

THE GLAVEN VALLEY NEWSLETTER



LANGHAM DOME FUND RAISER

**The Dome is in urgent need of a new Projector System.
It is the HEART of our Museum!**

In WW2 the purpose of the Dome was to project moving images of enemy planes across the curved ceiling and walls to give recruits a realistic experience for their top-secret training

This is the experience that we still give our visitors today, as well as showing films narrated by Stephen Fry, telling the fascinating history of the Dome!

LANGHAM DOME

SMALL BUILDING, BIG STORY!

Charity Registration Number 1157742

One of our Trustees, Roland Goodison, is cycling the C2C, 146 miles from the Cumbrian coast to the North Sea coast, to help raise funds for this vital project.

If you are able to help, please donate at any of the following:
Just Giving: www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Roland-Goodison
Website: www.langhamdome.org -- Home page, click donate

Or just scan the QR Code above!

A Big Thank you, from the Trustees of Friends of Langham Dome

April 2023

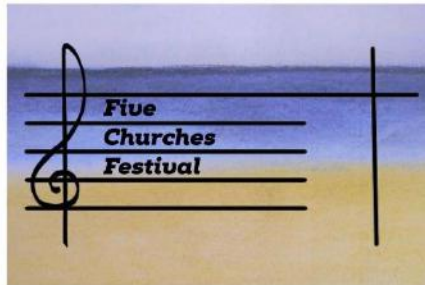
*Are you a practical type?
Do you like being part of a team?
Would you like to help at Blakeney Church?*

We need a few **extra people** to help
with the clearing up / washing up
after any of the three of our monthly events:
Messy Church, The Blakeney Breakfast, Let's Do Lunch

The days and times are:
Messy Church: 2nd Tuesday of the month (4.00-5.00)
Breakfast: 1st Wednesday of the month (10.00-12.00)
Lunch: 3rd Wednesday of the month (1.00-3.00)

If you'd like to join us,
please contact me on 01263-740686
or revrichardlawry@gmail.com
We'd love to welcome you aboard!

Thanks, from Richard & the team at Blakeney



Save the date!

Introducing the first ever:

Five Churches Festival
13-16 July 2023

A long weekend of concerts and arts events
in the five beautiful churches of the
Glaven Valley Benefice

Find out more: fivechurchesfestival.com

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****CHECK OUT FOR EXTRA ITEMS****

**The Editor does not necessarily agree with
views expressed by correspondents.**

Treasurer's Report

2022 has been a tough financial year for GVN and our appeal next month will give more details.

Donations to help cover the costs of the Newsletter are vital to ensuring we can continue so thank you to the over 200 readers who do make a contribution. Without them the Newsletter wouldn't be able to survive.

Donations can be made by:

- Send cash or cheque to the Treasurer, Stonebridge House, Bridgefoot Lane, Wiveton, Holt NR25 7TP (cheques payable to Glaven Valley Newsletter)
- By making an online transfer or setting up a standing order to us (Sort Code 30-94-34 Account 00897099)
- or by using the form below and sending it to your bank to set a standing order up

*Many thanks for your support
Martin Tyler
Treasurer, Glaven Valley Newsletter*

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*A Charity Fundraiser
for*

Blakeney Village Hall

Friday 26th May

Doors Open 6pm

RACE NIGHT



Two Course Supper Included
Open Bar

Tickets £15 available from 1st
May

See May issue of Glaven Valley Newsletter for further details or visit
www.blakeneyvillagehall.org.uk/race-night

Blakeney Village Hall and Pavilion Trust

Registered Charity Number 279969

B.L.S. Landscaping & Garden maintenance



- Fencing
- Trees and hedges
- Garden clearance
- Paving and Pointing
- Seasonal pruning and planting
- Cross cutting and log splitting

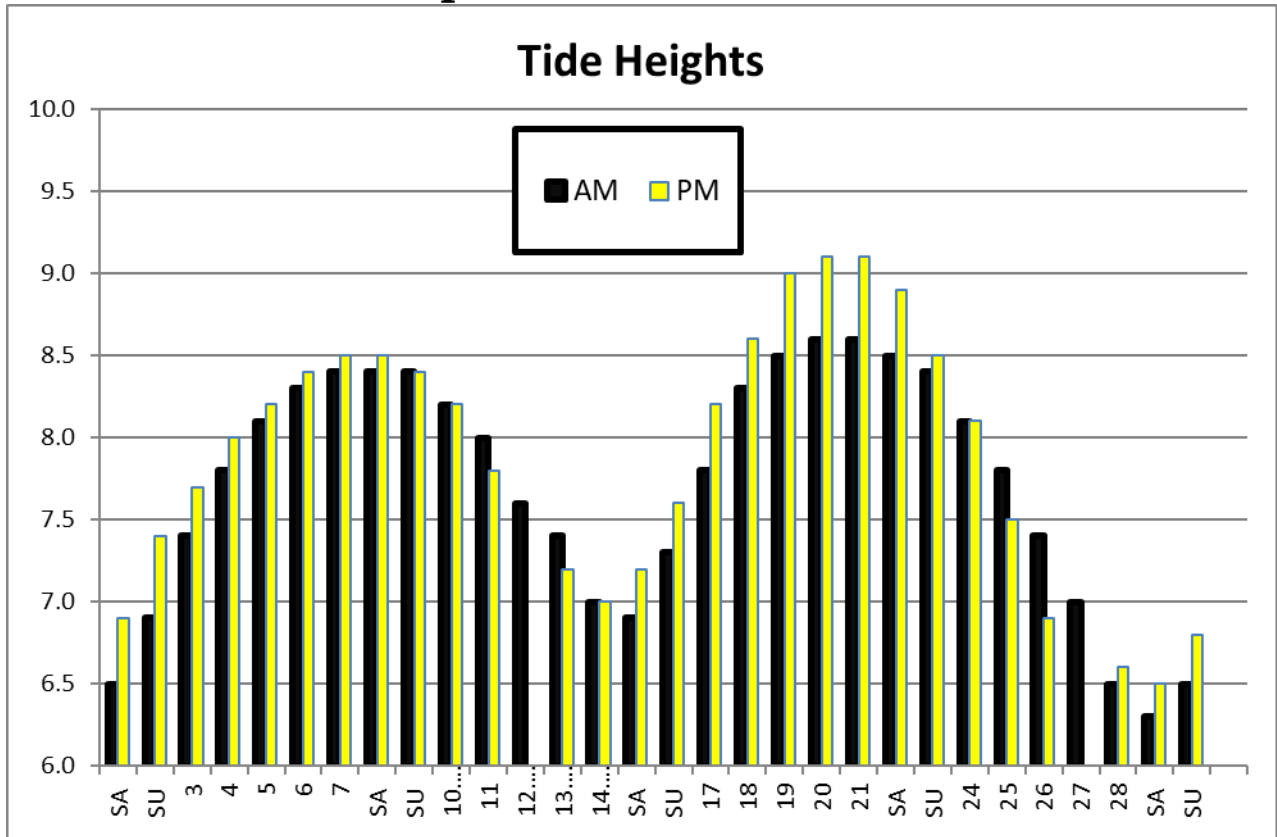
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Email: blspooner88@gmail.com

For a full list of services:

www.bls-landscaping-gardening.com

April 2023 - Tide Details



Tide Times

	AM	PM		AM	PM
Sat 01 April	04:32	16:50			
Sun 02 April	05:31	17:41			
Mon 03 April	06:15	18:21	Mon 17 April	05:40	17:32
Tue 04 April	06:50	18:56	Tue 18 April	06:29	18:21
Wed 05 April	07:24	19:29	Wed 19 April	07:12	19:07
Thu 06 April	07:56	20:02	Thu 20 April	07:50	19:51
Fri 07 April	08:29	20:36	Fri 21 April	08:26	20:32
Sat 08 April	09:02	21:11	Sat 22 April	08:59	21:12
Sun 09 April	09:34	21:48	Sun 23 April	09:31	21:50
Mon 10 April	10:08	22:28	Mon 24 April	10:01	22:27
Tue 11 April	10:46	23:14	Tue 25 April	10:33	23:05
Wed 12 April	11:30		Wed 26 April	11:07	23:49
Thu 13 April	00:09	12:27	Thu 27 April	11:49	
Fri 14 April	01:23	13:45	Fri 28 April	00:47	12:50
Sat 15 April	03:13	15:22	Sat 29 April	02:26	14:53
Sun 16 April	04:38	16:35	Sun 30 April	03:48	16:07

REEF HOUSE

Make & Do Workshops

Come and join me and our amazing artists at Reef House for a wide range of creative workshops and short courses.

Whether you want to learn a new skill or enjoy a day out with friends, we have it all: everything from floristry and bread making to willow weaving and jewellery making.

In this wonderfully warm and relaxed environment, homemade refreshments and lunch are always included ensuring you fully unwind and enjoy the perfect day.

For Bookings & Enquiries please visit the website at:

www.reefmakeanddo.com



WIVETON WANDER **Stroll through Open Gardens in Wiveton** **Saturday 10th June, 10.30am - 5pm**

Explore the fabulous gardens in Wiveton. Pimm's tent, teas, delicious cakes and plant sales.
£5 admission

Tickets available on the day from the village green.
Main sponsor **Bedfords Estate Agents**



Organised by the Friends of Wiveton Church
All proceeds to Wiveton Church Restoration Fund

Blakeney

News from Blakeney Church of England Primary School

Where to begin with news this month?! World book day was a huge success in our school. Children and staff dressed up as their favourite characters ranging from Violet Beaudelaire (A series of Unfortunate Events) to a very realistic looking cat (How to be a cat). We finished the day with a wonderful fire pit story session in the plantation where we were joined by, parents, grandparents and governors of the school. A real community effort. The plantation area is being used very regularly and we have some new wooden stepping stones where we can practice our balancing and jumping. We now also have enough seating for the whole school around the fire pit, much of it made by the children themselves.

