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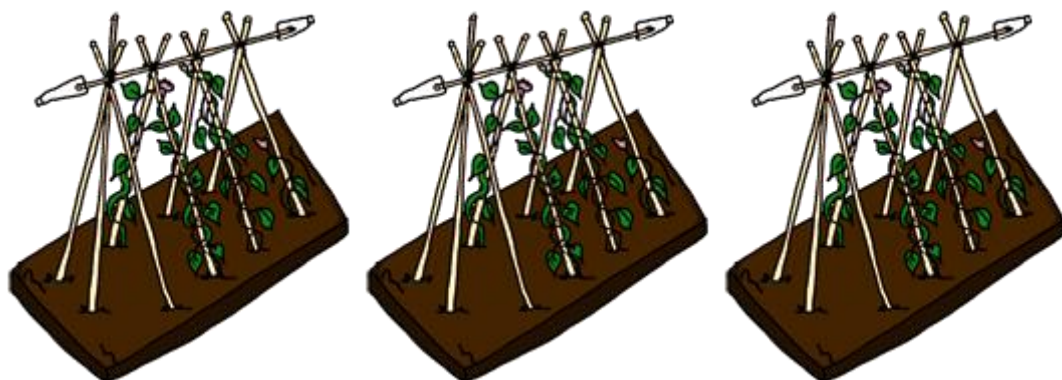
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Treasurer's Report

The Newsletter depends on voluntary donations from our readers in order to remain free to all those who live in the Glaven Valley. Please consider if you can join those who do donate – all donations are gratefully received regardless of their size.

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- Send cash or cheque to the Treasurer, Stonebridge House, Bridgefoot Lane, Wiveton, Holt NR25 7TP (cheques payable to Glaven Valley Newsletter)
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*Many thanks for your support
Martin Tyler
Treasurer, Glaven Valley Newsletter*

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performed by

Horizon

Susannah Self mezzo-contralto
Anna Hopkins flute Michael Christie cello
Brenda Blewett piano

Saturday 2 April 7pm
St Margaret's Church, Cley
Free admission with retiring collection

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Have Your Say

The Glaven Valley Newsletter is intended to inform local people and friends and visitors to the area about events and activities in the beautiful Glaven Valley. We believe that we can make the GVN a more valued publication by adding reminiscences, snippets of local history and amusing or entertaining articles sent in by readers. Some suggestions:

- Do you have an ancestor or friend about whom you would like to write a piece for the GVN to publish?
- Is there a local issue which you think could be raised and discussed in the Newsletter?
- Do you have an event in mind which our readers might be interested in?
- Have you a good story you would like to share with our readers?

We would particularly welcome contributions from people familiar with local wildlife and flora – if anyone feels able to let us have articles about local birds, animals or even insects we would be most grateful. Please do not be shy and let our editor have a look at your draft. She will be glad to help you to ensure that anything you write is suitable for the GVN to publish.

GVN - CAN YOU HELP?

We are looking for two more people to join our small team who print and collate the GVN each month. The work involves a morning or afternoon session each month, in Glandford. Full training will be given and, initially, you would be working with an experienced member of the team. If you are interested in playing a key role in the production of the magazine, please contact:

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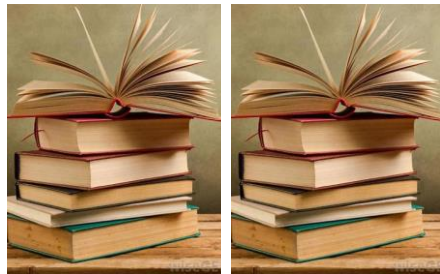
THANK YOU!

The Glaven Valley Newsletter Committee want to give a huge thank you to Blakeney Parish Council for the grant of £500 that they have recently awarded us.

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MANY THANKS

Please contact Hanne and Klausbernd on 01263740304



Blakeney

Blakeney Sailing Club

Here we are again! The Blakeney Sailing Club Season has started!

Boats are going down to the Dinghy Park again. Kayaks are down in the kayaking area. Also, for the first time we have The Frostbite Series from 19th March till 3rd April for the brave sailors ready to race again. There are plenty of up-and-coming Flotilla Events, first one on 4th April. There is an exciting calendar of events to put in your diary.

Well done to everybody who got the buoys out and the shed ready. We have an exciting new Lapwing Club Boat ready for action.

Check the hut, check the website, check Instagram and Facebook, the 2022 season has arrived.

Amy Howes

Coastal Rowing Association of Blakeney

It was a thoroughly enjoyable and eventful winter season on The Broads. The competition for The Robin Combe Trophy was a particular highlight, with timed rows from Wayford Bridge to Cox's Boatyard; a distance of five kilometres. The winning crew, with a time of 20 minutes and thirty-one seconds, consisted of Richard Andrews, Adrian Marfleet, Humphrey Borgnis, Roland Goodison and Duncan Henderson. The prize was an inscribed hip flask. Duncan has had a particularly successful time as he also gained the award for the most memorable joke ... told in fluent Spanish. See pictures of the winners and other competitors on the club website at crablakeney.wordpress.com. Thanks to all those who organised and took part in the rowing series. Next year's competition promises to be even closer.

Now, of course, rowing has returned to Blakeney. At the time of writing, one of the club's skiffs, *Hoi Larntan*, occupies its position in the dinghy park and has already been taken out several times. *Bluejacket* has been towed from Barton Turf and is being prepared to take its place alongside *Hoi Larntan*. To see both skiffs in use will be a sure sign that the warmer seasons are here. Alongside the social rows to the Point or towards Cley there will be a range of competitive events to look forward to this year. Read future editions of this newsletter for details of these.

It has been very pleasing to welcome new faces to the club. All are welcome. Why not get in touch to try skiff rowing for yourselves? There is no obligation to compete. The social rows always provide great exercise and fun. If this sounds good to you then contact captain Humphrey at hborgnis@icloud.com to arrange a trial row. New rowers, or those returning to the sport, will be helped and looked after.

D M N

Gardening & Maintenance

- Grass Cutting
- Hedge Cutting
- General garden maintenance

For more information,
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Besides viewing the website, find out more about the club's activities on Instagram and on Facebook.

Come and join the "Crabbers" on the water this year. Until then, best wishes and stay safe.

Barry Howes

Blakeney Conservation Duck Pond

We have launched some new cards to sell to raise money for the ducks. They are from photographs by local photographer Frederic Landes and John Simpson.

They are of ducks and the local area, on sale at The Blakeney Garage, £2 each or 3 cards for £5.

Please do come and buy some to support the pond, as we have quite a few maintenance issues to address. The Wells Men's Shed is kindly making us 10 new duck houses as they are now in need of repair or replacement and as always feed is a constant requirement.

Many thanks, Hilary Glossop, 07731011342

News from the Methodist Church

As we make our way through the final couple of weeks towards Lent and begin to turn our gaze towards Calvary, the Good Friday theme of suffering is probably not far from our minds, given the recent humanitarian crises we have seen in Ukraine, Afghanistan and the impact that higher costs of living are having on many of our lives. At the Chapel we continue to look for ways to support and hold in prayer all of those affected. If you feel the need to see a friendly face, have a chat or need a shoulder and a listening ear do pop in to see us - the kettle is always on :-)

The Chapel is now open for a regular weekly coffee morning from 10am-11am (following on from morning prayer at 9.30am) The Spoonies Club continues to gather every Friday morning from 10.30am - 12 noon. The main aim of the group is to offer peer support to people living with chronic illness, although everyone is welcome to come along and see what we get up to. This month we will be holding a Wellbeing Cafe, a meditation session, a craft session and our inaugural book club. For more details, please phone Sam.

We continue to collect items for the local Cromer and District Foodbank, with every donation making a difference in these times of rising costs of living. Our donation point is open at the following times;

Thursdays 10am-11am
Fridays 10am - 12 noon
Sundays 9.30am - 11.30am

Our weekly Sunday services for April are as follows;
Sunday 3rd April 10am - Traditional Methodist Worship
Sunday 10th April 10am - Palm Sunday Cafe Church
Sunday 17th April 10am - Easter Sunday Celtic style service
Sunday 24th April 10am - Garden Church

Our mid-week prayer time;

Thursdays 9.30am - Pilgrim Prayers (followed by coffee)

On Wednesday 13th April we will be holding a spring 'Seedbomb and Wildflower Workshop' in the Community Garden from 10am until 12 noon. During that time, we will be sowing seeds in our new wildflower area and a variety of wildflower related crafts will be available, everyone is welcome, light refreshments will be available throughout the morning.

You are always very welcome to come and join us at the Chapel. If you would like to talk to someone about coming, please give me a call on 07591 509653. We're a really friendly bunch and enjoy drinking coffee, eating, worshipping and laughing together :-)

Love and blessings, Sam Parfitt

BLAKENEY FILM NIGHT

VILLAGE HALL

"Summerland"(12A)

Friday 15th April

£5 on the door

Gemma Arterton plays a reclusive writer living in a coastal Kent village during WWII. Regarded with suspicion locally, she is irritable & unwelcoming - and having to take in a young London evacuee doesn't help her temper. However, the boy's natural curiosity and innocence eventually begin to break down barriers. Penelope Wilton (as the older Alice) and Tom Courtenay also star. With beautiful scenery & relaxing music, the film carries a simple heartfelt and uplifting message about enduring love and friendships in difficult times (with a few surprises). Let "Summerland" brighten your day.

Doors open at 6.30 for a 7pm start.

Refreshments available.

All profits for BVH refurbishment.

