the ways in which the unscrupulous have succeeded in conning the unwary out of their property; from the earliest recorded fraud in 300BC to the present day when, despite the plethora of warnings in the media, online and in the community, scammers are still duping far too many people in more and more sophisticated ways. Her advice to stop and think before responding has never been more timely. From 'get rich quick' schemes and 'lonely hearts' romance frauds to internet banking scams, the list is long and varied. Even the ruses which have been employed for several years now and should raise an immediate red flag, are still taking us in, one very common example being the email from a 'friend' purporting to be in trouble and urgently asking for money to be sent – just click here - to help them out of it.

Our next meeting is on 4 April at 2.30pm, in Cley Village Hall, when Naomi Simmons will be presenting her talk on foraging, postponed from last year, and inviting us to share her enthusiasm for the food for free all around us.

Membership subscriptions for the 2024/25 year are also due in April and full details of how and when to pay will be given at the meeting. We are always pleased to have new members joining our very friendly group so do, please, think about it.

You can just turn up on the day or contact Sophie Archer on 01263 740225 for further information.

Visitors are also most welcome. The recommended donation of £5 includes afternoon tea.

Alison Cole

Cley Parish Council's

We now have the data from our SAM2 speed detector on the Coast Road. THE average speed in this 30mph zone was 25.9 and 85th centile 32.3. The average vehicle count was a staggering 1500. So far, the worst area for speeding is Blakeney Hill though our beat policeman thought that might be related to the positioning of the camera on the restriction sign.

Our litter pick was a great success. Huge thanks to everyone who turned up and filled numerous bags with rubbish. We found the usual mix of bottles, cans, fast food wrappers, car parts and, for a change, a street sign.

Cley Parish Council will be writing to health bosses to complain about the proposals offered by health bosses to help those who will no longer be able to get their medicines should Blakeney Surgery close for good. We feel this is misleading as the main question is how we'll manage when GP and nurse appointments are taken away permanently. We are told that healthcare bosses 'consented' to a temporary closure of Blakeney Surgery on infection control grounds and because the premises are too small, but we don't agree and we think that Blakeney Surgery is being closed without due process.

We are instead asking for a full consultation on the closure of Blakeney Surgery. If that goes against us, we are asking for adequate mitigation in the form of GP and nurse appointments in Blakeney several days a week, wellbeing services, and transport to one of the other surgeries, in

addition to meds collection. The Integrated Care Board is asking for feedback by April 2nd and the decision to close the surgery permanently will be made April 23rd. Please join us in writing to nwicb.contactus@nhs.net with a copy to Sadie Parker (Sadie.parker@nhs.net) to express our dissatisfaction.

As you know, we've been giving Tesco vouchers and electric throws to parishioners who've come forward. We have now spent all our Community Support Grant which we received from the Norfolk Community Foundation (for which we were very grateful). We're delighted to have helped so many households so we are wondering how we can continue. A while ago, the Parish Council had kind offers of donations towards helping the village with hardship support and we were wondering if that was still the case. If you think a parish community support fund would be a good idea or would even be prepared to donate, please contact Gemma at clerk.cley@gmail.com. In the meantime, there are other places to go for help such as the Blakeney Food Bank - check out the 'hardship' page on our website, cleypc.info or elsewhere in the GVN.

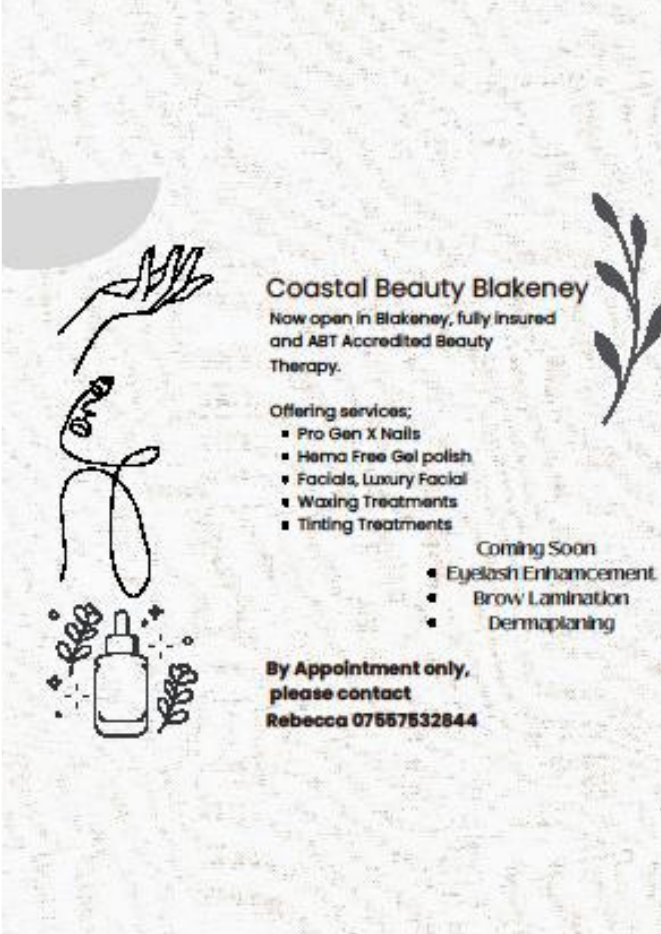
We've received a licensing application for Barn Drift and the Hangar. At the moment the venue applies for a temporary Event Notice each time it holds an event where alcohol is supplied. The new licence asks to permit the supply of alcohol and late-night refreshment till 1am and music till 12 midnight. The community thinks that's late, as do we.