Our sporting endeavours continue and the recent Alderman Peel cluster school's netball tournament saw our children return with the winning trophy. The children, who were competing against much larger schools, were thrilled with the silverware but were full of praise for their opposition too. These last 2 events happened the same week that the school was inspected by Ofsted. This inspection has been expected for some time now. The fact that we are all so focussed on the children's learning and enrichment experiences is something we are very proud of. The children were happy, confident and polite- a real credit to their parents and the school. When the report is written we will be able to share Ofsted's comments with you.

You may have seen some of our children out in the village on their bicycles in the recent weeks. Our older children took part in the Bikeability training sessions which gave them the skills and confidence to cycle on the roads safely. With so many of our children living in the village itself, it is vital that they are able to get to and from school safely. We have cycle racks at school and have children who enjoy the bike ride to school and back home.

The Easter Holidays will give the children a very much deserved 2-week holiday. By the time they return, the new Rainbows class teacher (Tessa Collison) will have arrived. Tessa has been a regular visitor to the school and has already been working with the children and getting acquainted with the staff and parents. Tessa's arrival means that Miss Ahmed sadly leaves us and although we are all going to miss her, she has become such a part of our Blakeney family that I am sure she will return for visits. Thank you, Miss Ahmed, for the hungry caterpillar costume the planetarium and especially the smiles!

The children will be out and about delivering hand-made Easter cards very soon but if you do not see them we would like to wish you all an especially bright and happy Easter, from us all at Blakeney C E VA Primary School.

Coastal Rowing Association of Blakeney Newsletter

At the time of writing, members of your local rowing club still have the great choice of whether to row on local Blakeney waters or to venture out from Cox's Boatyard on The Broads. *Bluejacket* is in the Carnser dinghy park and *Hoi Larntan* is at Cox's. By the time you read this newsletter, both skiffs should be back in Blakeney and then it will definitely be a case of looking forward to the summer months. The boats are looking immaculate with many members having worked very hard in the winter weeks to maintain them. Thanks to Barrie Borwell for hosting the skiffs at the Bayfield Brecks workshops and for supervising sanding, painting and varnishing. You can see many pictures of the work in progress, as well as photographs of "Crabbers" enjoying themselves whilst rowing, on the club website at crablakeney.wordpress.com.

The Coastal Rowing Association of Blakeney is ten years old this year! The summer rowing programme for 2023 is a full one. La Semaine du Golfe du Morbihan takes place between May 15th and May 20th in Brittany. The Broads Tour, which will be well attended by many clubs, will begin on June 26th and end on June 30th: this is a tremendous opportunity for members of the rowing community to meet, row and socialise. Thanks to Adrian Hodge for his co-ordination and management skills. There are other events on this year's calendar, both social and competitive, and this newsletter will keep you up to date with how the rowing club fares.

If you want to know more about the club's activities, or try skiff rowing for yourselves, contact Humphrey at hborgnis@icloud.com. Beginners and returning rowers are always welcome. Coaching and helpful advice will be available. There is no obligation to compete. Come along for a gentle and sociable row. Remember, you can keep up with the club's activities on Instagram, on Facebook and on the club's website at crablakeney.wordpress.com.

This would be a very good year to join your local rowing club!

Barry Howes

**Do you need care at home?
Call Sally on 07867 490846**

DBS checked

**10 years' experience
with excellent references**

Introducing Happy Mondays at Glaven Caring!



Join us for a deliciously nutritious, homemade lunch every Monday in good company – just the best way to start the week

A freshly cooked, two course meal – hot main course, pudding and a hot drink – for just £5

Starts Monday 17th April 12.30pm when the menu is roast chicken, stuffing, fresh vegetables and roast potatoes and apple crumble and custard for pudding

Please do pre-book – call 01263 740762 before 10am on Monday and do leave a message on the ansaphone

The Glaven Centre

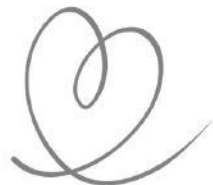
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info@glavencaring.co.uk

www.glavencaring.co.uk

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The Glaven Centre

Here at the Glaven we are in full admiration of the daffodils announcing their arrival, with their beautiful yellow trumpets. We love to celebrate each season and often refer back to the wonderful Edwardian naturalist, Edith Holden.

“Daffy-down-dilly has come up to town, in her yellow petticoat and her green gown.”

In other news, we have had a number of enquiries about our bathing service, which is included as part of our day price or as a separate offering. One client said that to be immersed in water after three years is pure heaven. She has just joined us and now comes every week, without fail. She treasures this time. Bathing has a number of benefits including elevating mood, helping you to sleep better, relieving muscle pain and soothing your skin.

We also have another exciting announcement: 'Happy Mondays' two-course meal including a hot drink for just £5 served at 1230 every Monday for the over 50s. Call us to book your place by 10 o'clock on the day. This commences on the 17th April and we kick-start this offering with roast chicken, with all the trimmings, and apple crumble and custard for pudding. Yum! We understand these are trying times for some individuals and our beautiful centre offers a safe, warm and inviting space. Why not come along and try it? We can assure you it will be worth it.

Janine Nelson

News from Blakeney Methodist Church

As I write, snow flurries are whirling outside my window in mid-March and there is a beautiful contrast between the crisp white of the snow and the bright yellow trumpets of the daffodils which, despite the circumstances they find themselves in, continue to raise their golden heads and remind me no matter how bleak things may seem, better things are to come. There is something almost magical about daffodils and indeed, all of the spring bulbs that we see during this season, how they hold their goodness under the soil, until the time is right to grow and to bloom. They remind me of a well-known reading from the book of Ecclesiastes in the Old Testament, which talks about there being a time for all things - it starts 'to everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven' (3:1) This verse is also particularly relevant for us at the Methodist Church, as we celebrate the active life and ministry of our little Church halfway up the High Street and recognise that we are in a season of change. With our regular Sunday congregation being very small for a number of years and an elderly building in need of repair, now is the time for us to take time to reflect and plan what our future over the next year will look like.

Although we are yet to have our Church Council, where formal decisions will be made, it is likely that the next 12 months will take the form of a reduction in Sunday Services to two a month from Easter until late summer, at which point regular Sunday worship will stop and the Methodist Society will probably 'cease to meet' - which is Methodist speak for recognising that the old ways of being church have come to

full fruition. In many ways this is very sad, and I have a deep feeling of not wanting the Society to cease to meet 'on my watch', but things as they stand are not viable. However, I also believe that the ministry of God endures beyond Sunday mornings, and as we approach the celebration of Easter and face Christ resurrected yet changed, so too the witness, fellowship and love of the church will continue, albeit in a different form. My contract will continue until next March, which gives me a whole year of being released from the traditional structure of the Methodist Church and the opportunity to try some new things, to go boldly and to where I feel God is leading me. I look forward to my last year here and to sharing the journey with you. Things will still be happening in the building and, as always, you are welcome to stop by for a chat and say hello whenever I'm there.

Either myself or Rev Jacqui will write again for the next edition of the GVN, by which time our plans will be a bit more solid as we will have held our spring Church Council. In the meantime, if you would like to know more, please email me on pilgrimchurchpioneer@outlook.com or call me on 07725 077810 and I'll be happy to chat.

Sam Parfitt

BLAKENEY FILM NIGHT

Happy Easter from the Film Night Team.

No Film Night in April - see you again
in May.

BLAKENEY VILLAGE HALL Monthly Craft Fairs for 2023

**Beginning Good
Friday and Easter Saturday
7th and 8th April**

Open 10 am-4 pm

**All talented local crafters
Free Admission, Free Parking,
refreshments
(dogs welcome)**

BLAKENEY HARBOUR ROOM EVENTS

FRIDAY APRIL 21st - SOUTHBOUND (doors open 8pm)
The sounds of Nashville will be landing at the Harbour Room courtesy of modern country rock band Southbound. Bringing their unique show to Blakeney, this fantastic 7-piece band play an awesome set from the likes of Luke Combs, Garth Brooks, Dolly Parton, Kieth Urban and Shania Twain for your toe tappin' pleasure.

The Harbour Room is open every morning (including Sunday) for breakfast from 9 - 12.

The Top Bar opens at 5pm Wednesday - Saturday and 12 noon on Sunday for our very popular Roast. Don't forget that on Thursdays we offer a home cooked curry and its fish and chips on Friday night.

Our regular free events for April will be:

OPEN MIC NIGHT - Thursday 13th April 7pm
We would love to see some more local talent, so come and show Blakeney yours!

FOLK CLUB - Sunday 9th April 3 - 6 pm
Come and listen, come and perform - all welcome

QUIZ NIGHT - Thursday 27th April 7pm
It's Curry night too!

OPEN STAGE IN THE HARBOUR ROOM - Sunday 30th April 7 - 10pm

The Folk Club welcomes any bands, duets or solo artists to take to the stage and perform with the help of a professional sound engineer. Singers, players and listeners all welcome.