Please observe any current COVID guidelines.

Nocturne

*Always I knew that it could not last
(Gathering clouds, and the snowflakes flying),
Now it is part of the golden past
(Darkening skies, and the night-wind sighing);
It is but cowardice to pretend.
Cover with ashes our love's cold crater-
Always I've known that it had to end
Sooner or later.*

*Always I knew it would come like this
(Pattering rain, and the grasses springing),
Sweeter to you is a new love's kiss
(Flickering sunshine, and young birds
singing).
Gone are the raptures that once we knew,
Now you are finding a new joy greater-
Well, I'll be doing the same thing, too,
Sooner or later.*

Dorothy Parker 1893-1967

Quotable quotes

Never ask of money spent,
From the spender where it
went,
Nobody was ever meant,
To remember or invent,
What became of every cent.

Sent in by Robert Frost

Please send in any 'Quotable Quotes'
you may know to the Editor....

THE GREAT BLAKENEY BREAKFAST!

**in St Nicholas' Church, Blakeney will be held on
Wednesday 6th April 8.00am to 11.00am.**

Please do come and join us for cereal, croissants, bacon and eggs,
scrambled eggs on toast,
and ofcourse great bacon rolls.
It's a great place to bring friends
and to make new ones.

Visitors to Blakeney are also most welcome.
Donations welcome.



Thoughts from the Rectory for April 2022

Dear Friends,

I'm writing this in mid-March, two weeks into the war in Ukraine. I don't know where we'll be when this edition of the GVN hits the door-steps at the start of April, but right now we're all still feeling shocked at what is going on in that tragic, increasingly devastated country. There is a sense of real outrage at what Vladimir Putin and those around him are doing, and at their apparent immunity to the response of the rest of the world. And we wonder how long these atrocities will last, and indeed what will be the effect on Europe and beyond.

I think we have to keep reminding ourselves that at some point this nightmare will come to an end, and calm will be restored. We have to keep urging those in positions of power to keep up the pressure to bring peace and justice, and make sacrifices for the sake of the countless thousands of suffering and traumatised people. The Christian message is that love will ultimately prevail over hatred, and light over darkness. And we can all play our part in that process. Most people everywhere are people of goodwill, not of violence, and that includes Russia.

There are reasons to hope; there always are. More than any other season of the year, perhaps, Spring gives a sense of hope, because of the new life all around us. The long, dark winter is over, and the world is coming to life again. And of course, that's why Spring is the appropriate season for the celebration of Easter. The crucifixion of Christ is followed by his resurrection, and death is defeated. But we can't be trite about this. Before the resurrection there was deep suffering and despair. Before Easter Day, we have Good Friday, when we remember that Christ suffered on behalf of the world he loves. Good Friday is the reminder that Christ suffers with us in the pain of this life. But the resurrection is the sign that evil will never have the last word. We need to hang on to that.

In our churches in the Glaven Valley Benefice, we look forward to opening our doors – as we do all the time, but especially this Holy Week and Easter – to those who need to lay down their burdens and sadness, and share the joy and hope of Easter. There will be a range of different services for the season, from the quiet and contemplative to the upbeat and celebratory. In particular, you might want to note our services on Good Friday, including the “Seven Last Words from the Cross” in the morning at Blakeney, and then a service at 2.00 at Letheringsett Church, marking the last hour of Jesus's life. This latter will be a “Meditation at the Cross”, using readings and music of various kinds (including recorded music) to help us reflect on the loving gift of Christ's own life.

When we reach Easter Day, the great celebration will be marked in services in all our churches, from a Sunrise Service at Wiveton at 6am (followed by bacon butties!) to our delayed re-launching of the very popular Glaven Sings Gospel at Blakeney Church at 6pm. And in between there will be services around the benefice, including the famous and spectacular Easter Family Service at Wiveton! We hope very much you'll be able to join us at some of these, and share the hope of Easter, and the promise that love will win.

*Wishing you all a very Happy Easter when it comes,
Richard.*

NB: Please note that, with Covid still around, there may still have to be the odd change to some scheduled services or events. It's always worth checking our benefice website: www.glavenvalleychurches.org.uk

The What's On page will give you up-to-date information, and other details. 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. Other contact details are also on the website, and the contacts page of this magazine.

Weddings:

April begins with our first wedding of the year: Freya Hamill and Warren Holman, at Cley Church on Saturday 2nd April. Our congratulations to them.

Funerals:

Funerals were held in March for Diana Johnson (Blakeney, 4th March) and Ann Farrow (Blakeney, 17th March). Do please keep the families in your thoughts or prayers.

**St Peter's Catholic Church
Back Lane, Blakeney, NR25 7NP**

Mass Sunday - 11am

Wednesday - 9.30am

Holyday of Obligation 9.30am

www.catholicparishofwalsingham.org



APRIL 2022 SERVICE SCHEDULE

SUNDAY 3rd	<i>Lent 5 / Passiontide begins</i>	
8.00	Holy Communion (BCP)	Wiveton
9.30	Holy Communion (CW) [<i>& live-streamed</i>]	Blakeney
11.15	Holy Communion (BCP)	Letheringsett
6.00	Sacred Space	Cley
Wed 6th	Holy Communion (BCP) 10.00am	Cley
SUNDAY 10th	<i>Palm Sunday</i>	
10.30	Procession of Palms: from Methodist Ch....	> St P's > St N's
11.00	Benefice Communion (CW) [<i>& live-streamed</i>] [<i>inc Reading of the Passion</i>]	Blakeney
6.00	Service of Meditation	Wiveton
Mon 11th	7.00 - Compline	Glandford
Tues 12th	7.00 - Compline	Glandford
Wed 13th	7.00 - Compline	Glandford
Maundy Thurs 14th	7.00 – HC with Agape Meal & Foot-washing [<i>John's gospel</i>]	Cley
Good Friday 15th	10.15 – Walk of Witness [<i>Luke readings</i>]...	from Pastures...
	...11.00 – Seven Last Words	...Blakeney
	2.00 – Meditation at the Cross	Letheringsett
SUNDAY 17th	<i>Easter Day</i>	
6.00	Sunrise Service [<i>& breakfast</i>]	Wiveton
8.00	Holy Communion (BCP)	Cley
9.30	Holy Communion (CW) [<i>& live-streamed</i>]	Blakeney
11.15	Easter Day Service	Letheringsett
11.15	Easter Family Service (followed by short HC)	Wiveton
11.15	BCP Communion	Glandford
6.00	Glaven Sings Gospel	Blakeney
Wed 20th	Holy Communion (BCP) 10.00am	Cley
SUNDAY 24th	<i>Easter 2 (Low Sunday)</i>	
9.30	Benefice Communion (CW) [<i>& live-streamed</i>]	Blakeney
6.30	Evensong (BCP)	Glandford

CW - Common Worship; BCP - Book of Common Prayer (1662)



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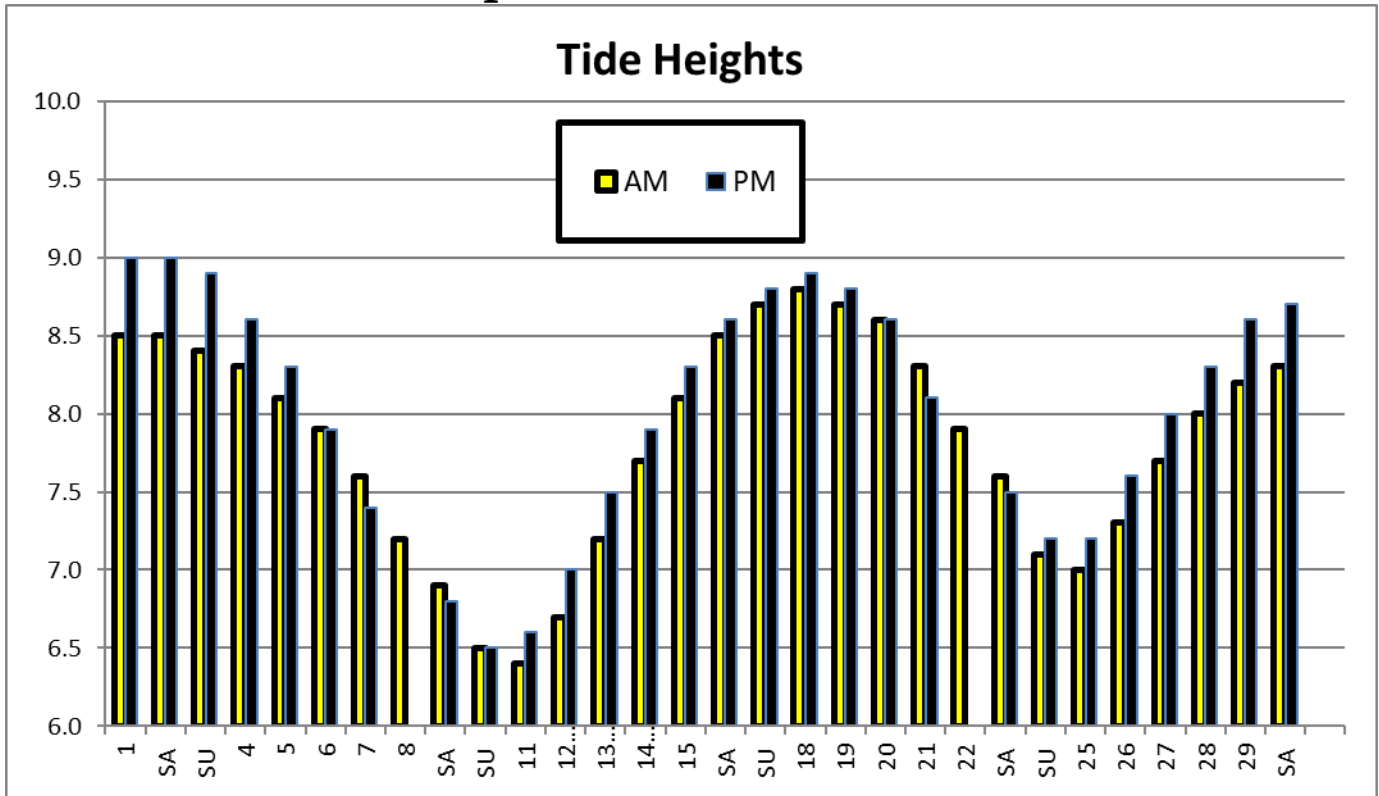
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April 2022 - Tide Details