There is a government consultation on extensions to the scope of permitted development which allows certain development to dwellings without requiring planning permission. This includes proposals to allow for larger extensions to be built under permitted development, increasing rights to build upwards; they are also consulting on demolition and rebuild rights and the positioning of air source heat pumps. You will find the survey if you google 'permitted development consultation.' Our experience of permitted development hasn't always been favourable so we will be responding.

The next Parish Council Meeting is on Thursday April 11th in the Village Hall at 6.30pm. The agenda will be published on the Notice Board, on the website (www.cleypc.info) and we'll mail it out to those on the Parish email list (if you want to be included in this please email the Clerk) and the village WhatsApp group. Please comment on or ask general questions about Agenda items before the meeting by getting in touch with the clerk or myself, or come along and participate. Minutes are posted as usual on the website.

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CLEY COMMUNITY CAFÉ EVERY WEDNESDAY
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Wiveton

The Friends of Wiveton Church

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~~The very popular Wiveton Open Gardens returns this summer and will be taking place on Saturday 8 June.~~

~~Between 10am - 5pm there will be gardens to enjoy, a Pimms tent, tea and cake and a plant sale, to help raise funds for Wiveton church. It was a really lovely day out last year in glorious sunshine, with lots to see.~~

The Friends of Wiveton Church Committee met again recently and we shared ideas and plans for events to help raise funds for the beautiful church.

200 Club



The 200 Club is a good and inexpensive way to support the church as tickets are only £1 each. There are 5 prizes drawn each month £65, £30, £20, £10 & £5. This month's 1st prize winner is M Hipgrave, congratulations.

If you'd like to take part
email wivetonfriends@gmail.com for more details.

Please note the Wiveton Wander Open Gardens has been postponed until 2025 due to a clash of events in other villages in the same month. We will definitely hold it at a similar time in June next year.

Victoria Egan (Chair)

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TWO SHOWER ROOMS, LARGE SITTING ROOM, GARDEN/DINING ROOM, KITCHEN, UTILITY ROOM, ENCLOSED PRETTY GARDEN, PRIVATE PARKING FOR TWO CARS AND A GARAGE. VERY QUIET LOCATION.

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Glandford

Yet another addition to the delights of Glandford Barns! The Craft Village, which has been advertised in nearby villages, is now fully open, with 9 units in the upstairs Barn area. These include Peace of Lovely, which has gemstone and wire work jewellery, an intriguing fossil shop, a gemstone and crystals unit, Beechwood chopping boards with beautiful animal and natural history designs burnt onto them by laser, fabrics, and a candle making shop.

There are sometimes few parking places outside the Barns, but there is plenty of parking on the adjoining field, behind Cley Spy.

Averil Monteath

Letheringsett

No news from Letheringsett

The Salthouse Exhibition 12th – 28th April

In the light, bright and reflective space of the beautiful church of St Nicholas, Salthouse, 'The Salthouse,' a group of Christian creatives, will again be exhibiting this summer. The eight artists, who work in various media and genres, from acrylic and oil paintings, glass and textiles, sound, and poetry. Each artist finds inspiration from an understanding that we are all, to some extent, creative because we are made in the image of a Creator who loves us and loves the world, we are blessed to live in. The church, set high between farmland and marsh, land and sea, is worth a visit in itself and many find it a place of deep peace, a place to sit and ponder.

One of the exhibitors, Ian Dyble says 'I love this place and it is a real joy to be exhibiting again this year. Our hope as artists is that many people will come along and enjoy the art but also find a sense of wonder and, perhaps, see a higher hand at work.'

Artist and organiser Tracey Ross says 'I am absolutely delighted The Salthouse is happening again this summer. It is such a great opportunity to see how artists express their creativity through art and faith. We also have the pleasure of a sound artist and an ecoprinted textile designer to help fill the church with colour and the sound of nature.'

Many of the artists will be offering original work for sale, as well as prints and cards.

There will be an Evening Preview to which all are welcome between 5.00pm and 8.00pm on Friday 12th April and the exhibition runs from 13th to 28th April and will be open daily between 10.00am and 4.00pm. Entry is free.

Emma Blount

COMMUNITY NEWS

Holt and District Rotary Club

Rotary International is one of the largest voluntary organisations in the world. Its mission is to 'provide service to others, promote integrity and advance world understanding, goodwill and peace'. Rotary does good, both internationally and locally. For example, since 1979 it has led a global initiative to rid the world of polio reducing cases by 99.9% with Holt Rotary playing its part.

Holt Rotary is a friendly, mixed group of like-minded folk who meet together over lunch twice a month at The Venue in Holt in a relaxed atmosphere. Among the projects we initiate are

residential respite breaks for Young Carers aged 8 to 16 years, who have to balance school life with caring for a relative at home. These breaks away from their daily challenges are of immense value and the project, now in its fourth year, will have benefited some 180 Young Carers.

Another initiative, called Book Aid, provides books to local primary schools either by suitable pre-loved books donated by the public, or funding new books to suit schools' needs. We also help fund local charities such as food and energy banks, mental health, Holt Youth Project, and dementia to name but a few.

We host a monthly speaker lunch and so far this year have enjoyed talks by Douglas Robb, Head of Gresham's School on young people's mental well-being, Edward Hackford on the history of Rwanda and Trevor Williams, local ornithologist, on the birds of North Norfolk.