Please visit our website and Facebook page for further events planned for the rest of the year.
www.blakeneyharbourroom.co.uk
Tickets for all events are available on 01263 741666

Debbie Reed & Peter Saunders

You may be aware that Debbie Reed and Peter Saunders tied the knot at Blakeney Church on 28 February last; they have been together for 46+ years. As you will know, Debbie is Blakeney born and bred and author of so many good deeds and supportive activities for so many. Peter, an Ely boy, has been resident, locally employed, and part of the landscape for some 50 years.

Many of the village and area took great joy from and interest in this event and we thought that this photograph deserved an airing for the many who had wished to be there.

(Photo is at GVN Online to view)

Antony Berrisford

BLAKENEY PARISH COUNCIL -
www.blakeneyparishcouncil.org.uk



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 (early Jan 2023) 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. Green row boat – split polyethylene, needs repair.
2. Kayak – yellow sit on – polyethylene
3. ~~Canoe – triple seater – green polyethylene~~ - Collected by owner
4. 1 x launching trolley
5. Project boat: - 2-man yellow kayak in poor condition
6. Project boat: - blue row boat in poor condition

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 15th April 2023**, 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.

- a. 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 21st April 2023**.
- b. 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.

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

Just a reminder, that we still have money left in our Community Covid Support Fund from the grant we received, and so if you or someone you know needs financial/hardship support right now, then please contact the Parish Clerk. Your enquiry will be dealt with in the strictest of confidence. Please do get in touch. (Call 01263 741106 or email: clerk@blakeneyparishcouncil.org.uk)

Local Government Elections – 4th May 2023 – We are fast approaching the next round of elections for North Norfolk District Council and Blakeney Parish Council, the 4-year cycle comes around quickly! The deadline for nominations which have to be submitted to North Norfolk District Council is 4th April at 4.00pm.

So, if you or someone you know, is interested in standing for either the District Council or our Parish Council, then time is running out. Nomination packs are available from the NNDC website of the Parish Office.

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...

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

RV/22/2830 – *Proposal; Variation of Condition 2 (approved plans) of planning permission PF/21/3073 to allow Rear Porch proposed to Plot 1. Existing hedge to south site boundary to be removed to enable new low level solid fence, hedge to be replanted when fence is complete and brise soleil removed from west elevation of plot 2 at, 43 New Road Blakeney. Resolved* – Noted.

LA/23/0398 – *Proposal; Replacement of ground floor front window at, 131 High Street, Blakeney. Resolved* – No objection.

PF/23/0397 – *Proposal; Rear and side two storey extensions, full remodel and adding insulating skin at, 8 Langham Road,*

Blakeney. Resolved – OBJECT; i) over development of site, ii) impact on surrounding properties, in particular ‘The Hide’, Queens Close, iii) concerns over the lack of adequate on-site parking if this application is permitted. (If permitted then Code of Construction Practice for Blakeney, to be sent to applicant.)

Our preference for the new road name in Blakeney, the development of the 3 dwellings on the old garage site, just of Queens Close, is **Glaven Close**, rather than ‘Brooks Close’ as was suggested by the developer.

FINANCE

Accounts totalling £25,082.93 were paid.

Clerk/RFO Report –

- i) **Annual Parish Meeting 2023 – Holt Medical Practice** have advised as follows; “the steer we got from the ICB was that we (HMP) have been advised to follow the process as set out in the Advice Note, which means that the next stage in the process is the HMP writing to the ICB as part of Stage 2. Stage is then where the involvement of the patients and key stakeholders takes place.” Ie. Holt Medical Practice will not be joining us for the APM.
- ii) **Carnser Car Park** – 2 new Car Park Attendants for the 2023 season have been appointed; Dave Fincham & David Owen.
- iii) **Sheila’s Way footpath** – I have been advised that the owners of 39 New Road, have removed the chestnut palling fence, therefore they did not accept the Parish Councils offer as per the minutes dated 4th October 2022.
- iv) **Lower Quay Staging Repairs** – The Blakeney Harbour Association (BHA) in consultation with the Trustees of the Red House Land/Bournes Corner, have advised as follows; Lower Quay Staging Repairs –
 - We have received enough pledges to cover the full cost of repairs
 - Simon Strong will undertake the works (date tbc)
 - The BHA will insure the staging going forward (public liability insurance)
 - The BHA believe that no further consents are required from any bodies such as Crown Commissioners or Natural England, as fundamentally we are only making good the broken staging.

v) **Information Commissioner’s Office** – A Cllr has questioned whether the question on the dinghy park registration form which reads; *‘I am a Member of (please circle): Blakeney Sailing Club – Blakeney Harbour Association – Neither,* is in fact GDPR compliant. The Dinghy Park Management Committee, feel that this

- i) information is justified for the future management of the dinghy park. Whether such a question regarding membership is deemed to be 'personal' information and can or cannot be included, has been forwarded to the ICO by The Clerk for clarification. *(The ICO has confirmed, that our reasons for collection can be deemed as compliant.)*
- ii) **New contactless P&D Machine Carnser** – has now been installed and is due to be commissioned this week.
- iii) **Overflow Car Park** – the new field gate, on Langham Road has now been installed.
- iv) **Funding for Electric Vehicle Charing Points in Norfolk** – This has been brought to the attention of the Chairman of the Blakeney Village Hall Trust as requested by Norfolk ALC.

Blakeney Parish Council has accepted the **Street Lighting upgrade** quotes from Cozens UK Ltd, and we will now apply for 50% grant funding.

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

Blakeney Surgery – *Cllr Nigel Sutcliffe* told the meeting that in addition to the comments made by the Clerk at 8.2 i) BPC had received a reply from HMP to the four FOI requests made. These stated the following: -

- i) HMP have no business plan.
- ii) They declined to provide budget details on the ground it contains both personal and sensitive data. They did acknowledge that their 'Global Sum' had increased each year.
- iii) Blakeney surgery is owned outright by the Partners of HMP.
- iv) They were unable to provide data of the number of patients who use Blakeney surgery to book a medical consultation or collect prescriptions.

In relation to point 4 the receptionists at Blakeney surgery have recently started to collect data of all patients who use the surgery. A letter from BPC has been sent to the Director of Primary Care Commissioning at the NHS Norfolk and Waveney Integrated Care Board, who are the authority for granting GP services to HMP. The letter outlines the action BPC has taken so far and explains our opposition to the proposal by HMP to close Blakeney surgery. This letter is supported by and has been signed by our local MP Mr Duncan Baker. We now await further developments.'

Members were in receipt of the draft minutes from the **Coronation Events Committee** meeting which was held on 7th February 2023.

BPC & NT Working Group – Cllr Thew gave a verbal update following yesterday's meeting; Carnser corner repair imminent, 2023/24 draft agreement is expected for the April PC meeting, Carnser land ownership; NT are satisfied that their deeds prove ownership, Carnser slipway due to be repaired before 1st April and licence to be granted for bonfire and fireworks event 2023.

CORRESPONDENCE –

Confirmed that we are happy to allow **Threshold Sports** to use our venue (playing field & overflow car park) for the **2024 MacMillan Mighty Hike** on 18th & 19th May.

The Traffic Management Working Group will meet to consider the implications of the updated legal position in relation to the **Village Hall Car Park** and in turn make recommendations to BPC and for a bespoke meeting to then be had between BPC and the Blakeney Village Hall Trust.

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


PF/22/2547 & LA/22/2545 – 16 Westgate Street, Blakeney – Internal & external works to dwelling including insertion of new window in reduced opening in south elevation. Reinstatement of west elevation window and replacement flat roof incorporating flat roof light – **Approved.**

RV/23/0014 – Land East of 21 Queens Close, Blakeney – Variation of conditions 2 (approved plans) and 6 (parking) of planning permission (RV/22/2280 Demolition of redundant garages and erection of 3 dwellings with associated parking) to allow for the addition of solar panels) to allow for amended parking arrangements for all properties – **Approved.**

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

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.

Next Full Council meeting; Tuesday 4th April 2023.



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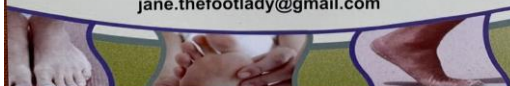
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Thoughts from the Rectory for April 2023

Dear Friends,

We're now finally in a position to host another Alpha Course in the Glaven Valley, which we're looking forward to enormously, and which we'd love to invite you to join in with. This will be held in Blakeney Church (in the big flexible space at the back of church), on Thursday evenings, starting at 7.15, with the first session on 27th April. Alpha is an opportunity to explore the Christian faith in a relaxed, friendly context, with the aid of some excellent new films, and small group discussion. Each of the 8 sessions begins with a meal together, provided by our first-rate catering crew! It's therefore also another great way to meet new people.

I hope that by the time this edition comes out, you'll have seen some publicity for this. Please contact me at any time, if you'd like to sign up for the course, or just find out more. We're offering this especially to anyone who hasn't yet had the chance to enjoy an Alpha Course, however much or little contact you may have had with church before. Do join us!

Meanwhile, please do be aware that Wiveton Church is closed for the time being, while essential repair work is being done to the chancel roof. Many readers will know that a large beam fell down in August 2019, and a temporary repair was done while we raised the money to set about the full work of necessary restoration. Happily, that task has been accomplished (thank you again to all who helped make that happen), and we're now in a position to proceed. The church and churchyard are due to be closed from 27th March for a few months. This means that the services that normally take place in Wiveton will be spread around other churches in the benefice, as laid out in the service schedule below.

Easter Day is of course on the 9th April this year. On Easter Day itself, there will be a service in each of our churches (or in Wiveton's case, on the Green!), plus a Sunrise Service on Cley Beach, which should be well worth getting up for, especially if it's a fine day! But there are many extra services in Holy Week, from Palm Sunday onwards, to mark the wonderful and profound events celebrated in the days leading up to Good Friday and Easter. We hope you'll be able to join for many or any of those.