Tide Times

	AM	PM		AM	PM
Fri 01 April	08:04	19:57			
Sat 02 April	08:38	20:35			
Sun 03 April	09:06	21:11			
Mon 04 April	09:33	21:45	Mon 18 April	08:39	20:51
Tue 05 April	10:00	22:17	Tue 19 April	09:17	21:33
Wed 06 April	10:28	22:50	Wed 20 April	09:55	22:18
Thu 07 April	10:59	23:27	Thu 21 April	10:36	23:06
Fri 08 April	11:35		Fri 22 April	11:22	
Sat 09 April	00:11	12:21	Sat 23 April	00:02	12:19
Sun 10 April	01:13	13:33	Sun 24 April	01:23	13:41
Mon 11 April	02:59	15:37	Mon 25 April	03:08	15:10
Tue 12 April	04:25	16:45	Tue 26 April	04:27	16:21
Wed 13 April	05:22	17:33	Wed 27 April	05:29	17:18
Thu 14 April	06:07	18:14	Thu 28 April	06:18	18:07
Fri 15 April	06:47	18:52	Fri 29 April	06:59	18:51
Sat 16 April	07:25	19:31	Sat 30 April	07:34	19:32
Sun 17 April	08:02	20:10			

REMEMBER : BST STARTS SUNDAY 27 MARCH - ALL TIMES ARE BST

By Martin Tyler



SAVE THE DATE(S) 2022:

THE QUEENS PLATINUM JUBILEE – Thursday 2nd (Beacon Lighting etc) to Sunday 5th June (Street Party with Afternoon Tea)

PARTY ON THE PASTURES – Sunday 21st August

Extracts from the meeting of **Blakeney Parish Council** which was held on **Tuesday 1st March 2022** in **The Scout Hut**.

We are delighted to welcome our newest member to the Parish Council, **Mr William (Willie) Weston**. Willie has been a member of the parish council in the past, and now re-joins us.

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

PF/21/2711 – Amended proposal; Erection of new agricultural worker's dwelling and change of use of associated land from agricultural to domestic at, **New Barn Farm, Saxlingham Road, Blakeney. Resolved** – Object; The siting of this proposed building is most unsuitable and is too visible for this most sensitive location and our comments with regard the previous application no. PO/20/1100 are still valid.

PF/22/0179 – Proposal; Amendments to fenestration of workshop building (part retrospective) at, **Galley Hill, Langham Road, Blakeney. Resolved** – Object; We find this application obtrusive for the location in which it is sited, and there is too much glazing and roof lights, given that this is deemed as a workshop.

PF/21/0882 – Proposal; Erection of dwelling and associated external works and landscaping to vary plan RV/21/2583 at, **Arcady, Holt Road, Cley. Resolved** - Object; We continue to fully support and reinforce all objections made to this development that have so far been lodged with NNDC with regard this site/development. The proposed variations are so minor and the drawings do not reflect what has been built and is contrary to a number of local planning policies.

Ed Mumford Smith (EMS) and Anna Clarke, updated members with a revised proposal for a potential **Affordable Housing Scheme** on the former school field site at **Langham Road**. It was explained that this would involve both Broadland Housing and Blakeney Neighbourhood Housing Society. It was made clear to all present, that this was the last time we should ask EMS to bring this item to us, and that a final decision must be made this eve, in terms of whether or not to

proceed with a scheme, this was understood by all. After much discussion, it was **agreed** that the planning proposal for affordable housing on this site is carried and progressed and that EMS proceeds to the next step which will be a full public consultation.

PF/21/1657 – Proposal; Proposed overflow car park (remaining) as grassed area), with a maximum of 200 parking spaces and improvements to existing access at, **Land known as the Former School Field, Langham Road, Blakeney**. BPC are now asked to consider any hard and soft landscaping details to be submitted to NNDC. District Cllr. Victoria Holliday, will also chase for a reply from NCC, as to whether they are happy for us to proceed with any landscaping scheme on land which they own, before we engage in having professional plans/schemes drawn up.

FINANCE

Accounts totalling £7,246.08 were paid.

Clerk/RFO Report – The SAM2, (Speed Awareness Sign) will no longer be placed on Back Lane and the New Road site is being revisited. As requested, the advertising signs around the parish were photographed/recorded at the end of October. This was clearly the wrong time of year and does not reflect the extent of the situation. This therefore needs to be redone at the height of the season and then BPC should be in position to revisit the NNDC Conservation Area Appraisal and any related policies.

The following price increases are to be applied to **Coronation Car Park for 2022/23**, commencing 1st April 2022.

- The 5-hr rate is increased from £3.50 to £4.00
- The 24-hr rate is increased from £5.00 to £6.00
- The 30 minutes free continues unchanged

Blakeney Parish Council are delighted to award the following grants from the **Community Fund** as follows; 1) Blakeney Area Historical Society = £390, 2) Blakeney Village Hall Trust = £400, 3) Blakeney Conservation Duckpond = £350, 4) Blakeney Channel Coastal Community Team = £500, 5) Blakeney Primary School = £700, 6) Glaven Valley News £500. This totals £2,840 and is the excess income from our Community Events.

Cllr. Jane Armstrong proposed that Blakeney Parish Council reconsiders the decision taken at the June 2021 Full Council meeting, to accept the fee from Threshold Sports, (hosts of the **MacMillan Coastal Mighty Hike 2022**) and instead to consider declining the host fee for use of a venue/site. It was agreed that we leave the decision as was made originally in June 2021, with the caveat that we may decide to return it should we wish at a later date.

Reports from Representatives on Other Committees/Groups which have met recently – Edward Hackford (Chairman of the Blakeney Village Hall Trust), advised that the hall had now installed Wi-Fi for its users.

CORRESPONDENCE

The decision in relation to the **High Street Traffic Consultation**, item no. 9.2. (viii) of the minutes' dated Tuesday 1st February 2022 was rescinded. The Traffic Matters Working Group (TMWG) is working through many items, all of which have been raised numerous times over the years, i.e., they are repetitive and on reflection, we feel that there is nothing to be gained from going out to the community yet again with this or a wider traffic questionnaire. This would simply create a vast amount of work, for which there is no need given the number of times it has already been undertaken. The TMWG are liaising with the relevant organisations to see what is achievable and what is not, and continue to feed this back to BPC and the wider community.

A request for a Morston based ferryboat operator to place **Signage on Blakeney Quay** had been received. It was agreed that we can only agree to this in the short term, as it goes against the report/findings of the NNDC Conservation Area Management Appraisal which we are in the midst of adopting locally and which we will shortly bring back to the table for further consideration, along with a review of the entire advertising signage within the village.

A request had been received from Cllr. Jane Armstrong with reference to the **'NALC Website Accessibility and Publishing Guidelines'** to ask what further action that the Parish Council will take.

The Clerk advised that 'The Transparency Code' applies to those Parish & Town Councils with a gross annual income or expenditure (whichever is higher) that does not exceed £25,000 or if gross annual income or expenditure (whichever is higher) exceeds £200,000. In either of these situations the Transparency Code applies. Blakeney Parish Council falls into neither of the categories, (along with many others) as those that fall in between, have no duty to publish additional information, as is reflected in the **Joint Panel on Accountability and Governance Guidance (JPAG) at 5.73 and 5.74 pg. 45 and as per Standing Order no. 20.**

All other Councillors expressed no desire to go above and beyond the legal requirement for publication given the workload of The Clerk. Cllr. Jane Armstrong therefore withdrew this item.

For information only; NNDC Planning Decisions or Updates, or any Planning Inspectorate Appeals since our last meeting; most available on NNDC website.

PF/21/0692 – 8 Langham Road, Blakeney – Granted

PF/21/1191 – Roslyn, 13 Back Lane, Blakeney – Granted

PF/22/0077 – 21 Kingsway, Blakeney – Withdrawn

Resumption of BPC Meetings – *We continue to use The Scout Hut for our Parish Council meetings for the time-being, as it is more spacious than the Parish Office. However, in order to manage numbers, we continue to ask that if you do wish to join us at a meeting, if you could please let The Clerk know in advance that you plan to attend (a quick phone call or an email), that would be helpful and we will set the room out accordingly.* 01263 741106 or clerk@blakeneyparishcouncil.org.uk

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Jenny Girling (Vice-Chairman) – 740792 – 11 Queens Close

Samantha Arlow – 741297 – 40 Langham Road

Jane Armstrong – 741355 – 39 New Road

Alban Donohoe – 741741 – Ivy House, Back Lane

Shirley Everett – 740819 – Southside, 87 Morston Road

Barry Girling – 740792 – 11 Queens Close

Edward Hackford – 740616 – Spring Cottage, Langham Road

Nigel Sutcliffe – 741714 – Dallinga, 71 Morston Road

Willie Weston – 740910 – 27 Queens Close

Iain Wolfe

Those interested in planning matters, should keep an eye on the NNDC website at the moment as a first resort and respond direct to NNDC with any objections/comments/support but by all means copy the Parish Council in, but please do note the deadlines.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 5th April 2022.