If you are interested in Rotary, its aims, and ambitions, why not find out more about us and how we work by visiting our website Holt Rotary Club or email holt.rotary.secretary@gmail.com

District Coucillors Report

From NNDC

'Coastal

The Shoreline Management Plan Data Explorer has now been launched:

[Home | Shoreline Management Plans \(data.gov.uk\)](https://data.gov.uk)

We are in SMP5 and 6. This new digital tool makes for easier access to Shoreline Management Plans which identify the most sustainable approach for managing the risk from coastal flooding and erosion over the short (0-20 years), medium (20-50 years), and long term (50-100 years).

Planning

The current phase of the new Local Plan examination is complete. There may be modifications to the plan coming out of these hearings which will go out to public consultation and possibly another round of Hearings. The new Local Plan hopefully will be finalised by the autumn.

Wells Neighbourhood Plan is in the examination phase.

The long awaited 10% Biodiversity Net Gain is now required for major developments, and still come in for other developments 2nd April this year.

Councils affected by nutrient neutrality can share in £9.6 mill awarded on their behalf to Broadland DC who are the formal decision makers with input from the various Planning Directors to ensure distribution across all areas affected.

Norfolk Environmental Credits (of which NNDC is a shareholder) has started selling its first nutrient neutrality credits.

Part of the Planning Service Improvement Plan is to introduce a new Local Validation List to set out what information and

documents are needed to submit a planning application. This will go out to public consultation.

Benefits

The Financial Inclusion team has generated £680k in additional income for households struggling financially in North Norfolk. They increase income to households by unclaimed benefits, council to support and food and energy grants and vouchers. If anyone would like to be referred please email financial.inclusion@north-norfolk.gov.uk.

Almost £86k has been awarded in Discretionary Housing Payments to support tenancies, homelessness prevention and to support people to stay within the community.

As of 31st January, there were 2546 households on the housing waiting list. 197 homes were let so far this year. There were 61 households in temporary accommodation and 7 rough sleepers in January.

NNDC was able to purchase 11 additional affordable homes with government funding some of which are available to rent. Another four were purchased for refugees.

There are 350 affordable homes in the pipeline of which 38 will be completed in 23/24.

I am chairing a Task & Finish Group (a sub group of the Overview & Scrutiny Cttee) looking into causes and prevention of and solutions to homelessness. We hope to report back in a couple of months which will explain what more we can do to reduce the number of homeless households in our district.

The Integrated Housing Adaptations Team have spent over £1 mill of Disabled Facilities Grant.

Sustainable growth

At a January Business event, 83% of businessmen and women said they were optimistic about the future. The greatest challenges given was recruiting and training staff, financial stability, workforce development, transport and availability of sites.

Grants of £389k from the Rural England Prosperity Fund have been offered to businesses and comment groups for net zero infrastructure, diversification of rural businesses, funding for community groups and volunteering.

Grants of £311k from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund have been awarded to community infrastructure projects, the local visitor economy, supporting digitalisation and developing a business support programme.

Environmental services

Serco is proposing another waste rounds change starting April 8th, caused by the change in location of the waste disposal site for recyclables and a growing need for garden bin waste collection. Information should have been sent to you by Serco. As ever, contact me with problems though apparently the Serco Customer Care Centre is more efficient.

Complaints to the Private Sector Housing team have increased, mainly around damp and mould. Please contact me if you have any problems.

Finance

Council tax has increased by £4.95 for a band d property ie 3% to cover increased costs of delivering services.

Licensing

Cabinet has agreed to increase taxi fares by 15%, subject to consultation.'

Other news

BANKING HUB TO COME TO HOLT

As a result of much hard work, Holt has secured a full banking hub. Given the closure of all the banks, this will be a lifeline for all the surrounding villages and communities that need a banking service locally. The process will now be that an organisation called Cash Access UK will assess and find suitable premises. They will then work to perhaps have a different banking organisation visit the hub, one day a week, every week. The details are yet to be finalised.

BLAKENEY SURGERY

I will be writing to health bosses to complain about the proposals offered by health bosses to help those who will no longer be able to get their medicines should Blakeney Surgery close for good. The Save Blakeney Surgery campaign feels this is misleading as the main question is how Blakeney patients will manage when GP and nurse appointments are taken away permanently. We think that Blakeney Surgery is being closed without due process. We are instead asking for a full consultation on the closure of Blakeney Surgery. If that goes against us, we are asking for adequate mitigation in the form of GP and nurse appointments in Blakeney several days a week, wellbeing services, transport to one of the other surgeries in addition to meds collection. The Integrated Care Board is asking for more feedback by April 2nd and the decision to close the surgery permanently will be made April 23rd. Please join us in writing to nwicb.contactus@nhs.net with a copy to Sadie Parker (Sadie.parker@nhs.net) by April 2nd to express your views.

PERMITTED DEVELOPMENT CONSULTATION

A government consultation on the expansion of certain permitted development rights (ie development which does not require a planning application) runs till 9th April. Send in your views!

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/changes-to-various-permitted-development-rights-consultation/changes-to-various-permitted-development-rights-consultation>

*Victoria Holliday
District Councillor, Coastal*

County Councillor's Report

County Council agrees budget.

Councillors have backed a budget that "delivers for Norfolk", in the face of major challenges facing local government.