Please do note that our monthly Bereavement Support Group, which normally meets on the 2nd Monday of the month, will change in April and May, because of bank holidays, and we'll meet on April 17th and May 15th respectively. Anyone suffering with any sort of bereavement is very welcome to come along. Do contact me for more details.

I wish you all a blessed experience during this wonderful and important season. God bless, Richard.

NB: Do check our benefice website for any last-minute changes: 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:

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glavenvalleybenefice@yahoo.co.uk

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Funerals:

Betty Carr sadly died in February. We held a Memorial Service for her (following her earlier funeral in Marlowe) in Blakeney Church on Friday 31st March. Please remember Joe and their family in your 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 2023
SERVICE SCHEDULE
NB: No services in Wiveton

SUNDAY 2nd	<i>Palm Sunday</i>	
10.30	Procession of Palms: from the Methodist Church to St Peter's to St Nicholas'	Blakeney
11.00	Benefice Communion (CW) [<i>& streamed</i>]	Blakeney
6.00	Sacred Space	Cley
Mon 3rd	7.00 – Night Prayer	Glandford
Tues 4th	7.00 – Night Prayer	Glandford
Wed 5th	10.00 – Holy Communion (BCP)	Cley
	7.00 – Night Prayer	Glandford
Maundy Thurs 6th	7.00 – HC with Agape Meal & Foot-washing <i>[please be sure to sign up in advance, for catering purposes]</i>	Cley
Good Friday 7th	10.15 – Walk of Witness	from Blakeney Pastures...
	...11.00 – Seven Last Words	Blakeney
	2.00 – Meditation at the Cross	Letheringsett
SUNDAY 9th	<i>Easter Day</i>	
6.00	Sunrise Service	Cley Beach
8.00	Holy Communion (BCP)	Cley
9.30	Holy Communion (CW) [<i>& streamed</i>]	Blakeney
11.15	Holy Communion (BCP)	Letheringsett
11.15	Easter Family Service	Wiveton Green
11.15	Holy Communion (BCP)	Glandford
Thur 13th	Evening Prayer	Glandford
SUNDAY 16th	<i>Easter 2 (Low Sunday)</i>	
9.30	Celtic Communion (CW) [<i>& streamed</i>]	Blakeney
9.30	Morning Prayer	Letheringsett
11.15	Café Church	Cley
Wed 19th	Holy Communion (BCP) 10.00am	Cley
Thur 20th	Evening Prayer	Glandford
SUNDAY 23rd	<i>Easter 3</i>	
8.00	Holy Communion (BCP)	Cley
9.30	Holy Communion (CW) [<i>& streamed</i>]	Blakeney
6.30	Evensong	Glandford
Thur 27th	Evening Prayer	Glandford
SUNDAY 30th	<i>Easter 4 [5th Sunday]</i>	
11.00	Benefice Communion (CW) [<i>& streamed</i>]	Blakeney
6.00	Glaven Sings Gospel	Blakeney

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

Cley

“Rising Stars” Concert Cley Church 4th March

THURSDAY’S AT 3PM, CLEY CHURCH

After an Easter break our Thursdays@Three summer series opens with:

Thursday April 20th

Music for A Trio with Ian Summers (bassoon), Robert FitzGerald (recorder), Wyatt Earp (flute) and Angela Dugdale (continuo).

Thursday April 27th

Continuing the exploration of the Waltz, this programme sees us explore The French Valse with Wyatt Earp (flute) and Angela Dugdale (piano).

Wyatt Earp

Cley Village Hall News

Our **live Theatre Performance** of 2 short comedy thrillers was a great success and much enjoyed by the audience. Thank you all for taking a dive into the unknown waters that is the non-professional theatre world - I hope you found it entertaining and worth your while! The bar takings on the night left the treasurer in good spirits, too (pardon the pun!) Meanwhile we heard that the same theatre company are planning a **return visit** to Cley VH in September with a one man show. We will blow the trumpets for this nearer the time, and yes, it’s nice to hear that they liked Cley so much they want to be back!

Meanwhile our **programme of repairs and renewals** in the hall is continuing. The next step will be a replacement of all the old radiators with more modern and efficient ones fitted with temperature control valves that will allow us to regulate and shut them off individually (not possible on the old all-or-nothing system) and thereby save energy.

The **playground equipment** (with the exception of the swings) is also getting very dated and is very much on the to-do list. This will be a big job with plenty of research and planning. No miracles!

It is very rewarding to see that with the success of the **Warm Space** programme the village hall is becoming a real community centre again. We very much hope to see these open days continue beyond the original date as they have become an important fixture in the life of our community.

Gunhild Espelage
treasurer@cleyvillagehall.org.uk

Wyatt Earp, the impresario of the Cley concert series, promised us a real treat. He was right. Three students of the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama, Rhys Herbert (cello), Ellie Kershaw (clarinet) and Tom Scott (piano), are all moving onwards and upwards. Rhys has just won the Royal Welsh Concerto 2023 competition, from September Ellie will be studying at the Royal College and Tom at the Royal Academy of Music. They opened with John Ireland’s clarinet trio. Ireland regarded the clarinet as the finest woodwind instrument and it is surprising, he did not write more for it. Trio was written in his early thirties (1912/14) but only performed twice in public and then largely forgotten. Stephen Fox put it back together in 2002/3. It is a wonderful evocation of the English countryside and owes, perhaps, more to Ireland’s contemporary, Ralph Vaughan Williams, than Ireland’s French mentors, Debussy and Ravel. Wonderful evocative stuff – no surprise Tom was a finalist in the 2022 John Ireland competition.

Robert Schumann’s *Fantasiestücke* (opus 73) was written in just two days in February 1849 during a very busy period. The title suggests three separate fantasies (Schumann liked fantasies) he probably intended these three (tenderly with expression, lively and light and quick with fire) as an integral whole. They begin in A minor moving to A major and staying there.

All three composers, as it happened, had mental health problems, Sergei Rachmaninov in particular. He was pressured into writing his first symphony but the premiere was such a disaster he did not write another note for three years until a hypnotherapist, Dr Nikolai Dahl got him to write another piano concerto, premiered with great success in April 1901. His confidence restored, Rachmaninov wrote his cello sonata for his great friend Anatoli Brandukov and December saw an acclaimed premiere. The fireworks come from the piano and we are lucky in St Margaret’s, Cley to have, thanks to Brenda Blewett, the piano to do it justice. But hearing the work as a piano sonata with cello accompaniment is unfair and wrong. Rachmaninov knew what he was doing and, in this performance, the two instruments were perfectly balanced.

We loved the whole concert but, in my opinion, Sergei provided the icing on the cake. What a wonderful afternoon.

Tim Ambler

**Glaven Valley
Bereavement Support Group
will meet on Monday 17th April**
at Merchants House, Blakeney
4.00pm to 5.30pm.
Anyone who has suffered
bereavement is very welcome.
Refreshments at 3.50pm

**‘Quay Rack....’
Report from Cley Harbour Committee**

As the days are getting longer and we approach the change to daylight saving time on March 26, boats have started to reappear on the Quay from winter storage and Cley Harbour Committee volunteers have come out of hibernation.

The long-promised canoe rack has been built and has quickly filled up with upwards of 20 canoes, kayaks and paddle boards. This has not only significantly tidied the quay side but also provides much safer storage for the growing number of Cley residents who are taking to the water with paddles and oars. Discussions are already taking place about a possible extension but in the meantime, the ever-willing volunteers will be put to work on clearing reeds and debris that has accumulated over the winter months and on providing improved access to the water from the new canoe rack.

Many thanks are due to Mark Lynton who hosted a splendid wine tasting at his home early in February. In addition to raising important funds to support Harbour Committee projects, we learnt a great deal about wine from Mark’s vast experience, some of which we may remember!

While planning continues for further works and improvements, dates for your diary in 2023 include: Harbour Day – Tuesday 1 August (4pm to 9pm), Cockle Day – Saturday 16 September and Carols on the Quay – Sunday 10 December.



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Cley Parish Council’s Chairman’s Report

Don’t forget that you will need photo ID (passport, drivers’ licence, a Blue Badge, bus pass etc.) to vote in the local elections on May 4th. These don’t have to be current – as long as you still look like your photo. If you don’t have any of these documents you can apply for a postal vote before 18th April or a Voter Authority Certificate by 25th April. Contact NNDC on 01263513811, www.north-norfolk.gov.uk/voterID or the clerk on 07812384889 for more information.

We still have moneys for energy support from our £2,500 Community Support Grant so do please contact the clerk if we can assist you at all, clerk.cley@gmail.com or 07812384889. All enquiries will be treated confidentially.

Hopefully by the time you read this our new community café will be up and running Wednesdays 10-4. We’re hoping for a grant by May but we think we’ve enough money to run till then, and if not, we have been generously offered donations. We will definitely offer bingo in the afternoons and possibly knit n natter in the mornings.

Our fantastic Toad Patrollers have saved 350 toads, 57 frogs and 8 newts at time of writing and it’s still early in the migration period. We are very grateful to all the hardy volunteers who have walked miles each evening in sometimes very inclement weather. Also, many thanks to our clerk Gemma for her superb organizational skills.

Our litter pick was very successful and huge thanks to everyone who helped. We collected 18 bags of rubbish which demonstrates the size of the problem. We’ll hold another pick possibly after Easter.