Cleaner Available in the
Blakeney area for a few
hours a week.

Please contact: Angela on
01263 740159

FORMAL 60 DAY NOTICE - We hereby give notice, that if the following items are not claimed by their rightful owners, within 60 days of the date of this notice being issued that said items will be sold or disposed of as per regulations of the use for the Blakeney Dinghy Park.

Blakeney Parish Council – (Dinghy Park Management Committee) Sale of Abandoned Boats removed in accordance with the Regulations from the Blakeney Dinghy Park.

The Boats for Sale are: - 1. Kayak – single seater – timber and fibreglass 2. Kayak – two-seater – ‘sit on’ design – polyethylene 3. Small dinghy launching trolley

Conditions of Sale: -

a. All boats are sold as seen and interested buyers must satisfy themselves as to the condition.

b. The Boats/Items may be viewed from 10am to 12 noon on Saturday 9th April 2022, at Blakeney Marine Boatyard, where John Seymour, will be present to oversee and not before.

This notice will be updated to reflect which if any items remain in our possession and therefore for sale; ahead of the viewing date.

c. Sealed Bids must be in writing, envelopes to be marked “Sealed Bid” and contain the name, address & telephone number of the Bidder together with the amount clearly offered. Please enclose a cheque for the sum that you have bid, made payable to ‘Blakeney Parish Council’. If you are successful this will be banked, and if you are not, then the cheque will be returned to you with a letter stating that you were outbid. This must be addressed to the Clerk of the Council and deposited in the Parish Council Office by 5pm on Friday 29th April 2022.

d. Successful Bidders will be advised in writing in due course and Boats purchased must be removed within 7 days of notification to avoid storage charges.

e. The decision to accept a bid will be solely at the discretion of the Parish Council/Joint Dinghy Park Management Committee.

Mrs Tracey Bayfield, Clerk to Blakeney Parish Council, The Parish Office, Langham Road, Blakeney, Nr Holt, Norfolk, NR25 7PG. Tel; (01263) 741106 or email: clerk@blakeneyparishcouncil.org.uk

Cley

Thursdays At Three

(Half an hour of relaxing music in Cley church at 3.00pm.)

Thursday April 7th

Clarinet Fancies

Jo Fawcett (clarinet) Patricia Alexander (piano)

Thursday April 14th

Words & Music for Easter

Wyatt Earp (flute) Angela Dugdale (piano)

Thursday April 21st

From Schumann to Elton John!

Dan Earp (piano) Wyatt Earp (flute) with Richard Newton

Thursday April 28th

Trios for Thursday

Michael Price (cello) Wyatt Earp (flute) Angela Dugdale (piano)

Wyatt Earp



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We can now serve tea and cake after our 'Music in the Afternoons' every Thursday at Three, which is a pleasure. Please check the 'What's On' tab on the benefice website for the most up to date information on these concerts, www.glavenvalleychurches.org.uk.

Our evening of poetry and music exploring what it means to live "Between Sea and Sky" was a great success and many thanks to clarinettist Kate Munro, pianist Jon Payne and renowned East Anglian poet Peter Peggall.

On April 2nd, 'Horizon' - an ensemble of professional musicians based in Norfolk - will give an evening concert 'Beautifully Baroque', featuring cantatas by Bach and Handel as well as baroque works for flute, cello and piano. The performers will be: Susannah Self - mezzo soprano, Anna Hopkins - flute, Michael Christie - cello and Brenda Blewett - piano. Book via www.cleybaroque.eventbrite.org.uk. The concert starts at 7pm. Free admission, with a retiring collection supporting Cley Church's Regenerate project. There will be wine served in the interval.

Become a helper for the Concerts @ Cley Church series! In return for welcoming concert goers, pouring the wine, (and a bit of washing up), you'll have a great night out! Contact Philippa Besant philbesant@btinternet.com to be on the list! 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 very much indeed.
Victoria Holliday, Chair, Friends of Cley Church*

Cley WI March Report

Members and visitors welcomed Simon Read to our March meeting to hear his illustrated talk on the Cley Harbour Project.

Simon began with a brief history of the harbour that was first written about in the 12th Century, and was considered large by medieval standards. It continued to develop into a thriving harbour, in its heyday accommodating vessels some 60 to 70 feet long. The harbour was the life blood of Cley, providing employment and the need for a Customs House, with vehicles lining the Main Street waiting for goods to be unloaded. Things gradually changed over many, many years as the

silting problem took hold and the floods of 1953 reduced the river to a small channel.

In 2015 a small group of volunteers, supported by the Parish Council received funding to start dredging. 20 to 30 have worked tirelessly to open up the waterway, pile driving posts 3 meters down to take oak boards that hold back the earth. A slipway has been created and sailing dinghies and canoes now hold races. This community project is ongoing, and fund raising continues with the annual harbour day and Christmas carols on the quay.

It was great to spend the afternoon hearing about such a local success.

Our President thanked Simon for such an interesting talk and invited everyone to stay for tea.

Our next meeting will be on 7th April when "Three's Company" will perform "Tarts, Toffs and Traitors" (a light-hearted anthology based on women who are 'no better than they should be', posh people and people who let you down). Visitors always welcome, a donation of £5.00 suggested to include afternoon tea.

Di Garner

Cley Village Hall News

After 2 years marked by lockdowns and cancellations the Village Hall is buzzing with new life, and the diary is filling up with a wide variety of events and bookings. The village hall is a great community asset with fantastic possibilities for any occasion, it is a registered charity and there to be the true centre of the village, as it proved to be for the highly successful Ukraine Appeal collection and the planned Ukraine fundraiser supper.

Then we had 2 film nights which were well received and brought with them the opportunity to re-open the bar (requests to open the bar for Sunday socials, maybe once a month, are being considered)!

For any information about what's going on please go to the website:

www.cleyvillagehall.org.uk

Future events for your diary:

- March 31, April 1 and 2: The North Norfolk Players (all details on: www.nnplayers.org.uk)
- April 9: Banger-and-Mash supper in aid of Ukraine (privately organised)
- April 29: Amnesty International a fundraising ceilidh.

G.E.



Music in Country Churches

The Friends of Wiveton Church are thrilled that Music in Country Churches has chosen Wiveton Church as the beneficiary of their 2022 concerts.

26th July at 6.30pm in St Margaret's Church, Cley

The English Chamber Orchestra

Craig Ogden, guitar

27th July at 3.00pm in St Mary's Church, Wiveton

Young Musicians Showcase

27th July at 6.30pm in St Margaret's Church, Cley

The Tenebrae Choir

Tickets will go on sale on Thursday 7th April via
www.musicincountrychurches.org.uk

For all Friends of Wiveton Church event details and to donate please
visit: **www.wivetonchurch.co.uk**

CLEY WI

Thursday 7th April

Tarts, Toffs & Traitors

A light-hearted anthology based on women "who should know better"

performed by

"Three's Company"

Cley Village Hall, NR25 7RJ
2.30pm

Members Free

Visitors Welcome - £5.00 (includes afternoon tea)

Further details 01263 740225

CLEY WI PROGRAMME

April to June 2022

Cley Village Hall, NR25 7RJ - 2.30pm (unless otherwise stated)	
07-Apr	Tarts, Toffs and Traitors <i>- a light hearted anthology performed by Three's Company</i>
05-May	Holkham Hall Conservation <i>- visit to The Lookout and talk on current conservation practices</i>
09-Jun	HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee <i>- celebration lunch (members only)</i>
Visitors Welcome - £5 (includes afternoon tea) Further information from 01263 740225	

Wiveton

THE FRIENDS OF WIVETON CHURCH

**SAVE THE DATES FOR THE FOLLOWING
EVENTS AS WE EXPECT DEMAND TO BE
VERY HIGH!**

Thursday, 26th May

Lord Somerleyton will talk about Rewilding

We are thrilled that Lord Somerleyton has agreed to give a Talk on the wilding of his Somerleyton Estate, after it was postponed from 2019.

Cley Village Hall

Doors open 6.30pm

Talk starts 7.00pm

Minimum suggested donation £12 on the door

**Tuesday 26th and Wednesday 27th July
Music in Country Churches**

We are absolutely delighted that Music in Country Churches has chosen Wiveton Church as the beneficiary of their 2022 concerts, which will be held in Cley Church on 26th and 27th July.

Booking opens on Thursday, 7th April.

Tickets are only available through the Music in Country Churches website: www.musicincountrychurches.org.uk
We expect demand to be high, so apply early if you want to be sure of a ticket!

For details of programmes please see separate full-page ad.
All of the above events in aid of Wiveton Church restoration fund.

Wiveton Church 200 Club

Susi Killin is March's 1st Prize winner in the 200 Club Draw. The 1st prize stands at £65.

If you would like to join, please email antheadeloynes@aol.com, call 07746 018310 or pick up a leaflet from Wiveton Church.

*Anthea de Loynes
Chair of the Friends of Wiveton Church*

Russia, The Ukraine and the Christmas connection with Wiveton church.