The key headlines from the budget agreed today are:

- £122m of investment to meet demand and cost pressures next year - including £34.6m for inflation, £38m for legislative requirements, £39.7m for demand and demographic issues and £9.6m for policy decisions.
- £41.5m of new savings, including £9.6m from transforming how the council operates.
- A proposed 4.99% increase in the County Council's share of Council Tax, in line with the Government's capping level (2.99% for general Council Tax and 2% for adult social care). This would increase the Council's share of band D bills to £1,672.11. A 4.99% rise would generate £24.9m.
- A small number of the budget proposals have been identified as requiring consultation, as they may relate to a policy or service change. Cabinet will take decisions on these proposals in the summer, after considering the consultation results.

Cabinet to vote on £457m plan for Norfolk's Highways and Transport.

The proposals, which are due to be discussed at Norfolk County Council's Cabinet at its meeting on Monday 4 March, cover investment in highways maintenance, cycling and walking schemes, traffic management and public transport infrastructure across Norfolk between now and 2027.

Further allocations from the £10m investment in highway maintenance by Norfolk County Council are proposed, alongside £4.51m from the Network North Road Resurfacing Fund 2024/25. These works include resurfacing roads and footways, bridge maintenance and regular activities such as surface dressing.

The investment, set out over the financial year 2024/25, 2025/26 and 2026/27, includes funding from Norfolk County Council, the Department for Transport, developer contributions such as Section 106 and CIL funds and other sources of funding. The element to be paid by Norfolk County Council in 2024/25 was approved earlier this week as part of Norfolk County Council's budget, which councillors voted on at the Full Council meeting on Tuesday 20 February.

The Capital Programme also covers work on major schemes, including the Long Stratton Bypass, Norwich Western Link and West Winch Housing Access Road.

The three-year plan follows the Government's 2023 autumn statement, which proposed funding allocations for 2024/25 through to 2026/27. The plan also includes funding from a

number of other streams, including the Transforming Cities Fund and the Bus Service Improvement Funds from which Norfolk County Council has successfully secured funding.

The council's cabinet is recommended to approve the latest schemes when it meets at 10am on Monday, 4 March. The papers for the meeting are available [online](#). The meeting will be livestreamed and a recording available to view afterwards on the County Council's Democratic Services [YouTube channel](#).

Have your say on Norfolk saving proposals.

These proposals are part of £41.5m of savings that Norfolk County Council needs to make to balance its budget for 2024/25. The Council faces difficult decisions to deliver on its ambitions for the people of Norfolk against a difficult economic climate and more than a decade of reduced funding.

These proposals fall within the councils' Community and Environmental Services department, which includes Norfolk Highways, Libraries, Museums, Waste Management, and the Norfolk Record Office.

The three proposals being launched today are:

- **Street lighting:** To switch off some streetlights across Norfolk in areas where it is considered safe and appropriate to do so.
- **Norfolk Record Office (NRO):** To introduce pre-booking of visits and change opening hours.
- **Recycling centres:** To reduce opening hours at some recycling centres to deliver a more consistent approach, in line with neighbouring authorities.

Between them these proposals could save approximately £457,000 a year.

The council is consulting the public on these proposals from today, 15 February, to midnight on 22 March 2024. The consultation survey is available on the council's Citizen Space platform at: www.norfolk.gov.uk/savingsproposals

Proposals on streetlighting involve switching off 2% of streetlights across the county to save money and reduce carbon emissions. Norfolk County Council has identified 34 locations where the council plans to switch off some street lights. This represents 1.35% of the Council's target of 2%. Further locations will be identified at a later date.

Approximately 1,000 of the 54,000 street lights that the county council manages across the county would be switched off under these plans. It is expected that this could save up to £200,000 per year and cut carbon emissions annually by 76 tonnes, providing an environmental benefit and significantly contributing towards the council's Climate Strategy.

The proposal for introducing pre-booking and changing the opening hours of the Norfolk Record Office would extend the current limited Friday service to a Thursday with the same 10am to 4pm opening hours and maintains a full service on Tuesday and Wednesday from 9.30am until 5pm.

Finally, proposals to reduce the opening hours at some recycling centres in Norfolk would see 13 recycling centres close on a Wednesday, in line with the centres in neighbouring Suffolk. The additional six recycling centres in Norfolk operate part time and are already closed on Wednesdays. This proposal could save around £200,000 a year.

CLLR Michael Dalby, Michael.Dalby.cllr@Norfolk.gov.uk

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Visiting Hour

In the pond of our new garden
were five orange stains, under
inches of ice. Weeks since anyone
had been there. Already by far
the most severe winter for years.
You broke the ice with a hammer.
I watched the goldfish appear,
blunt-nosed and delicately clear.

Since then, so much has taken place
to distance us from what we were.
That it should come to this.
Unable to hide the horror
in my eyes, I stand helpless
by your bedside and can do no more
than wish it were simply a matter
of smashing the ice and giving you air.

Stewart Conn

Open Studios: 25th May to 2nd June

The Holt and High Kelling trail is conveniently clustered into two groups of artists on the eastern edge of Holt. We have three artists between the beautiful Georgian market town of Holt and one of Norfolk's premier tourist attractions North Norfolk steam railway, and a further 5 artists a short distance away in leafy High Kelling.

Whilst visiting us why not pop into Holt itself, a charming and thriving town with a myriad of independent shops, explore the high street and its hidden yards, browse for antiques, or visit the Bakers & Larners department store (The 'Harrods' of North Norfolk), or peruse one of the largest collections of vinyl records in the UK housed in a former post office. Also, no day out is complete without refreshments and you will be spoilt for choice with numerous cafes, tearooms, restaurants, and pubs serving local produce.