The Neighbourhood Plan consultation on Conservation and Heritage was very well attended and it was great to hear all your views of what makes Cley special and what you would like to protect and conserve. There was support for dark skies, tranquility, flint walls, key views and other heritage features - all your suggestions are being collated.

We are very excited to have received a Lottery grant of £1180 for our Coronation tea party. We'll be using the money to make our party even more splendid.

Cley Parish Council supports Blakeney Parish Council in its fight to prevent the proposed closure of Blakeney Surgery. This would be a huge loss to Blakeney and surrounding villages, such as Cley, where many residents are older and need local access to healthcare. There is practically no public transport into Holt or Melton Constable, so access to a GP and prescriptions will be very difficult for those without cars, should the surgery close completely. The current provision at Blakeney is limited (though better than nothing) but we would like to see a full service reinstated.

Regarding the removal of the telegraph poles down to the beach, NNDC say their review of historical usage of the emergency phone at the beach and mobile phone coverage at the location will take some time. I'm trying to find out how Salthouse Beach has an emergency phone with the cable seemingly buried underground but so far haven't come up with an answer.

With regard to Holt Hill gritting, Highways say their gritters are at capacity and the only way to have this added to their route would be to remove an equivalent length of gritted road elsewhere, which is disappointing. We have asked Sanders for their support as the school buses use this road.

Quite a few of you have said you would prefer the sea walls not to be cut so frequently. There is the issue of disturbing nesting birds with the early cuts, which with your help has been hopefully mitigated. The Environment Agency says the cuts are necessary to protect the banks from erosion. They have a program this year with six weekly cuts to reduce the Alexanders – they have research to show this is working – and they are reseeded with grass and wildflower mix. This is said to have been approved by their biodiversity experts and Natural England, but please contact me if you have strong feelings about this program.

There are now some signage and way markers on the Hangs footpath (more to come) though the gate to the Coast Road is still locked. The Clerk is discussing with the footpath officer.

We have approved the budget to buy camping stoves with gas canisters and lanterns to use in power cuts but haven't yet found anywhere to store them. We would also like to identify volunteers to distribute in the event of power cut.

The next meeting is Thursday April 13th 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 noticeboard and website.

Dr Victoria Holliday, Chair
avictoriaholliday@icloud.com

victoria.holliday@north-norfolk.gov.uk, 07557054629

Rising Stars Concert in Cley on Saturday 4th March

St. Margaret's wonderful building played host to an exceptional concert which the Friends Of Cley had laid on as part of their ongoing series Thursdays @ Three. A fuller account of the music played is given elsewhere but it was a special treat to hear playing of such high quality from these emerging, talented performers who are all in their last year in Cardiff before going on to further their musical studies in London.

The programme began by introducing all three players (Tom Scott piano, Rhys Herbert cello and Ellie Kershaw clarinet) with a relatively unfamiliar piano trio by John Ireland, featuring a fine dexterous clarinet contribution from Ellie as well as sensitive ensemble playing. The Schumann Fantasiestücke which followed was not the usual clarinet version, but an arrangement for cello and piano in contrasting moods to which Rhys did full justice and Tom provided a nicely judged supportive accompaniment. Then the well-known cello sonata by Rachmaninov provided us with a most memorable conclusion. This piece demands considerable stamina and musicianship from both players, including not just amazing fireworks for the piano but also some aching, melodic lines which were hauntingly picked up by the cello. Tom himself proved firmly in control of all the technical challenges whilst still allowing the music to speak to us directly. He made a formidable foil to the cello, with Rhys matching the piano's soft clear sounds with a rich vibrant tone of his own that penetrated to the furthest corners of our lovely building.

We want to thank them for this wonderful concert and wish them all well in their future careers. They are of course assured of a very warm welcome here in Cley if time and their busy schedules permit them to return. At their request we are sending a cheque for £400 to the Ukranian Appeal from the generous donations taken afterwards.

Wyatt Earp



Our popular Thursdays @ 3 Music in the Afternoons restarts after Easter on April 20th and runs till July 20th.

The concert held by the three student musicians from the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama was amazing. St Margaret's was a perfect setting for their energetic, enthusiastic and talented performance which I think is reviewed much more expertly elsewhere. We are very grateful we had the opportunity to host them

More later about exciting concerts planned for the summer!

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*

Wiveton

SAVE THE DATE

**WIVETON WANDER –
SATURDAY 10th JUNE**

Following the phenomenal success of our Wiveton Wander in 2019, we are once again holding this event, which gives a glimpse behind the hedges and walls into the gorgeous gardens of Wiveton.

More details to follow.

CHURCH CLOSURE

St Mary's Wiveton will be closed towards the end of March until approximately the end of July for repairs to the Chancel roof to be carried out. Huge thanks to everyone for your incredible support, which has enabled this much-loved church to be saved.

Emma Bridgewater Wiveton Church Mug

I still have some of these very beautiful mugs, designed by Matthew Rice. There were only 500 produced so they will definitely be Collectors' items in the future! If you would like to buy one/some - or look at them - or if you know any avid Emma Bridgewater collectors, please contact me (details below). The mugs are £25 each. Payment can be made either by bank transfer to:

Wiveton PCC Fabric Account
Sort Code 40-52-40
Account No 00012135

or cash, on collection.

200 Club

March's 1st Prize Winners were Jim and Anne Crossley, with a prize of £65. There's still time to join! Just email me or pick up a leaflet from the Church.

*Anthea de Loynes
Chair of the Friends of Wiveton Church
antheadeloynes@aol.com
07746 018310*

Glandford

No News from Glandford this month.

Letheringsett

Easter Lilies at St Andrew's

A reminder for anyone who would like to buy a lily in memory of departed family members or friends. In case you missed the last GVN (March) issue the Lillies will be available for collection after the Easter Sunday service.

If you have not already done so would anyone interested, please let me know as soon as possible or at least by Sunday April 2nd.

John Pridham 01328831851
Jcwpridham@gmail.com



King Charles III

Community Coronation Celebration Event
Saturday May 6th 2023- 5pm onwards.



WHERE- Village Hall, Blakeney

BRING- Yourself and friends, plus a cake or dessert for the sharing table

PROVIDED- Cash Bar & Food Catering Vans (hot food to purchase, if we are successful with our grant, then possibly provided free of charge or at least subsidised), however **FREE** entry for all and includes; Children's Entertainment, Face Painting, Live Band 'Night Train' (suitable for all) and more besides, still being confirmed!

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I would love to join the Community Coronation Celebration Event on Saturday 6th May 2023, commencing at 5pm in the Blakeney Village Hall.

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on

Wednesday 19th April

12noon to 2.00pm.

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choice of hot homemade
desserts before changing to our
Summer menu in May.**

**Visitors to Blakeney are also
most welcome. Donations
welcome.**



St Nicholas' Church, Blakeney Mini-Food Bank

We are very pleased to announce that Spar at Westgate Street, Blakeney, has very kindly agreed to provide a donation box in the shop for anyone who would like to donate items for our Food Bank at St Nicholas' Church, Blakeney.

We would be very pleased to receive any of the following items:

Coffee and tea, cereals, long life products, tinned meat or fish, tins of soup, vegetable oil, jams and preserves, puddings and any types of toiletries, toilet rolls, washing detergent and cleaning items.

All items gratefully received will go straight back to the community, working together within the Glaven Valley.

Richard and the team at Blakeney.

THE GREAT BLAKENEY BREAKFAST!

**in St Nicholas' Church,
Blakeney will be held on**

Wednesday 5th 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's a great place to bring friends and to make new ones. Visitors to Blakeney are very welcome. Donations welcome.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Langham Dome Museum will be open again on Thursday 6th April 2023



www.langhamdome.org Facebook. Instagram. Twitter.

The beautiful sunshine that we've had lately has focused our minds on the fact that Opening Day is right around the corner! Our first day for the 2023 Season will be Thursday 6th April, 10 am till 4pm.

In March our magnificent replica Spitfire will be mounted on its plinth and pilot Dickie will once again be keeping watch over the Dome!

We have 6 new volunteers on board this year. Having had a new recruiting poster out this winter it was well received, and we had replies from several interesting candidates. They will be joining our newly appointed Assistant Manager, Scott Eltringham, at the Dome for an Induction Course on how our volunteers interact with our visitors.

Last year we were over the moon to have received The TripAdvisor Award 2022, making us one of the top 10 % of attractions in the world! A big part of this was down to our wonderful group of volunteers, who help present the unique history of the Dome to our visitors. You only have to check out our 5-star reviews to see the public's comments!

Scott is spending time looking for new lines for the Gift Shop, to keep things as tempting as possible! He is also doing a great job with our social media output. If you're on Facebook and Instagram, you may like to follow his hugely interesting posts about the stories that surrounded the Dome in WW2. RAF Langham was part of Coastal Command and has an abundance of heroic and sometimes tragic tales to tell.

We've been fundraising like crazy for a much-needed new Projector System for the Dome. One of our Trustees, Roland Goodison is cycling the C2C, 146 miles across the country, to help raise money for the new system. The films are the HEART of our museum. The very purpose of the Dome was to project moving images of enemy planes onto its scurved surfaces to enable trainee gunners to hone their skills. Those film are still used by our visitors today, but the projectors are also used to show our intriguing films narrated by Stephen Fry, which explain the history of, and the stories of Langham Dome, the airfield, and its connection to Langham Village.

We've done well so far, but still need help to reach our target. If you would like to help with our fund raising, you can donate via the QR Code above or of course, at the Dome itself from 6th April.

We can't wait to see you all soon, both new and returning visitors!