It feels important to share this story at this time because it is so full of the vision, courage, loving determination and extraordinary efforts by a group of children still at school. It reminds me and somehow is vividly reflected in what millions of people are doing now to change things in Russia and protect and rescue the Ukrainian people.

It is so horrendous to think that the USSR – now Russia – has for the last 115 years, been led much of the time by the most cruel and inhuman tyrants in Europe. Most of us who are now

in our 80s and 90s still carry teenage memories of the terror and grief of Stalin's murder of millions of his own countrymen between 1930 and 1950. 'The Red Terror', 'The Great Purge.' And then the building of hundreds of forced-labour camps called 'Gulags' which he set up in the furthest, Northern and Eastern regions minus 40 degrees all winter. By 1945, 40 million people had already been incarcerated in these gulags and nearly 2 million Russians – human rights activists, artists, writers University lecturers, teachers and poets – anyone considered to be a potential critic of the State (alongside petty criminals) had died in them.

Then the Berlin Wall, the Cold War and the Cuban Crisis when nuclear warheads were being secretly shipped into Cuba from Russia with launch platforms being built – their combined destructive power able to reach and wipe out almost every city in North and South America.

And now, the world faces Putin's invasion of the Ukraine. The same terror, rage and panic all over again yet, this time, because of the communications revolution and brave and brilliant reporting, we have a vast and compassionate response of every kind from many different directions – I hear about five fire engines from UK being driven to Kyiv today as I write.

This story is the very condensed description of the extraordinary efforts of an inventive, creative and dauntless group of 15, 16 and 17-year-olds who became members of the Lancing College Amnesty Group. (During our time there when Jim was headmaster) They never gave up and eventually achieved something incredible.

Alongside raising funds to cover all the large involved costs, this is what was planned, developed and finally achieved:

1. The Amnesty Group 'adopted' a medical engineer called Herman Obukov, working in the biggest hospital in Leningrad. He was arrested on the train to Moscow trying to hand the report he had written to a French reporter staying in a Moscow hotel. It described in detail the use of the psychiatric wards to incarcerate and drug out of their minds, anyone suspected to be critical of the State. Herman was sent to a gulag in Eastern Siberia for 5 years. Amnesty gave us the name and address of Herman's fiancé in Leningrad. They also gave us the names and addresses of every Russian (400 of them) who were responsible for each one of these numbered gulags and renowned for their systematic cruelty to the prisoners.
2. We bought a postcard (Vatican copyright) of Gods hand reaching out to man from the Sistine Chapel in Rome.

We made 400 copies illegally in black-and-white. We all learnt to write the following message in Russian and posted the cards individually just after Christmas to every name we had been given by Amnesty International. ***'We send you our best wishes for the New Year. We also ask you most sincerely to treat all those for whom you are responsible in Gulag (47) with courtesy and kindness. Thank you.*** We posted the cards individually, just after Christmas, to every name and Gulag address we had been given by Amnesty.

2. A University lecturer in Moscow, having given up his job to become an anonymous street sweeper in order to focus his intelligence and time on working for human rights, was helping those imprisoned in the Gulags in every possible way. He managed to trace us from the postmark on one of the cards he was mockingly shown in Siberia and a telephone call to Amnesty UK. He slipped across the border into Finland, flew to London and turned up on our doorstep unwashed, exhausted and unannounced. He had one huge request. Could we possibly develop and provide thousands of multivitamins and multi mineral pills disguised as sweets, differently coloured and packaged in 28-sweet, (i.e., monthly) sealed packages? He would give us four different, secret, drop-off points in Moscow and in Leningrad for him to pick up the sweets and send to the neediest inmates in the Gulags. No food parcels or medication could be sent to prisoners—only clothing and sweets.

3. Next job therefore was to write to every business in the UK making high-quality food supplements, explaining what we were trying to do and asking if they would consider providing 5,000 each of their multivitamin and multi mineral tablets at cost price? Such whooping's of joy when a company in Malvern said *'yes, of course we will.*

4. Then the Dad of one of the Amnesty Group – Founder and Managing Director of *Trebor Sweets* – heard about our efforts and offered to put his research team onto the tricky task of cold sugar-coating the multi-vitamin tablets (heat kills vitamins C) and to thoroughly sugar-coat all the tablets in two different colours and turn them into sweets. It took him two months. Meanwhile we bought two huge, different, brightly coloured rolls of cellophane to wrap-and- twist each sweet and tough, right size packaging to hold 28 sweets in each. These we labelled (in Russian) *Lunar Lemon Drops* or *Strawberry Daily Treats*. Spending every spare half hour in the day for the rest of the school term on the carpet together, wrapping, bagging and labelling.

5. Next was the continuous effort throughout the next two years to get in touch with every School, College, University, Music or Drama Group – as well as individual people travelling to Moscow or Leningrad. Tactfully and courteously asking if they would be willing to help us by carrying two packets of sweets with them and leaving them at one of the drop-off points. Essential was a promise to learn the address of their chosen drop-off point by heart or write it down in code in pencil, maybe somewhere inside the book they were reading. Three years later a letter came from Moscow bursting with gratitude and

describing how the street sweeper had been able to distribute every single package and how he had taken the very last two packages of sweets, with ham, bread, apples and three blankets by train to meet and look after an old woman (a Christian) being released after 25 years in a Gulag 2,000 miles north of Moscow – to bring her back and care for her from that day. She did not know that her son, her one relative, had died and the family flat sold.

6. Herman Obukov had been released from Eastern Siberia during that time, been given asylum in the UK and caught a flight to Heathrow. He had telephoned at 2 am one morning *'I come now Heathrow! Coming 7 o'clock. Finding my friends!* Jim and I drove the school minibus full of excited older members of the Amnesty Group to meet him. I'll never forget their smiles when he walked through the gate nor the expression on his face when he saw them waiting. His English was terrible, all learnt from one battered book by Evelyn Waugh which he had found in the gulag camp. Members of the Amnesty amnesty group taught him English by reading our children's books to him. It was a hard struggle and taught us all so much. He was ill, suffering with severe tinnitus and overwhelmed by a continuous impotent rage against the political system, the cause of endless and terrible suffering and cruelty all over Russia. He is now safely in America researching and writing a biography about Putin, still with a limited competence in the English language.

6. The link with Wiveton church at Christmas time came through Hermans fiance in Leningrad, we wrote to her regularly, swapped innocent cooking recipes with her and managed to send her money for a return flight to Eastern Siberia to marry Herman in prison. We also managed to smuggle a wedding ring to her hung round the neck of a kind, brave Russian priest lecturing at a University in the UK returning to Leningrad to see his family. She knitted a very soft, dark brown shawl and sent it to me. Her shawl has been wrapped around the Wiveton Christmas baby in the crib every Christmas morning for 22 years – until the moths got into it and ate it for breakfast during the summer.

Memories of all those years come thundering back into my head now with the invasion of Ukraine, partly because several bright and lovely Ukrainian boys were interviewed in Kyiv and came to lancing College on full scholarships. They were so lovely and thinking about them and their families in Kyiv now is shattering. Yet there is so much in all this horror that is tinged all the while with a new feel and a new hope. The infinite kindness and generosity of strangers; the great breaking waves of gifts reaching Ukraine; the welcoming of refugee mothers and children in their millions; the courage of reporters and protesters in Moscow and huge courage of those reporting from burning Ukrainian cities. The hardest thing of all is trying to pray for Putin but perhaps that is the most important and ceaseless effort for those of us who are old, weak, crumbly and unable to be practically useful? So hard to find the words. St Patrick's Breastplate is one of my favourites and the rhythm and flow feel musical and comforting.

Sarah Woodhouse

Community News

District Councillor's Report March 2022

From NNDC:

- *'NNDC, as part of the Norfolk Warm Homes Consortium, has £3.85m of government grant to provide energy efficiency works to homes occupied by low-income households. If household income is less than £30,000 and the property has an Energy Performance Certificate of band D or lower, the grant will cover 100% of costs for owner occupiers (to a maximum of £10,000) and 2/3 of the cost for landlords (to a maximum of £7,500 for landlords). Eligible works include wall, loft and underfloor insulation, and low carbon heating technologies.*
- *Discretionary Housing Payments are still available for those who need support to prevent rent arrears and eviction.*
- *To find out more on any of these, go to <https://www.north-norfolk.gov.uk/adviceandsupport>*
- *The Developing Skills in Health and Social Care project will provide fully funded qualifications to staff in Norfolk and Suffolk.*
- *The Taxi Association has decided against a fare review as they feel an increase in taxi fares will have a negative impact on their business.*
- *Full Council increased NNDC council tax by £4.95 per Band D household.'*

Community First Responders - the Ambulance Trust has funding to provide an extra Community First Responder car in North Norfolk for the spring/summer. They would like to work with parishes to staff up existing CFR groups; Contact cfr@eastamb.nhs.uk if you are interested in this vital role. Training and support is provided.

Campervans - a recent stakeholder meeting was held regarding campervan overnight parking causing environmental damage at one of our coastal villages. The police, NNDC and the landowners are looking at ways to mitigate this and will report back at the next meeting. There will be learnings applicable to other coastal villages.

*Dr Victoria Holliday
Elected Member, Coastal Ward
07557054629*

Letters & Articles

Ukraine Collection

We would like to thank everyone in Blakeney and neighbouring villages for the amazing support with the collection we did for the ongoing situation happening in Ukraine. We were overwhelmed by the amount of clothes, medication, food and toiletries donated in literally 24 hours of us asking! I also offered a cake to be raffled off (Well done to Cheryl Richmond who won said cake!!) and with raffle tickets and donation we managed to raise over 1200.00! Which we spent on supplies and delivered to Wells church to be sorted & boxed ready for its journey to the Ukraine borders. We also did a drop off at Glaven Vets for much needed pet supplies.