In High Kelling visit 'All Saints' the little 1920's chapel in the woodland with an interesting past or pop into our eclectic village store and post office for a coffee and pastry around the communal table.

Leaving Holt travel up Grove Lane and visit 3 artists' studios:

Ubiquita - mixed media
Terrie Clifft - fused glass
Ian Clifft - woodwork

Then continue past Holt NNR station to High Kelling where 5 artists are within 100 yards of each other:

Richard Woodfield - fineline drawings
Rob Linge - resin work
Tricia Arnold - painting
Caroline Houchell - mixed media & printing
Sue Monteath - painting

Please see each individuals' page on the website for opening hours before travelling.
[www. northnorfolkstudios.co.uk](http://www.northnorfolkstudios.co.uk)



**THE GREAT
BLAKENEY BREAKFAST!**
in St Nicholas' Church, Blakeney
will be held on
Wednesday 3rd April
8am to 11am

**Last orders for a cooked breakfast at
10.30am**

Please do come and join us for
cereal, croissants, bacon and eggs,
scrambled eggs on toast, and of
course, great bacon rolls.

It is a great place to bring friends and
to make new ones. Visitors to
Blakeney are very welcome.

Donations welcome.

**let's do
lunch**

in St Nicholas' Church, Blakeney
The Blakeney Lunch will be held on
on Wednesday 17th April
12noon to 2.00pm.

**As the days are getting longer and
warmer we will be serving
Our Summer Menu of ploughman's,
ham salad or homemade quiche and
salad followed by a choice of
homemade desserts**
**It's a great place to bring friends and
to make new ones.**
**Visitors to Blakeney are very
welcome.**



Letter's & Articles

THE CASE OF THE VANISHING TURKEYS

By George Chapman

During World War II, in 1942 near Blakeney, new army bases were established for the American and Canadian troops who were pouring into the country. On one occasion, my father, Police Sergeant George Chapman, was approached by a local farmer who complained that his turkeys were mysteriously disappearing and he was at a loss as to why.

The turkeys were kept in a wooded area and would fly high into the trees each night to roost on the branches out of reach from predators. My father decided to hide in the woods one night to observe what was happening. As soon as dusk fell, he saw the silhouettes of two men creeping into the woods and positioning themselves under the roosting turkeys. They proceeded to make a strange noise that caused the turkeys to stand up on their branches where upon the men tossed a weighted string that wrapped around the turkey's leg so that they could pull it down off its perch. These silhouettes turned out to be two native Canadians serving in the Canadian Army who were merely supplementing their diet. Both were arrested and taken back to camp where their commanding officer requested that they not be charged.

He explained that his men were about to leave on a dangerous mission and many might not be coming back. This occurred just before the disastrous Dieppe Raid which involved Canadian troops.

The Dieppe raid took place on the morning of August 19th 1942. Canadians made up the majority of the attackers, nearly 5,000 of the 6,100 troops that took part.

Having solved the mystery of the vanishing turkeys, no charges were laid, the Canadian Government paid the farmer compensation for his losses and the case was closed.

David Gay

All outside cleaning:

Pressure washing - Drive ways & patios -
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Window cleaning

**Please phone David on
07375039363**



'Happy Easter' from all the Crew at Langham Dome Museum!

The Dome will be opening again for the 2024 Season on Good Friday, 29th March. The winter has whizzed by, and the team are all very excited to be back on the job! We shall be open Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays until June, when we shall be open Wednesday through to Sunday each week. 10am-4pm.

As you will probably have seen, the Spitfire was left on its pedestal for the first time this winter, and it has fared well, dealing with everything that the harsh winters on an airfield can throw at it. Before we open again we shall be using a cherry picker to give the Spitfire a thorough wash and polish, to be ready to greet our new visitors this season. It needs to be gleaming, as this year is our 10th Anniversary of the Dome being opened to the public as the amazing museum that it is today. We shall also be celebrating the 80th Anniversary of RAF Langham re-opening as a fully fledged airfield and the arrival of 455 and 489 Anzac Squadrons to Langham.

"The BIG Anniversary Open Day 2024"

To celebrate, on Sunday 21st July we shall be having an Open Day, so **FREE ENTRY TO ALL!**

We have a fantastic day lined up for you all. A Spitfire fly-past display, an array of military vehicles and equipment, and there may even be a promise of a Sherman tank arriving! Sarah Mai will be headlining our live entertainment, together with John Drury of Timescape, and Zaira Palumbo accompanied by Jane on keyboards. DJ - 3 Bits of Rhythm will be playing well known hits from the '40's. We have delicious food kiosks coming along, as well as an array of military and vintage inspired stalls, classic vehicles and of course, the wonderful re-enactors will be there to keep us amused and entertained throughout the day. Dancing is optional, but I'll bet you will want to join in!

We shall be holding our Raffle again this year, with a whopping cash prize totalling £950!!!!

So I hope you will all put Sunday 21st July in your diaries, and PLEASE spread the word.

If you want to join in the atmosphere of the 1940's come dressed in your best WWII attire!

Scott Eltringham, our new manager, is always looking for new volunteers to join us.

If you are interested in joining our Happy Crew please contact Scott on manager@langhamdome.org. We shall need all the help we can get this year!