Deborah Wilson. Manager. Langham Dome Museum. Registered Charity Number: 1157742

District Councillor's report March 23 From NNDC

Planning

The new Local Plan has been approved for submission for examination. There will be a further opportunity to make representations.

Coast

The Maritime and Coastguard Agency has been granted more powers to crack down on dangerous jet ski use. From March 31st, jet skis and personal watercraft will have to comply with the Highways Code of the Sea, e.g., remaining at 8 knots when within 200 yards of the low water mark. Infringers will receive an unlimited fine and or 2 years in prison. The Coastal Maintenance Team have removed metal debris from Salthouse Beach.

Well-being

This year's mammoth marathon has been cancelled.

Leisure

It may be that a sewage leak from Gimingham is responsible for the loss of three of our Blue Flag beaches.

Sustainable growth

The first tranche (£150k) of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund is with NNDC for disbursement.

Housing

There are 2764 households on the housing list with 275 homes let or under shared ownership. There are 75 households in temporary accommodation. NNDC will be piloting a private sector leasing scheme whereby NNDC leases a property.

Benefits

The Household Support Fund extension is live. Eligible households who didn't receive the cost-of-living payment receive £100. Details can be found on the NNDC website under Household Support Fund.

The Financial Inclusion Team will be contacting you if you're eligible for Pension Credit but not claiming it.

The early intervention team at NNDC can help you if you're at risk of homelessness. As soon as you think you're at risk, Call 01263513811 or email early.intervention@north-norfolk.gov.uk.

Environment

A new weekly kerbside collection of used household batteries (e.g., torches, fire alarms, button batteries NOT car or laptop, phone batteries etc) has been launched. Put the batteries in a clear bag on top of whichever bin is due to be emptied. The batteries will then be recycled. At the moment, this service is only available to those using wheellie bins.

Kerbside waste electrical and electronic equipment recycling collection has also launched. This is for items such as hairdryers, toasters etc.

Finance

A balanced budget is proposed for 2023/24. £1 million of savings are proposed to combat inflationary pressures. I'm not aware of any cuts in services as a result Council tax is increasing by 3.1% or £4.95 for a Band D Property.'

I spoke with the Environment Agency regarding the Shoreline Management Plan refresh. The section covering Hunstanton to Kelling Hard is to be little changed- there is just one revision with Blakeney Freshes, which was managed realignment but now is hold the line as the sea wall had to be rebuilt after 2013. I'm told if we'd didn't flood in 2013, we're ok till 2050.

I'm working with Blakeney Parish Council, HealthWatch Norfolk (the body which holds healthcare providers to account) and MP Duncan Baker to fight the proposed closure of Blakeney Surgery. This would be a huge loss to Blakeney and surrounding villages. The demographics of our villages is such that local access to healthcare is vital.

Public transport to Holt and Melton Constable is practically non-existent, and it will therefore be almost impossible for those without cars to see a GP or collect prescriptions.

I congratulate Blakeney on their successful journey towards adopting their Neighbourhood Plan.

*Dr Victoria Holliday
Elected Member, Coastal Ward
Chair, Cley Parish Council
Director, NorfolkALC
07557054629*

Charity RESCUE: WOODEN: BOATS update

We hope when you read this our season starting on April 9th will be under way and you may even have already visited our Maritime Heritage Centre in Stiffkey, where in the former officers' mess in the old 1938 built military training camp, you can find photographs, films and artefacts telling the stories of our local 20th century fishing communities who built and used wooden boats to earn their livings. You might also have been taken across to the nearby boatbuilding workshop to see world class craftsmanship restoring various wooden crab boats. A visitor said, "it's like going through a portal into another world".

We also have sweatshirts, T shirts, bags, hats, tea towels, mugs, prints of *Lucy Lavers* and more - for sale. We are open Sundays and Bank Holiday Mondays from 11- 4, Stiffkey, NR231QF.

The local fishermen then were of course also the lifeboatmen. We have restored locally serving Liverpool lifeboat *Lucy Lavers* who served twice in the relief fleet in Wells and was a Dunkirk Little Ship. She has another life afloat in Wells giving historic pleasure trips, run on our behalf by Liam Pink of Curlew Coastal Charters. You can charter the whole boat for special events or join a tour. See our website for details on www.rescuewoodenboats.com

Our former Wells Whelker, *Harvester*, has been restored by her skipper Will Darby and with her rig now cut down from a gaff with a bowsprit to a lugsail she is looking terrific. Give her a wave and a cheer if you see her in Blakeney, Morston or further afield!

This year we are hosting a number of special groups who like to plan outings to our Maritime Heritage Centre as well

as a trip aboard *Lucy Lavers*, which we are very happy to organise outside our normal opening hours. If you know of any groups of twenty or so who might be interested in adding us to their programmes, do get in touch or pass on our details.

And a date for your diary! We will be hosting again the Maritime Heritage Festival and Flotilla linked to Wells Carnival. This will be on Saturday 29 and Sunday 30 July. Heritage local wooden fishing boats will be on display on both days and the spectacular flotilla will take place on Saturday afternoon. There will be stalls and entertainment and more as before so a great a family day out – more details later. If you'd like to join our volunteer team do call or email for a chat. An hour or two from time to time is all that's needed!

Wendy Pritchard wpp@wendypritchard.co.uk
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Letter's & Articles

Wells East Hills



Following a spring tide off these marshes offers a slippery promise of solitude. Those with boats have left, so the path emerging from the water holds just me. My staff, an antenna, gives a sixth sense as it punctures the soft skin of this world, offering advice but little support. Now and then it makes direct contact with the past. Under the mud lie the old rails used by the trucks that carried spent shells during the war. The cricks are more difficult now, and one day they will be the moats that stop my coming here. I can get over them if I use my staff like a pole-vaulter, but I never land well and today I'll get a wet arse as I crumple on impact. Even though I know this featureless expanse well, the beginning of the little-used path can slip by as if it doesn't want to be found. Fewer people know it than I have fingers on one hand. Oddly as I progress it becomes more clearly defined, as if increasing certainty gets written in the mud.

As the marsh ends, the deep slippery width of the sluice creek has to be half swum, half waded. Stripping off and holding my clothes over my head, I plunge through. The last of the ebb ensures that I am alone, so with the wind cool between my legs (I'll get dressed at some point when I'm dry), I move into another landscape. The low grass-covered dunes to my left have sagged out to provide a dry sandy path curving around to the north-west. Then sea

lavender: an ocean of it fills the view ahead. As the sea lights the northern sky for just a brief moment each year, sea lavender illuminates everything here, a wonderful yet entirely accidental wash of colour that lifts this normally muted tides cape to a bright and busy world complete with soundtrack. I have been stung by bees more often here than anywhere. This place gives me ease. Here my love of colour, isolation, a lifetime's familiarity; what was and what is fuse. It is deeply personal, mine, only mine. The lavender changes from a soft mauve at my feet to the softest blue in the distance where a bright ribbon of sand separates it from the sea and the sky. If only I could choose where to die.

The higher dunes I am approaching are cloaked in pines and form an arc to the west and northwest. They enclose a bay filled with salt marsh surrounding Longwater, a shallow occasional lake, full and blue today as the tides are big. Flocks of gulls take flight as I top the ridge. A few years ago, I came here with a dear and dying friend, and we sat atop this dune and talked. He said he wasn't afraid of dying, and although a Christian didn't expect an afterlife.

He was wrong: an afterlife he's most certainly had. Nobody who touched as many lives as he did could fail to leave a shadow through time. Like me he believed that while it is good to travel, if only to look back with appreciation, and while there is an infinity of knowledge, either way it is perhaps better to know your own world well than to have a stone-skipping grasp of many. I never come here without him, and other ghosts walk with us, so perhaps isolation is not such a good description. The loss of those we love is healed by time, but its charge for this is their slow erasure from memory, so a place like this, where briefly they return, is precious, four dimensional, each ghost taking a turn to remind you of a world now gone, how each one knew this place, how it fitted into their very different lives. Some had come here with me for the first time, others knew it better than me, but all of us were like beads strung on the same thread of knowing.

Returning, the wet sand flats ahead are a blue inversion of the sky, but on dry days when the wind is strong, they can come alive, the sand drifting like snow. I once took shelter from it, leaving my cockle bike in a drain. When I returned, I found it buried, just an inch of handlebar visible. This is a vast, fluid and ever-changing place, with the sand flats extending at least four miles to the east. My footprints will break that blue mirror today, and often when I look back, I'll see them meandering as if I'm drunk, but I've found that if I line up a couple of objects, an old oil drum and a pine tree perhaps, and keep looking at them as I walk, I can set a perfectly straight course. If only it were that easy in life. This is a place that only records a deeper time, the relentless accretive rise of the salt marsh, the steady spread of spartina and the ever-growing sand flats. Flocks of small waders fill the sky as I approach, leaving a busy pattern of activity in the mud, but along with my serpentine imprints that pattern will not be here tomorrow. Every day's indentations are washed away, every day a new day. It's easy to forget that here you are making your way across the bed of the sea. In four hours', time, the

place where I am standing will be six feet under water and at the height of a tidal storm, I'd be swirling round in waves ten feet high.