****If you still wish to donate, please phone 07711843766 for further information****

*Again, thank you from the bottom of our hearts.
Leanne Welch & Emma Boubaker*

And Another Perspective on Blakeney Point – in the 1960s

It wasn't just UCL who rejoiced in the use of the Old Lifeboat House as a base for summer fieldwork – Royal Holloway College Botany Department was on excellent terms with their UCL counterpart, and for two weeks every summer, at the end of their first year, the RHC botanists basked in an almost unimaginable idyll, combining the camaraderie of a residential field course in a fabulous environment with the notion that learning, scholarship and even science were actually going on.

The summer of 1963 was my introduction to North Norfolk; the love affair never waned and now, nearly 60 years on, North Norfolk is where we live. But to go back..... by the time I was an undergraduate, the domestic arrangements on Blakeney Point had streamlined a bit from the 1950s, so vividly recalled in Monica White's piece in last month's GVN. We were under the tender and extraordinarily understanding care of Ted and Mrs Eales. RHC was 'all girls' in those days, with several male staff and postgrads, but all female undergrads. And there was an assumption that we would behave ourselves! I remember people being terribly caring – the boatmen helping us in and out of boats and carrying our bags for us and the girls sleeping indoors, in the 'comfort' of bunks in the lifeboat house – while the chaps slept in tents! We took our turns collecting driftwood, pumping Tilley lamps, peeling spuds, laying tables, and washing up, but all of the superb catering was carried out by Mrs Eales. She baked bread and pies and cakes and biscuits and cooked stews and fry-ups. Ted went out early one morning and caught mackerel and then showed us how to gut them, (a skill I have retained!) So, a couple of us stood knee-deep in the shallows, with sharp knives, and cleaned fish for

the whole group, and Mrs Eales grilled them on the open fire in the Lifeboat House. That summer the weather was glorious and we worked hard enough: quadrats and vegetation mapping, transects across the saltmarsh and through the dunes, evening lab work with microscopes lit by Tilley lamps – the ‘lab’ building is still there; I am sure someone has collated and published the data that was collected over all those summers. Evenings were long and we sat around a fire outside. We probably even sang – it was the 60s after all.

That week set the path for my career and when I graduated, I went to work for the Field Studies Council at Flatford Mill, so that I could introduce other young people and adults to the rewards of ‘outdoor education’, ‘fieldwork’, ‘ecology’.

I stayed in touch with the RHC botanists though, and after I graduated, for several years I was asked to join them on their Blakeney field trips to help with their fieldwork techniques and especially with plant identification. With Ted Eales’ advice, we would choose a good tide, I would drive up early from Flatford and Ted would meet me in the boat at Blakeney Quay so that I could have as long as possible out on The Point.

It was on one of those days – I forget the year – high summer and very hot.... there were some very keen students and we were working hard and having a jolly time. It was getting late and I seem to remember Mrs Eales alerting us to the state of the tide – saying that I should have to be quick or I would be cut off, with a long walk down The Point and back to my car on Blakeney Quay. I wasn’t in charge – Ted Eales, and the RHC staff, Ned Lodge and Peter Dixon were – they all knew the waters. Ted and Ned said they would escort me all the way back so I was quite relaxed. But as we got beyond the Halfway House, where the channel used to be narrow and shallow enough to wade back to Blakeney, I could see they were getting concerned at the rising tide. The path across the channel was marked by withies; I was confident. But I am only 5’ 2”. Determinedly, they set off with me, paddling through the shallow water at first, then wading. It had been a hot day. I had a summer dress on and only a little bag with a few books and bits and pieces. They were in shorts, and they were a lot taller than me. We got about halfway across but then we decided that they needed to turn back or they would be stuck at Blakeney for the night. We parted, and I waded on, deeper and deeper, guided by withies and buoyed up by my confidence in Ted and Ned. There was no one about – no dinghies running for home after a day sailing in The Pit, no dog walkers watching the sunset from the Carnser, no mobile phones; I could see my car, alone, waiting encouragingly. The water rose; I rolled my dress up to my armpits and carried my bag of bits (including my car keys) on my head..... Well, I made it! The ground rose steeply on the Blakeney side, I turned and waved reassuringly at Ted and Ned in the gathering gloom, and went to find my car. My dress was fairly dry; my knickers and bra were not, but there was no one to watch me take off my wet clothes. The heater in my little mini did its job and I arrived back at Flatford significantly enriched by the day’s excursion.

The channel has been totally changed and you can’t follow the route I took any more. I have stayed in the Watch House (The Halfway House) since and cherished that distant memory. Sadly, undergraduates no longer get the extraordinarily

fulfilling opportunity to stay and study out on The Point, explore the dunes in near solitude, listen to the night sounds, revel in the delights of Mrs (always ‘Mrs’) Eales’ cooking. Happy memories of nearly 60 years ago!

Rachel Hamilton

Blakeney 1947 (Part 3) On the Marsh



We lived in the railway carriage on Morston Greens for about a year before my grandmother relented and we moved in with her in Blakeney. My mother wanted me to continue at Langham School and her determination that I should do so, I think because her cousin Ellen Ellwood was one of the teachers, was resolute and my having no way to get there wasn’t going to put her off. The solution was that I should cycle. So, she bought me a tricycle, brand new from a catalogue, and it was to come on the railway lorry. I couldn’t believe my luck. I sat on the wall of my grandmother’s yard every day for two weeks waiting for that lorry; an eternity. And then, when I had given up, it came.

Throughout my life the best things have come that way, creeping up from an unexpected direction to take me by surprise. That sounds as if my wife might have leapt on me from behind, she didn’t, at least not then. But the thrill of coming home to find the tricycle sitting there, the handlebars and seat wrapped in cardboard, stands out above any gift I have ever had. I then cycled to Langham and back each day; the shortest route from Blakeney to Langham is direct, but my mother insisted that I went via Morston. Perhaps because should I have a mishap there was the chance that a vehicle of some sort was more likely to come along. Set against the world today that seems a bit risky, but as a child my mother walked to Langham School from Morston every day so I expect she thought I was fortunate to have a trike.

I continued at Langham School for a couple more years until it must have seemed more sensible that I should go to Blakeney. The difference between the two schools was black and white Miss Smith at Langham was gentle and kind and really seemed to love us. Miss Osborne at Blakeney was not. Adipose, with hands (that you had to watch all the time) had dimples where her knuckles should have been, and pudgy white fingers. None of these things were her fault of course, but sitting at her desk picking her nose was something she might have thought about, and eating it no matter how craftily she did it was not a good example for children. She had a habit of grabbing you by the skin on the back of your neck, lifting you, and hitting you very hard behind the knees. I went around most of the time as if I were riding an invisible hobbyhorse. I was asked recently if she might still be alive, and while I could not guess at her age when she taught us, I concluded that as she constantly recycled herself, she probably is.

Wandering up Westgate Street on the very first day after the move from Morston, I met a boy of my age who had also just moved in. He lived in the last row of cottages called West Corner, at the top of Westgate Street. He approached and said his name was Douglas Harvey, and asked me if I would like to meet his mother, Flo. He took me in and introduced me to a squat little woman not much bigger than himself who had a speech impediment – the result of a stroke – made worse by ill-fitting false teeth. So badly did they fit that you could hear them moving in her mouth when it was closed, particularly when she was angry. They could also stay firmly clamped together when she laughed, which she did a lot, and us laughing at her teeth made her laugh even more, and so round it went. If she had to shout loudly, they could leave her mouth altogether. The word DUDDY! Usually meant someone had to duck.

Together we had adventures and a freedom quite unknown to youngsters today. We explored the village, soon becoming familiar with every passageway, loke and yard. In those days nobody seemed to question what you were doing there. Almost every big yard had a well in it. These were a fascination and we gauged the depth of each by dropping stones in. It amazed me how long it could take before we heard an echoing plop, and the further we went up the High Street the deeper they became. Some of those at the highest part of the village were more than a hundred feet deep, and it seemed you could have run a hundred yards in the time it took for a stone to splash.

The very best places to explore, when we could get into them, were the old disused granaries and coal stores. Run down and neglected they remained as they were the day the last porter went home for his tea. Thick wooden steps, doors hanging off their rusty hinges, pulley wheels and wooden rollers, all still there, some almost worn through where ropes had run over them. In one barn there was an intact donkey-driven bone mill, two enormous grinding stones with a long wooden shaft onto which the donkey was harnessed. We didn't know that. We thought it was some sort of punishment device that convicted prisoners had to drag round.

What we could not have guessed was that it was the bones of dead prisoners and soldiers that had been ground up in it. The bones had come in on ships, a traffic that reached a peak during the aftermath of the Napoleonic wars, and were ground up to be spread on the land as fertiliser. It was playing in one of the barns, the one known today as North Granary, that we came upon the place that was to become the launch pad for wider exploration. The Marsh Green* or Mash Green as my grandmother always pronounced it in those days it was a rubbish tip, a dump for the village, a treasure house for us. Among the rubbish we found the makings for a world of our own. The area was surrounded by rough grass and stands of Horse Pepper (Alexanders), the hollow stems of which are in tubular sections like bamboo. This made them usable for all sorts of things – high-powered peashooters, telescopes that made the world appear small and fuzzy, pipes for smoking old cigarette ends which did the same thing and the hulls of ships.