Deborah Preston. Administrator

Local Characters Colin Bishop

Eulogy in Blakeney Church for Bisho

It's clear from what has been said that we all knew Bisho in different ways. My few words are of my friend and how I knew him. I might add that if there are any here that believe that this is a sombre place that has no room for humour, then you might not sit too comfortably with this.

My very first memory is of roaring into Holt on the back of his motorbike at what seemed like 100 mph but was probably no more than 90. I saw his brother Robin coming the other way and waved to him. All that stopped me from coming off the back of the bike was that I had my other hand around Bisho's throat. The following few seconds of weaving terror determined whether or not we would be here today. On another occasion on the way to Sheringham and going into a sharp bend this side of Kelling he laid the bike over so far; my footrest scraped the road throwing my leg out and another few seconds of terror ensued. Bisho also made a speed mistake, he told me he had been going down Back Lane at about 40 mph and seeing Cobo (Colin Cobon) gave him a friendly pat on the head that left him spread-eagled face down in the road. Flying airborne over the hill into Wiveton he killed a cow that was crossing the road with his head. So wild times. But he had only just returned from active service in Cyprus and as you heard earlier, he had seen his comrades killed around him in that ambush, so being a little wild when he got home was probably a natural way to celebrate being alive.

Our friendship grew during the years we worked together digging bait for Robin. Things became difficult for me later when I was working for Stratton Long and Bisho started his ferry business. Stratton had three boats along the quayside and with the others that were there, there wasn't enough room for Bisho. He had to load his passengers off the Carnser with a plank. The first boat he had was a metal-hulled ship's lifeboat, quite small, probably from a coaster or small merchantman. It had a single-cylinder diesel engine that had sat in a boat that had hung on davits for years, never being used, and as a result, it didn't want to be used. Bisho had a constantly frustrated advantage in that with a smaller boat further down the channel, he could get away first, but more often than not that gain was cancelled out by the engine, which after a couple of hundred yards would throw out clouds of black smoke and then pack up. Bisho would have to throw the anchor out and then pump and prime and crank it till eventually, and very reluctantly it would go again, but by that time Stratton's boats would come sweeping past and our wash would shove him up the bank, almost like brushing him aside, I hated it. With such difficulties and such

overwhelming opposition, most people would have given up. But not Bisho, he never gave up, if he made his mind up about something that was it, he would never be swayed from any course he had set himself, so he cranked that engine into submission and carried on. The tensions soon eased, however, and he gained a place at the quayside, bought another boat and asked me if I would run the recalcitrant one; I was very apprehensive about that engine but he had broken its spirit and I was glad to be working with him. A couple of very happy years followed --although not without incident. On one hot summer morning, he painted the seats assuming that on such a day they would be dry by the time we left on the afternoon trip. --Well, they looked dry. ---But when we came to disembark at Pinchen's Creek on the Point several of the passengers seemed to need a bit of assistance getting up and then we watched as a column of white-bottomed people wound their way up to the cafe at the Lifeboat House. On another occasion when we had our first disabled passenger in a wheelchair, I heard him call out. "Mind your backs ladies and gentlemen we've got an old man here in a pushchair."

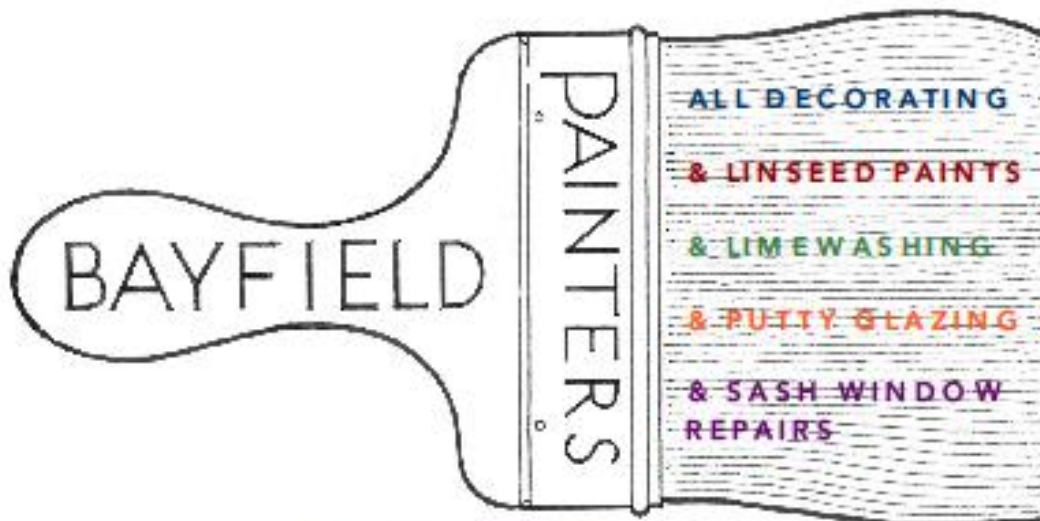
Which of course brings me to what was perhaps his most endearing characteristic, his Malapropisms, or what we all called Bishoisms. Malapropisms are very strange, many people have them, it seems that the brain knows the word it wants to use, but then perversely selects another which sounds very similar but is funnier. Like for example I might say that I am speaking to you today from the rectum...

On one occasion while we were dredging the channel the committee met and we were waiting for a latecomer, making conversation I had described a red deer stag I had seen that day running through a cornfield. 'Oh yeah' Bisho said 'they're everywhere, I saw one down the Chase the other day; I know it was a deer because that had huge antelopes.'