Some years ago, I sailed my small cruiser round by sea and got her as far up Sluice Creek as I could. I enjoyed the days and the starry nights spent here. A childhood friend was cox of the Wells lifeboat, so each morning I made my way to the lifeboat station for a coffee and a chat. He too walks with us. Those few days were very special, seeing the world from a calmer viewpoint. An account I made at the time reads: "Coming up through the hatch with wide night-attuned eyes a blaze of stars splashed across the sky as magnificent as I have ever seen, Orion's Sword pointing at my bow and Ursa Major on my shoulder, hanging above the pines like a great axe. Only from the bottom of the Grand Canyon have I seen such a sky, the clouds of stars along the galactic plane like silver dust, aptly named by the Chinese as The Celestial River. Many people might be, should be, humbled by such a sight. For myself, I felt humbled by the towering black silhouette of my mast looming supernaturally large above me, the sky behind so bright I could see the rigging."

G.S

Dear Editor,

We recently read the letter from "GS" entitled "Lament for a Lost World" and it struck a real chord with us as we are trying to buy a property in Blakeney after selling our house near Fakenham. We visit Blakeney a lot throughout the year to walk and browse the independent shops or have a coffee, lunch or afternoon tea in one of the several places that offer food and beverages. It is amazing how often we come across something new each time we visit.

We always find that local people are very friendly and we also often meet people we know from outside the village while we are strolling around. The wide range of activities at the church and village hall is impressive. We never miss breakfast and lunch at the church!

It is a shame that nearly half of the properties are rental cottages or second homes as this restricts the choice of properties for sale to local and retired people like us. We would like to get involved with supporting the church, school (where our grandson is a pupil), Glaven Centre and Royal British Legion branch, but it is difficult from a distance.

So, we look forward to being able to integrate ourselves with the local community in Blakeney in the, hopefully, not too distant future.

J & N H

Latest news from Duncan Baker MP

It's been a busy a very busy time with a huge amount going on around North Norfolk. We have saved local services, seen good progress on long-standing issues, and delivered 112 generators to Lviv in Ukraine. This last point means so very much to me. We took these generators, generously donated by people across North Norfolk, and brought them right to where they were

needed most; to schools, hospitals, orphanages, and to the soldiers fighting Putin's illegal invasion on the front line - more on this later.

Saving Postal Services in Sheringham

It is fantastic news that Sheringham will see a new Post Office at Barney's in the centre of town. We said we wouldn't give up until this service was protected - and we certainly kept that promise. For the last few months, conversations have been taking place for Barney's to be the new central home for the Post Office. A huge thank you to Jigen, his team, and the town council who have all been helping to achieve this. A consultation in the town will now follow, but if all goes well, we should see a mid-March opening.

President Zelenskyy's Visit to Parliament

It was an incredibly special moment when President Zelenskyy addressed both Houses of Parliament on the 8th of February. I thought it was quite fitting that he chose his second visit outside of Ukraine, since the war began, to be to the United Kingdom. It shows the incredible support our country has given and the deep mutual respect between our nations.

North Norfolk Power 4 Ukraine

Thank you to all the people of North Norfolk who donated a generator or money to help us deliver 112 generators to the people of Ukraine. To schools, hospitals, orphanages, and soldiers fighting on the front line. All of us who took part in the trip simply cannot begin to thank those of you who supported the campaign enough. My enormous and enduring thanks to Rob Scammell, Michelle Foulkes, Paul East, Jayne Morton, Leon Calder and Anna Kolomiichuk who travelled over 2400 miles with me, to see this mission achieved.

Stiffkey Bridge

A nice local story here, after many months of working together with the local National Trust team, I'm very pleased to be able to tell you that the bridge on Stiffkey Marsh is planned to be replaced! My primary concern was for safety and the risk that families could be cut off from the rising tide if the bridge was not replaced. At the time the National Trust explained that they were finalising a full review of the site. I have continued to represent everyone and lobbied to see the bridge replaced.

The National Trust said: "We can't give a timescale at this stage as to when the new bridge will be in place, or what the design will look like. We know that it's not a quick fix as the bridge will need to be engineered to withstand coastal forces. However, we are now at a stage where we can progress with those plans. In the meantime, signage remains in place to remind visitors that the bridge is no longer there."

Victory Homes Meeting

As you may know, I built a portfolio of cases to bring to the attention of Adrian Barber, Managing Director of Victory Homes. I raised my concerns about the mould, damp and disrepair within their properties. The meeting was constructive and there was recognition with the cases I presented that tenants had been let down. I am reassured

that Victory has dedicated a team to deal with the cases we brought forward, and they have also agreed to be in direct correspondence with my office to keep me updated on these. I was pleased to see we have achieved some tangible results, and I look forward to working closely with Victory to resolve these and any future cases. If you have any specific problems and are not getting the help you need, or know of someone in this situation, please email my office or encourage the person affected to do so.

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4-Ways Art Exhibition

April 6th -23rd, 11am to 4pm daily.

Venue: The Handa Gallery, Wells Maltings
Free entry.

A group exhibition by four artists from four different places. Dave Mercer, Caroline Murtagh, Carol Pairaudeau and Vandy Massey come together to stage their first joint exhibition. These four artists with different approaches to painting bring their inspirations from daily life into their work. Each of them creates a sense of place and time through their visual art. Dave Mercer's inspiration comes from the North Yorkshire moors where he lives. He paints acrylics and mixed media, and in 2022 received the North York Moors National Park Art Award. Dave also creates digital art.

Caroline Murtagh is an oil painter who lives and works in County Cork where she is surrounded by beautiful landscape and seas. Caroline's work has increasingly moved towards abstraction. Her painting, 'River Run' was selected for the 141st Royal Ulster Academy exhibition.

Carol Pairaudeau is a print maker and a painter. Recently she has been exploring combining both techniques into the same artworks. Her work has appeared in exhibitions extensively across the UK for over a decade.

As an extension of the exhibition, Carol will be teaching a one-day workshop in gel plate printing at the Maltings on Saturday 22nd April.

Vandy Massey paints predominantly in watercolour and mixed media. Her work is inspired by the natural environment and often features trees and plants. Vandy chaired the Society of East Anglian Watercolourists for four years during which time she brought two successful exhibitions to Wells Maltings.

Carol Pairaudeau and Vandy Massey will be running workshops in gel plate printing and watercolour painting on Saturday 15th and 22nd April. Bookings can be made through the Wells Maltings website and box office.

The Exhibition will open at the Handa Gallery, Wells Maltings, NR23 1AU, on Thursday 6th April. The gallery will be open 11-4 every day until Sunday 23rd April. The artists will be available on various days during the exhibition to talk about their work. Follow the exhibition on Instagram to find out who is in the gallery.
https://www.instagram.com/4ways_art/

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Please contact us for details on:

07968 323668

Email: katemunro22@gmail.com

Easter at the Museum of the Broads

April is a great month to visit. It's generally quieter, the spring sunshine makes the river sparkle, and we have our popular family Easter Trail until Sunday 16 April. There are prizes for children and fun discovering our local wildlife. And remember, all 12s and under visit the Museum for free in 2023!

We have indoor and outdoor family activities and you can experience our unique watery landscape from one of our 2 boats too. Dogs are welcome so bring the whole family along!

Our special exhibition is on Broadland artist, Philippa Miller, and we have new displays showing how some of our ancestors lived and worked on the Broads.

So, what are you waiting for? We look forward to welcoming you to our historic and unique setting by the river at Stalham!

The Museum of the Broads, Poor's Staithe,
Stalham, NR12 9DA, 01692 581681
www.museumofthebroads.org.uk
@MuseumBroads on Twitter, Facebook and
Instagram



The next Arts Forum
(Conversations about Art)
is on
Wednesday the 21st of June
With David Morris, Ed Lee
& John Worrall

With practically everyone having easy access to a camera on their phone, what marks out a professional photographer from an amateur? And how does someone become one?

We will be discussing photography, as an art form, as well as, as a means of reporting and recording people, places, objects, memories & events, for each of them, personally and professionally. We will discuss what photographers are and do; how and why each of them became one; the challenges and rewards of being a photographer; and discussing whether it's true that the camera never lies!

Each Forum is a focused interview/discussion with a person or persons involved in some significant way with the arts (in the broadest sense). The interview will last about an hour, after which there will be time for questions and to mingle, make new contacts, and share thoughts and ideas.

Arrive at 6.30pm, (when the bar will be open), for a prompt 7.00pm start. The evening will finish 8.30pm-ish

Booking is helpful to gauge numbers.
To book: contact The Venue on 01263 713427 or
email: info@thevenueholt.com

Blakeney Area Historical Society

Tuesday 25th April 7:30pm

Cley Village Hall & Zoom

Cley Heritage Walk

Richard Jefferson

*Richard will offer a guided walk
in May*

This is the last talk of the series

Free Entry

Donations welcome

*To receive Zoom invite, join the
BAHS or sign-up for information
emails at*

*[www.bahs.uk/information-
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Further Information & Updates

www.bahs.uk

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**Featuring Lynne Roper – vocal soloist
Wyatt Earp – flute
Brenda Lawry – piano**

**BLAKENEY CHURCH
Sunday 30 April, 6pm**

Coffee Morning



Every Thursday 10-11am
at The Pilgrim Methodist Church
Blakeney. Join us for refreshments in
our cosy lounge area, feel free to bring
a book that you're reading, a craft that
you're working on or just pop in for a
chat. There is no charge and all are
welcome.