If we pulled the stalks up completely, we could shape the root into a prow and the rest would remain more or less watertight. Feathers became sails – white goose feathers were especially sought after – but if they were scarce there was no shortage of others. A row of four or five of these stuck in along the top, a bit of broken glass pushed into the bottom for a keel, and we had as fine a model ship as any boy could wish for. They only took a few minutes to make, so if one did not perform well a replacement was quickly made. By twisting the feathers, they could be adjusted to sail into, as well as off, the wind. More ambitious models had outriggers made of smaller stalks to make them come back. Sometimes a dozen or more might be set off at high tide and despite having been fashioned from rubbish they were an elegant sight as they bobbed and weaved their way along the quayside. Years later in my first sailing dinghy I found I could sail it without thought, and realised I had done my sail training back in those days of Horse Pepper clipper ships.

It occurs to me now that the idea for those little ships had come from the older boys. I don't think we invented them ourselves. So, it seems likely that the design was being passed down generation to generation through the children. So other little ships may once have bobbed along the quayside, leaning over in the same breezes that brought coal and other more exotic cargoes to Blakeney in its medieval heyday. Sadly, we were the last receivers of those oral packages. No other children came after us to play on the marsh. The same broom that had begun tidying up the old granaries also swept away those last small traces of Blakeney's days of sail.

We were forbidden us to go on the marshes, but crick jumping, another 'village boys' tradition saw us running and jumping our way ever further from the wishes of our mothers, eventually as far as the Point, the Hood and the Watch House. In early summer we would bring back socks full of gulls' eggs, which delighted my grandmother who used them to make cakes. She must have known where they came from but she always asked me to get more. Our favourite place to play was the Hood, a separate group of sand dunes lying between the Watch House* and the Point. In our imaginations they could become anything – an island, a fortress, a country even, and being able to contain them in our minds made them ours. We took possession, built outposts of driftwood and fashioned big guns which we directed toward the ever-present columns of ship's smoke out to sea.

Over the years there have been many times when I have wanted to resurrect those forts, to set a barricade against the remorseless tide of ugly development that has so damaged this place. Long clear of ships' smoke, the northern horizon is now dominated by wind turbines, massive structures that look like a city at night and a perpetual motion machine by day. We may live in a democracy but there are no guns here big enough to knock them down.

* The Marsh Green is the land to the north of North Granary where the Coast Path leads off toward Morston

* The Watch House now often misnamed as the half-way house.

'Extract from Godfrey Sayers Book 'Once Upon a Tide'

Godfrey Sayers

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Our Maritime Heritage Centre continues to be open on Sundays and Bank Holiday Mondays from 11.00 - 4.00. Do come and see the fascinating displays, stories and films of our local Maritime Heritage, set in the old Military Camp at Stiffkey Greenway NR23 1QF. If you'd like to join our merry band of volunteers do get in touch on info@rescuewoodenboats.com – no experience needed.

Celebration coming up? Or fancy a trip out to see Wells from the water in a historic ship? Our restored flagship, Dunkirk Little Ship and former lifeboat *Lucy Lavers* gives trips afloat from Wells-next-the-Sea. Her skipper Liam Pink of www.curlewcoastalcharters.co.uk provides special charters or short trips all with lots of local history and maritime information as well wonderful local food as required. See the details of *Lucy Lavers* story on www.rescuewoodenboats.com

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April	16 th & 17 th
May	28 th & 29 th
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WE SHALL BE OPEN AGAIN FROM THURSDAY 14th APRIL 2022

Spring has arrived, the daffodils are out and our Spitfire is coming out to play again for the 2022 season!

By the time you read this article, our splendid Spitfire should be back on its plinth and ready to welcome visitors to the Dome once again. We have already started planning things for the new season. The car-park is to be given some attention and a new flag is ready to be hoisted. The strong winds at the airfield have left the old one rather tattered and it just made it to the end of the season!

We have some new signs, new products for our gift shop and a new member of staff is to join us, so do come along and say hello if you can. We are pleased to be part of The Aviation Heritage Trail, launched this year for East Anglia. Booklets will be available, with a map and list of the 30 historical sites for you to visit. This year we shall be running our popular Grand Draw once again.

To mark our Queen's Platinum Jubilee, the Trustees have decided to give CASH PRIZES!

First prize will be an amazing £500! Second Prize. £250 Third Prize. £100

Fourth and Fifth Prizes are both £50.

So please help support The Dome, our and your unique historical building, by buying Raffle Tickets and be in with a very good chance of winning some cash! Tickets are £1 each.

Our opening days for this season are;

April – May. 10am – 4pm.

Friday, Saturday, Sunday.

June – October. 10am – 4pm

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday.

Plus, all Bank Holidays during our open season.

As usual, we are always hoping to recruit volunteers to join our happy band.

You just need to have a friendly disposition and an interest in local and aviation history.

You can contribute as many hours as you wish. The slots are 10am - 1pm or 1pm -4pm.

Please contact me at manager@langhamdome.org if you would like to join in the fun!

Thank you.

Potter Emma Bridgewater in drive to save 15th century North Norfolk church

Norfolk is famous for its 600 medieval churches. St Mary's at Wiveton is one of them

The magnificent medieval church of St Mary's in Wiveton near Blakeney has had a catalogue of bad luck. One of its vicars was hanged for murder, another was defrocked for unbecoming conduct, and another caused outrage when it was found he wore his wife's clothes - he said for economy. But the current bad luck came when one of the original huge roof beams crashed on to the altar in 2019 which means the church could face closure after 700 years.

Now a [fund-raising campaign](#) is being fronted by celebrity potter and Norfolk native Emma Bridgewater, and Norfolk TV star and landowner, Desmond MacCarthy from Wiveton Hall. Both are passionate about saving the church - a rich part of Norfolk history.

The ancient beam which fell from St Mary's chancel roof on to the altar. Photo: Friends of Wiveton Church

The church was closed for months for emergency repairs. It has now re-opened. But unless money can be found for the roof and other essential work, the church could be closed for good.

St Mary's Church is steeped in history - not only for being a jewel in the crown of North Norfolk churches, but also for its maritime links - yet today visitors will see how the church stands far inland.

But it was the Rev James Hackman who brought notoriety to the parish and added to the stories of its past.

James Hackman was a young army officer who became the rector of Wiveton in February 1779.

But within two months, on April 19, he had been hanged for murder - for shooting Martha Ray, the 33-year-old mistress of [John Montagu, 4th Earl of Sandwich](#).

While an army officer, James Hackman had been invited to a London ball by the Earl where he met and became infatuated with noted singer Martha Ray. James Hackman left the army and proposed to Martha - who turned down the offer. After being ordained, the Rev Hackman was presented to the living in Wiveton.

But the newly ordained vicar was besotted and continued to pursue Martha. When she refused yet another offer of marriage, he bought two pistols and followed her to a London theatre where he watched her in the audience and followed her when she left. When she got into her carriage, he shot her in the head. He used the second pistol on himself - but he missed.

Diarist James Boswell attended both the trial of Rev Hackman and his execution at Tyburn. Boswell and his friend Dr Samuel Johnson, the poet, playwright and essayist, wrote about the events. The details of the infatuation and murder were also used in the popular 1780 novel *Love and Madness* by English author [Herbert Croft](#).

Fast forward to July 2019. The latest disaster for the church has been caused by deathwatch beetle and damp which resulted in a heavy 12-foot-long oak chancel roof beam crashing on to the altar. Fortunately, the beam crashed down at night when no-one was in the church.

Inspections say chancel roof repairs will cost £150,000 to make the Grade 1-listed 15th century church safe. Other essential and urgent work on the building brings the total needed to £240,000. If the parish is unable to raise the cash by the end of 2022 the 700-year-old church - one of the jewels in the crown of North Norfolk - will have to close.

The interior of St Mary's

The fund-raising campaign has already raised more than £120,000 from private donors and charitable trusts including a £7,000 grant from Norfolk Churches Trust.

Anyone who gives £100 or more to the appeal will receive an exclusive Emma Bridgewater mug of Wiveton church.

Norfolk has the largest group of medieval churches in the world. They are an important historic legacy for future generations.

St Mary's Church in Wiveton is a lovely example of this heritage with its wide range of art and craftsmanship. Plans are being made to continue the church's broad connections to the community with information boards tracing its history over 700 years and another outlining the fauna and flora in the churchyard and how the church continues to care for the environment and nature.

The current Wiveton church was rebuilt entirely when Wiveton's port was at its most prosperous. It faces the much grander St Margaret Church in Cley half a mile away across the River Glaven valley.

A view from the churchyard of St Margaret in Cley to St Mary's in Wiveton across what used to be the estuary full of ships

Meadows and the river divide the two churches now, but when the church was built Blakeney, Cley and Wiveton formed the Blakeney Haven ports. The church sits at what in medieval times was a tidal estuary.

Ships from Europe sailed to both Cley and Wiveton and moored against the walls of Wiveton's church. The sailors from these ships left graffiti pictures of their boats scratched on to the pillars in both churches before setting off to the Netherlands, Scandinavia, Iceland or other British ports.

A painting by Norfolk artist Godfrey Sayers of what the port at Wiveton could have looked like in the Middle Ages

The harbours and their trade were lost when the marshes around Salthouse were drained and an embankment built across the Glaven estuary where the current Blakeney to Cley road is now.

For more than 700 years St Mary's has held a commanding position in the Glaven valley. The village is working hard to keep it open as a focal point for the community for the next 700 years.