Bisho and I had been trustees for the Red House land for well over 30 years, the third trustee is always the owner of Red House, during our tenure, we have seen at least three of them come and go. The current owner is Mervyn Williamson, a nice chap. At our first meeting with him at Bisho's house Mervyn said "My word Colin you've got a lot of different birds on our feeders." Oh, that's nothin Bisho said; we had Mojack the other day. I could see Mervyn thinking that he might have to look that one up when he got home, but then later I was talking about how a person's occupation often seemed to be reflected in their appearance. For example, Rudolf Nureyev could only have been a ballet dancer and Salvador Dali a painter. I commented that that didn't seem to apply to me as I often had people come in the Gallery look at the paintings and then look at me and say, 'You didn't do these did you'? To which Bisho said "Ah but you don't wear the right clothes; you should wear a caveat," a few moments later I saw the suspicion in Mervyn's eyes confirmed when this was followed up by Bishop pointing out the window and saying "you see that space at the bottom of the garden, that's where I'm going to build a placebo." I think it was then Mervyn realised that perhaps he might not need the bird book after all. And there were occasions when a little chink would open to allow you to see into the Bisho mind, as on one occasion when I was involved in some Parish Council turmoil and he said to me, "A course your trouble is you're the prawn in the middle." I'll leave you to sort out the pigs and pawns.

Bishos wasn't religious, but religion doesn't have a monopoly on kindness, goodness or generosity and Bisho was all of these things, for me he was a true and trusted friend for 60 years, so I think that as long as there are no single cylinder diesel engines in heaven he'll rest in peace. RIP Bisho.

G.S.



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WHAT'S ON INFO

French Gypsy Jazz in Cley Church
27 April 2024 7.30pm

Tickets £20 available from The Norfolk Churches
Trust website

After their sell out concert at Elsing Hall last year the Transatlantic Hot Club return to Norfolk on April 27th, this time at Cley Church. Another opportunity to see this exceptional gypsy swing trio.

Gypsy swing is a style of music made popular in France during the 1930's by Django Reinhardt and Stephane Grappelli. They combined traditional Romanian music with the swing jazz of the time and in 1934 formed the Quintette du Hot Club de Paris and the Hot Club moniker has been used ever since to denote this style of music. The music is string based with no drums or brass but the Transatlantic Hot Club is unique in featuring a harp rather than a guitar.

Cardiff born Ben Creighton Griffiths is one of the world's leading jazz harpists having played in over a dozen countries across the globe while French born Adrien Chevalier is New York's premier jazz violinist and a leading proponent of gypsy jazz in both the US and Europe. They are joined by Ashley John Long who is regarded as one of Europe's finest jazz bass players and is also a respected composer and professor of musicology and composition at Cardiff University

The proceeds from this event will be divided between St Margaret's Church and Norfolk Churches Trust.

www.youtube.com/@transatlantichotclub

IMPORTANT DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

CLEY FETE

The **SUMMER FAIR**
will be held this year on
SATURDAY 27th JULY 2-5 pm

See you there, hopefully on the
church field!

CRAFT WORKSHOPS @ BLAKENEY HARBOUR ROOM

2nd & 4th Weds monthly

April 10..slow stitching
April 24..memory book making

May 8..Pin loom weaving
May 22..lampshade making

June 12..Spindle spinning
June 26..Gelli plate printing

July 10..Creative doodling

Aug 14..Broomstick crochet
Aug 28..Eco friendly earrings

Sept 11..Weaving in the round
Sept 25..Lampshade making

Oct 9..Beasties & brooches
Oct 23..Card making

Nov 13..Freeform crochet
Nov 22..Xmas lanterns

For more info and booking email
Seagullssamphire@gmail.com

CRAFT EVENT

Blakeney Harbour Room
July 26,27&28

Spaces available, enquiries and to book
please email

Terri121@btinternet.com

Cost is total for 3 days £45
This is for a 5' indoor table or
3mx3m outside space for your own
gazebo and tables.

John Jarvis's 'Monthly Memory Swap'

The next 'Monthly Memory Swap' is on Tuesday April 16th from 2pm - 4pm in the large hall at Holt Community Centre

John will be screening the next of his 'Street Memories of Holt' ... this time focusing on High Street Shops. He also has some more material regarding the closure of the railway in 1964 which he will show in support - 1964 The Last Trains.

During an extended tea or coffee break, there will be a chance to stir-up your own memories and stories about Holt of the past, the people, places and events remembered, both here and in North Norfolk more generally.

We hope you can make it. Do bring along any photos of Norfolk and Holt that you would like to share.

Just turn up for this free event. No booking is necessary.

Future Dates for 'John Jarvis's Monthly Memory Swap' (Usually the third Tuesday of the month)

Tuesday May 21st

Tuesday June 18th

Tuesday July 16th is cancelled.

We take a break in August and start again on:

Tuesday September the 17th

Tuesday October 15th

Tuesday November 19th

Tuesday December 10th

all from 2.00 to 4.00pm-ish.

It's spring at the Museum of the Broads!

Enjoy a family Easter Trail, new displays including, from mid-April, an exhibition on our unique peat landscape, plenty of activities for all ages, and of course, wildlife spotting boat trips too.

We are open from 10am to 4pm on Sundays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, plus holiday Mondays. Remember, you pay once and return as many times as you like for a year for free! Get £1 discount by taking the Konectbus, and Art Fund members get 50% off too.