CLEY WI

Thursday 6th April

2.30pm

Kantha Quilting

- stitched stories

Dorothy Tucker

will describe

*how and why these embroidered quilts
from Bengal*

*inform the contemporary textiles she
creates*

Cley Village Hall – NR25 7RJ

*Visitors Welcome - Recommended Donation £5.00
(Includes afternoon tea)*

For further information on Cley WI please phone
01263 740225

Names, by Wendy Cope

*She was Eliza for a few weeks
When she was a baby –
Eliza Lily. Soon it changed to Lil.*

*Later she was Miss Steward in the baker's
shop*

*And then 'my love', 'my darling', Mother.
Widowed at thirty, she went back to work
As Mrs Hand. Her daughter grew up,
Married and gave birth.*

*Now she was Nanna. 'Everybody
Calls me nanna,' she would say to visitors.
And so they did – friends, tradesmen, the
doctor.*

*In the geriatric ward
They used the patients' Christian names.
'Lil,' we said, 'or Nanna,'
But it wasn't in her file
And for those last bewildered weeks
She was Eliza once again.*

EDGEFIELD OPEN GARDENS

Saturday 20th & Sunday 21st May
12 – 5pm

Entry tickets and maps to be purchased at
Edgefield Village Hall, NR24 2AL
£5 per adult to cover both days. Age 16
and under free.

New Gardens and Norfolk Flower Farm
open this year!

Ploughman's Lunch and Afternoon Tea
Plant and Book Stalls. Raffle.

All proceeds to Edgefield Church.

Assistance dogs only please.

Race Night Friday 26th May

Blakeney Village Hall Fundraising Event

In 2021, the refurbishment of the toilets and the foyer created a clean and tidy but somewhat uninspiring foyer area. The committee is looking to turn this blank canvas into something that represents both past and present Blakeney but this will take additional funds - around £4,000! It is intended to involve the community in planning the decoration of the foyer.

To help raise these funds a race night will be held on the evening of Friday 26th May.

Details on page 5 of this issue and on the village hall website www.blakeneyvillagehall.org.uk.

You can help raise funds whilst having a great time so make sure the date is in your diary now! To indicate an interest, email racenight@blakeneyvillagehall.org.uk

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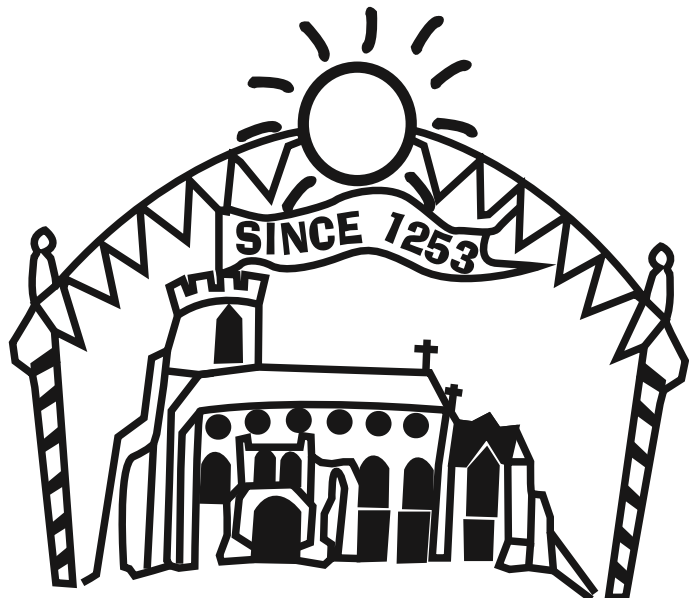
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St Margaret's Church, Cley
SATURDAY 22nd JULY 2 - 5pm,
BOOK STALL OPENS AT 10am

Free admission



Cakes	Perdi Jeffrey	07854316026
Plants	Alison Cole	740814
Books	Klaus Vollmar	740304
Tombola	Jane Peploe	741471
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Scone bakers much appreciated for the cream teas in the church please! Many thanks!

Delivery & collection details
Perdi Jeffrey 07854316026

GIGANTIC BOOK STALL IN CHURCH OPEN FROM 10am!

If you have any books you can contribute, I would be very grateful. Please deliver to me at Rhu-Sila, Church Lane, Cley. Many thanks, *Klaus Vollmar 740304*

HUGE TOMBOLA

I would be very grateful for any donations of bottles or gifts suitable for the Tombola. Please drop off at Hunters, High Street, Cley or contact for collection. Many thanks, *Jane Peploe 741471*

ATTENTION ALL GARDENERS

Please could you let me have any saleable plants including fruit and vegetables for the plant stall. We would like to put on the usual good show. Delivery & collection details from Alison Cole 740814/alison-cole@outlook.com. Thank you!

GIANT RAFFLE

I would be very grateful for any good quality prizes please. If you can't get to the Fair, offering a prize would be a great way of showing your support. Many thanks. *Mel Kemp, 07771 502504*

THE GLAVEN VALLEY NEWSLETTER

USEFUL CONTACTS PAGE

Organisation

Badminton (Monday Evening)
 Blakeney Area Historical Society
 Blakeney Bridge Club
 Blakeney Channel Coastal Community Team
 Blakeney Carpet Bowls
 Executive Committee, Cubs & Scouts
 Blakeney Harbour Association
 Blakeney Harbour Rooms
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 Meetings are held 4th Wednesday of the month between September and May at the Sheringham Masonic Centre, 36 Cromer Road, Sheringham, Norfolk. NR26 8RR. Contact the Lodge Membership Officer by email: 6679lmo@gmail.com

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 Blakeney Sailing Club
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VETS

HOPPER BUS

UPDATING - I would like to keep this list up to date, so please could you let me know of any changes or additions. (Even if you're not the secretary of an organization, if you are reading this and know of any changes, please do contact me: email editorgvn@gmail.com)

Charity RESCUE : WOODEN : BOATS update

We hope when you read this our season starting on April 9th will be under way and you may even have already visited our Maritime Heritage Centre in Stiffkey, where in the former officers' mess in the old 1938 built military training camp, you can find photographs, films and artefacts telling the stories of our local 20th century fishing communities who built and used wooden boats to earn their livings. You might also have been taken across to the nearby boatbuilding workshop to see world class craftsmanship restoring various wooden crab boats. A visitor said, "it's like going through a portal into another world".

We also have sweatshirts, T shirts, bags, hats, tea towels, mugs, prints of *Lucy Lavers* and more - for sale. We are open Sundays and Bank Holiday Mondays from 11- 4, Stiffkey, NR231QF.

The local fishermen then were of course also the lifeboatmen. We have restored locally serving Liverpool lifeboat *Lucy Lavers* who served twice in the relief fleet in Wells and was a Dunkirk Little Ship. She has another life afloat in Wells giving historic pleasure trips, run on our behalf by Liam Pink of Curlew Coastal Charters. You can charter the whole boat for special events or join a tour. See our website for details on www.rescuewoodenboats.com

Our former Wells Whelker, *Harvester*, has been restored by her skipper Will Darby and with her rig now cut down from a gaff with a bowsprit to a lugsail she is looking terrific. Give her a wave and a cheer if you see her in Blakeney, Morston or further afield!

This year we are hosting a number of special groups who like to plan outings to our Maritime Heritage Centre as well as a trip aboard *Lucy Lavers*, which we are very happy to organise outside our normal opening hours. If you know of any groups of twenty or so who might be interested in adding us to their programmes, do get in touch or pass on our details.

And a date for your diary! We will be hosting again the Maritime Heritage Festival and Flotilla linked to Wells Carnival. This will be on **Saturday 29 and Sunday 30 July**. Heritage local wooden fishing boats will be on display on both days and the spectacular flotilla will take place on Saturday afternoon. There will be stalls and entertainment and more as before so a great a family day out – more details later.

If you'd like to join our volunteer team do call or email for a chat. An hour or two from time to time is all that's needed!

Wendy Pritchard wwp@wendypritchard.co.uk or 07796 951414



Lucy Lavers sunset trip

Dear Editor,

You may be aware that Debbie Reed and Peter Saunders tied the knot at Blakeney Church on 28 February last; they had been together for 46+ years. As you will know, Debbie is Blakeney born and bred and author of so many good deeds and supportive activities for so many. Peter, an Ely boy, has been resident, locally employed, and part of the landscape for some 50 years. Many of the village and area took great joy from and interest in this event and we thought that this photograph deserved an airing for the many who had wished to be there.

Antony Berrisford





Emerald Anniversary Concert



Britten: Festival Te Deum

also commissioned premiere of "Hope" by
Andrew Weeks, and works by Allain, Ballard,
Cutting, Hewitt Jones, Mathias, Tavener

David Ballard *Director*

Philip Adams *Accompanist*

Jodie Ballard *Flute*

Cromer Parish Church

29 April 7:00 pm

Tickets: £15 . Under-18s free.

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90th Anniversary Celebration for Choral Society



In their Emerald Anniversary Concert, Sheringham and Cromer Choral Society mark 90 years of bringing the joy of choral singing to north Norfolk with a celebration of the changes in choral music since 1933. The concert takes place in Cromer Parish Church on Saturday 29 April 2023 at 7:00 pm.

Alongside key twentieth century music the choir will revisit two past Choral Society commissions (*Vespers - Songs of the Sea* by Richard Allain and *Seasons* by Thomas Hewitt Jones), perform works written by their very first (Norman Cutting) and present (David Ballard) musical directors and sing a new commission (*Hope*) especially written for this occasion by local composer Andrew Weeks.

The programme will include Benjamin Britten's dynamic *Festival Te Deum* and an anthem by William Matthias. Full details can be found on the Society's web site www.sheringhamandcromerchoral.org.uk

Tickets priced £15 (under 18's FREE) can be purchased from the box office at Sheringham Little Theatre - telephone 01263 822347 or online at www.sheringhamlittletheatre.com

Tickets are also available from North Norfolk Visitor Centre, Loudon Road, Cromer for personal callers only.

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