The CrowdFunding website [Save Wiveton Church](#) features a video conversation about St Mary's between Emma Bridgewater and Desmond MacCarthy.

Desmond MacCarthy and Emma Bridgewater discuss the need to raise funds on the CrowdFunding website. But to get a sizeable grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund the village, with a population of only 127, is expected to raise a significant amount on its own.

So, Stephen de Loynes, the church's fabric officer and a church warden, is one of the organisers behind several major fundraising events which have been planned.

These include a recital by Edmund Aldhouse, organist from Ely Cathedral; a talk on re-wilding by Lord Somerleyton; and two concerts organised by Music in Country Churches, a fund-raising trust aimed at helping rural churches raise funds for their running costs and repairs.

For more information about these events, email Stephen de Loynes at: stephendeloynes@aol.com

Donations to the appeal can be sent to Wiveton PCC Fabric Account and sent to: Charles Killin, Treasurer, Esker House, Blakeney Road, Wiveton, Holt NR25 7TL or direct to Account name: Wiveton PCC Fabric Account, Account number: 00012135, Sort Code: 40-52-40

Lawrence Sear, Norfolk Paradise

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***Re-launch Easter Day
Sunday 17 April 6pm***

Looking forward to seeing you!

St Nicholas' Church, Blakeney

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7.30pm - 11pm

Friday 29th April
Cley Village Hall

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Bar open

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Tickets: £10.00

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WHAT'S ON INFORMATION

North Norfolk Amnesty Group

**MERCHANTS HOUSE GARDEN OPEN -
86 High Street, Blakeney
Open from 10 – 4pm**

Saturday 16th April

We are opening the garden in a different way this year. It will be open for one day every month - dates to be announced in the GVN as the year progresses. Proceeds will be shared between Glaven Caring and St Nicholas Church.

Entry will be £5.00 for the first visit and £3.00 thereafter. This will not be policed so it is up to you and your conscience! The more you come the more you will notice the changes in the garden as the seasons progress. Opening it in this way though will mean that it will not be 100% perfect every time!

**There will be no refreshments! -
the focus is the garden.**

CLEY WI

Thursday 7th April

Tarts, Toffs & Traitors

*A light-hearted anthology based on
women "who should know better"*

performed by

"Three's Company"

**Cley Village Hall, NR25 7RJ
2.30pm**

Members Free

Visitors Welcome - £5.00 (includes afternoon tea)

Further details 01263 740225

The Glaven Valley is an area in which the North Norfolk Amnesty Group has enjoyed much support. In December 2021 we ran a successful 'Write for Rights' event in Wiveton Village Hall and coupled this with tea, coffee and cake plus a bric-a-brac sale. Previously we had a wonderful 'Story Telling' event in that hall and an AmnesTea parties at Wiveton Hall Café and The Art Café at Glandford.

Our members are also involved in 'Welcome Wheels'. This project provides second-hand bikes to refugees and asylum seekers in the Norwich area where they will be used to help provide essential access to college, school and English classes and appointments. We are raising funds towards the costs of reconditioning the cycles to ensure they are safe to ride as well as essential safety equipment like helmets and lights. To this end we are working with the Society of Friends in Wells and holding another Bric-a-brac sale at The Quaker Meeting House, 43 Church St, Wells- next -the -Sea. NR23 1HZon Saturday April 23rd, 10.00am – 4.00pm. Our main effort after that is a ceilidh the following Friday at Cley Village Hall. This will be our 3rd Ceilidh in Cley, a venue we have always found to be very hospitable and successful. Sadly, the pandemic twice forced a delay in holding this event but we are really pleased to once again have the Norfolk ceilidh band 'Whirligig' playing for us. This will be their 2nd appearance and it looks to be a great evening of music and dancing. To keep the dancers going there will be food and refreshments available and the bar will be open.

The ceilidh will be on Friday 29th April on from
7.30pm - 11.00pm.

Tickets are £10.00. Under 12s get in free! and are
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A new season for the Museum of the Broads

Volunteers and staff are working hard to get the Museum open again for Easter. There is a full events programme, new displays and a new annual exhibition.

We kickstart the year with our ever-popular family Easter Trail with prizes for children. This time it has a wildlife theme – can you spot animal homes around the Museum?

Our 2022 exhibition, From Sails to Blades – How wind power shaped the Broads, looks at the impact of windmills and wind pumps and the importance of keels and wherries to our economy, how invaders reached our shore and the future of wind power in the Broads.

And our trip boats, will be running too. Come and visit us at our historic and unique setting by the river at Stalham.

*The Museum of the Broads, Poor's Staithe,
Stalham, NR12 9DA, 01692 581681*

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The Coronation of Poppea Article:

North Norfolk Chamber Opera is delighted to present Monteverdi's opera from 1642, **The Coronation of Poppea**.

Monteverdi composed his late masterpiece with church performance in mind, and reflecting this, our performances will take place in St. Margaret's Church, Cley-Next-the-Sea, on **Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 12th, 13th and 14th May at 7pm**.

Tickets are just £15 and can be booked via our website, www.northernorfolkchamberopera.co.uk

Our fully staged, production will be performed in the round, giving the audience an exciting and immersive theatrical experience. The audience is restricted to 75 per evening, so do please book early.

Our Music Director is **Mark Jones**, trained at the Royal College of Music, and was twice winner of the Adrian Boulton conducting scholarship. He was for 21 years, Music Director of Gresham's School, and is also Music Director of Fakenham Choral Society. Our stage director is **Paul Hands**, for many years Director of Drama at Gresham school, where he

produced many operas and musicals in conjunction with Mark. He has the distinction of having directed award-winning Norfolk actress, Olivia Colman.

This will be the first time this opera has been presented in Norfolk since the Sadler's Wells tour of 1974, therefore, is an opportunity not to be missed. For further information and full cast list, visit our website above or contact us at northernorfolkchamberopera@gmail.com

We **gratefully** acknowledge the generous assistance of The North Norfolk District Council's Arts and Culture Fund.

Blakeney Area Historical Society

Tuesday 26th April 7:30pm

Cley Village Hall & Zoom

**The King of the Norfolk Poachers
and his life story edited by Liliias
Rider Haggard
Charlotte Paton**

Next Lecture

The current season of lectures ends with the above talk and restarts in September.

Free Entry

To receive Zoom invite, join the BAHS or sign-up for information emails at www.bahs.uk/information-emails

Further Information & Updates
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let's do lunch

in St Nicholas' Church, Blakeney

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Donations welcome.

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For further information, or to book or check a session is running, visit www.norfolk.gov.uk/libraries, then 'your local library' then pick the holt library from list – or call 01603 774777. Alternatively, call or visit the library

Opening times:

Tuesdays and Fridays 10am – 7pm

Wednesdays 2pm – 7pm

Saturdays 10am – 1pm

Regular events

Tuesday - Family history online 1 to 1 help 10.30 weekly

Just a Cuppa 11.30 weekly

Bounce and Rhyme 2pm weekly

Wednesday - Computer one to one help 2 – 4 weekly

Reading group 2.30pm – check dates with staff

Reading group 5.30pm – check dates with staff

Friday - Crafting for children 3.30pm (term time only)

Saturday - Lego Club 2pm

Special events

First Thursday in the month – Thursday Talks 11am £3 includes refreshments

April – Tor Falcon River of Norfolk

May – Holt Bellringers

Saturday 16th April 10am – 1pm Book and Plant Sale

Household support items available from all libraries in Norfolk.

Household support scheme available from the library for those in need? They are bags people can take free of charge. They include period products, toiletries, warm and go (blanket, thermals, gloves, hat etc) cleaning bags (household cleaning products).



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For One Night Only!



Hollywood comes to Blakeney

Film maker Barney Broom's acclaimed History of Hollywood presentation traces the history of the movies from early beginnings to the golden years of the studios and Tinsel Town's continued role in today's media world

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[Our Maritime Heritage Centre](#) continues to be open on Sundays and Bank Holiday Mondays from 11.00 - 4.00. Do come and see the fascinating displays, stories and films of our local Maritime Heritage, set in the old Military Camp at [Stiffkey Greenway NR23 1QF](#). If you'd like to join our merry band of volunteers do get in touch on info@rescuewoodenboats.com – no experience needed.



Volunteers at the Maritime Heritage Centre

Celebration coming up? Or fancy a trip out to see Wells from the water in a historic ship? Our restored flagship, Dunkirk Little Ship and former lifeboat **Lucy Lavers** gives trips afloat from Wells-next-the-Sea. Her skipper Liam Pink of www.curlewcoastalcharters.co.uk provides special charters or short trips all with lots of local history and maritime information as well wonderful local food as required. See the details of [Lucy Lavers story](#) on www.rescuewoodenboats.com



Lucy Lavers

Maritime Heritage Festival Saturday July 23 – 24 Wells-next-the-Sea

Save the date!

We are excited that we have a weekend planned, just preceding the popular Wells Carnival, with local historic wooden working boats (crab boats, whelkers and lifeboats) gathering for a display on Tugboat Yard and a flotilla (**starting 2pm on Saturday 23 June**) to watch as they steam out of the harbour and back – quite a sight! There will be a stall showcasing charity Rescue Wooden Boats maritime heritage work as well as food and drink available.



Flotilla 2018

We look forward to seeing you this season at Tugboat Yard, Stiffkey and afloat in *Lucy Lavers*!

We welcome donations to support our work – do [become a Friend of Rescue Wooden Boats](#) – see website.

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