We are also looking for local people to volunteer in our front-of-house team, and in our boats team. Full details are on our website: www.museumofthebroads.org.uk

*Museum of the Broads, The Poor's Staithe, Stalham,
NR12 9DA 01692 518681*

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AFFORDABLE ART SALE
EXCLUSIVE PREVIEW
FRIDAY 3rd MAY 6-8pm
In the
VILLAGE HALL, MORSTON, NORFOLK
in aid of Friends of Morston Church

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Art sale follows from
4-6th May, 10am-4pm
Refreshments · Free Admission

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Blakeney Food Bank

FREE Food available daily
9am - 5pm from the north
porch of Blakeney Church
- Just help yourself!
- Food Parcels available for
collection

Benefice Secretary 10am - 3pm

Tel No: 01263 740583

Everyone welcome!



HELP AND SUPPORT

Cley & Surrounding Area

Holt Community Fridge

The Community Fridge is at
The Treehouse Cafe on
Charles Rd Open 9am - 2pm.
Every Week Day.

The Coastal Supermarket

The Coastal Supermarket is at
The Hub on Charles Rd
Tuesdays 12pm Noon - 3pm
Fridays 9am - 12pm Noon

Citizen's Advice Bureau

FREE IMPARTIAL ADVICE

**Appointments available
Tuesdays 10am - 12pm noon**

Holt Community Centre

Advice and Information on debt,
money, benefits, housing, employment
issues, health, family and more!

Tel No: 03444 111444

Holt Youth Project

The Pavillion Resource
Centre -
FREE preloved clothing
for parents and children
Tuesdays 10am - 12pm Noon

Everyone welcome!

Holt Community Centre

FREE The Cosy Cafe - Open Monday,
Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday
mornings 10am - 12pm Noon.
FREE Community Cafe
Lunch - Every Thursday
at 12pm Noon.

Everyone welcome!

Cley Community Cafe

Every Wednesday 10am - 3pm
Club Room at Cley Village Hall
FREE for Cley residents

Don't ignore it – report it.

Here in the UK, we are incredibly lucky to have so many stunning coastlines, bustling ports and harbour towns to enjoy and explore – but if crime and the people behind it are left unchecked, then everybody suffers.

For anyone around the coast

- seeing boats moored up in strange or isolated places or at strange times
- boats unloading scared or suspicious people, or unloading packages
- people making attempts to signal or guide boats offshore
- people putting objects into waterways near bridges or marinas
- people loitering with no sense of purpose, and / or acting nervously
- people taking an interest in port security or buildings - maybe taking pictures or videos, or trying to gain access to restricted areas

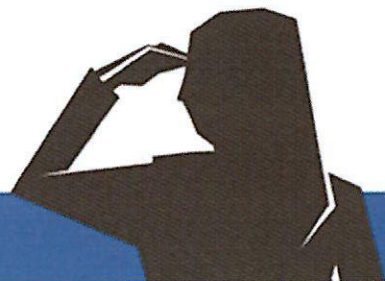
Extra signs to spot if you work in the maritime industry

- nervous crew who show a lack of knowledge of maritime protocols
- boats showing signs of unusual modification or minor damage
- people making a large cash payment for maritime equipment
- people charting or hiring boating making unusual requests
- someone trying to gain access to restricted areas

What do we mean by coastal crime?

Essentially, it's any crime that has an impact on, or happens around, our coasts and borders, including smaller ports, docks and marinas. From theft, to smuggling, to criminal damage

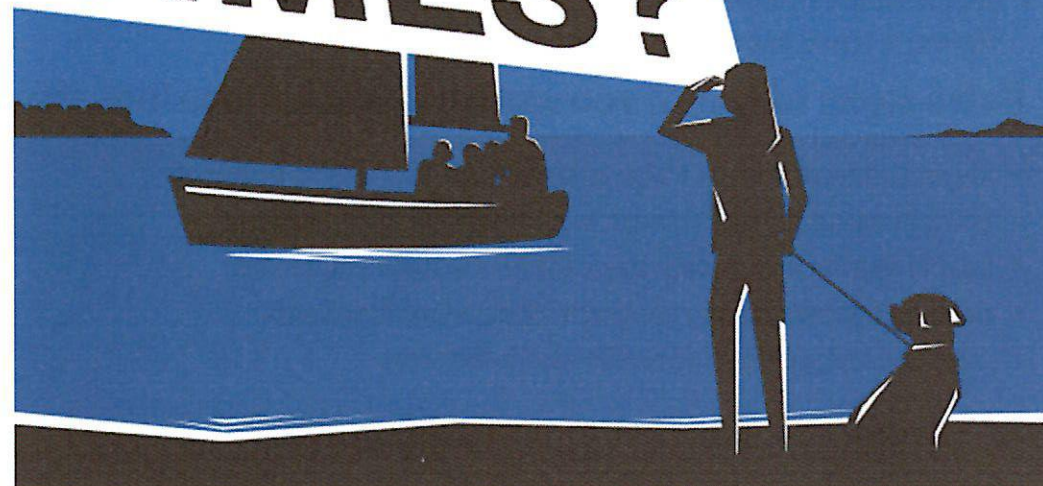
In an emergency, or if a crime is happening now, call 999



Any non urgent information can be emailed to BroadsBeat@norfolk.police.uk

BOATS ARRIVING AT UNUSUAL TIMES?

PROJECT
KRAKEN



REPORT IT. LET'S SORT IT.

To report anonymously, call the Coastal Crime Line powered by Crimestoppers on 0800 011 3304. In an emergency, always call 999.



Border Force



National Crime Agency

