

THE GLAVEN VALLEY NEWSLETTER



On the 2nd of June, the Blakeney Jubilee Beacon on Mariners Hill near the Carnser and Quay proved to be a very popular event. Some three hundred people gathered on a beautiful evening to watch the sun go down. Many joined in with the community singing on the Quay before the church bell was rung 70 times and the beacon was lit.

Photo taken by Tom Green

August 2022



Cley Churchyard Discovery Day!

Sunday 28 August

For all the family!

FREE (donations welcome)

The day will involve a series of activities for all the family to help you explore and discover nature and a bit of history in Cley's beautiful churchyard.

You are very welcome to have a **picnic in the church field**

The programme is being compiled (and is subject to change) but currently looks like:

10:00am **Birds: talk/walk.** A local birder will help you see and identify birds and will tell you what species are to be seen through the year.

11:00am – 4pm Nature Trail self-guided for children and all the family, available all day. A host will be available 11:00am – 12:00pm & 2:30pm – 4:30pm

12:00pm **Butterflies & moths: talk/walk**

2:30pm **Cemetery tour.** Stories about some of the people buried in the churchyard

3:30pm **Flowers and plants: talk/walk.** A survey in 2016 discovered over 100 different plant species in the churchyard.

Each walk/talk/tour will last 30 - 45 minutes

The final programme will be publicised nearer the time and will be available in the church in mid-August.

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

Treasurer's Report

We have received some individually very generous donations over the past two months – many thanks to those who have donated. But we are still not up to our target to ensure we break even, so if you haven't donated so far, please think if you are able to. Collection boxes will remain at Blakeney Garage and Made in Cley until the end of August.

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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THANK YOU - ST MARGARET'S FAIR, CLEY

*Thank you for all the cakes you made,
The table was laden until it swayed,
The coffees and chocolates and tray bakes too,
It just couldn't have happened without all of you.*

*Wonderful cakes so beautifully iced,
Delicious shortbread already sliced,
Thank you so much for your amazing support
And all the happiness that it brought!*

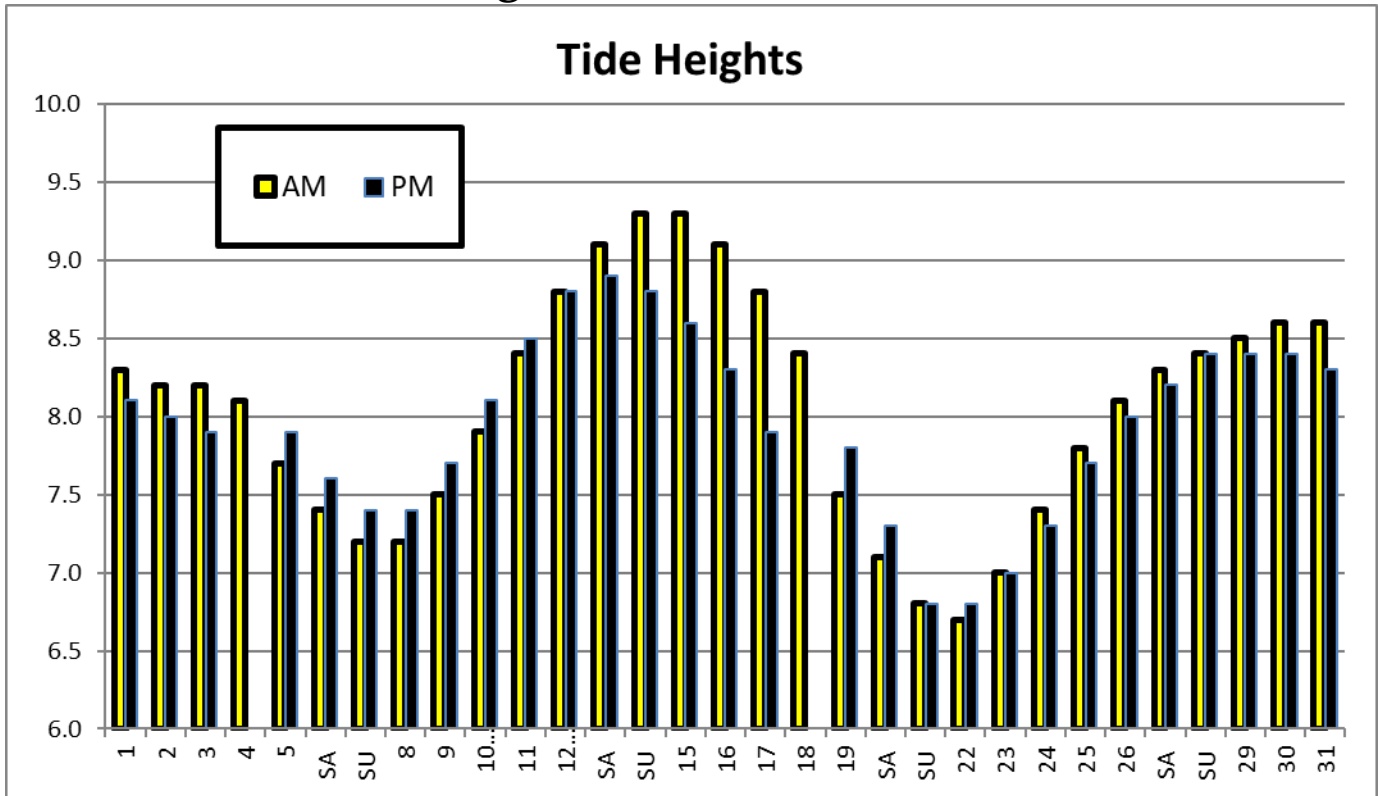
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Alison Courtney BScHon Ac**

**I am an experienced acupuncturist coming from an NHS background.
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and emotional so please call me if you would like to know how
acupuncture may help you.**

**For appointments contact me on Mob 07790264515 email
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**Member of the Acupuncture society
Holt Holistic Centre 10 Station Road Holt**

August 2022 - Tide Details



Tide Times

	AM	PM		AM	PM
Mon 01 August	09:42	22:17	Mon 15 August	09:41	22:23
Tue 02 August	10:16	22:53	Tue 16 August	10:22	23:00
Wed 03 August	10:52	23:31	Wed 17 August	11:02	23:35
Thu 04 August	11:33		Thu 18 August	11:43	
Fri 05 August	00:14	12:20	Fri 19 August	00:11	12:27
Sat 06 August	01:05	13:16	Sat 20 August	00:56	13:22
Sun 07 August	02:10	14:28	Sun 21 August	02:06	14:45
Mon 08 August	03:31	16:03	Mon 22 August	03:35	16:10
Tue 09 August	04:44	17:22	Tue 23 August	04:43	17:17
Wed 10 August	05:45	18:27	Wed 24 August	05:38	18:10
Thu 11 August	06:38	19:23	Thu 25 August	06:23	18:54
Fri 12 August	07:28	20:15	Fri 26 August	07:02	19:32
Sat 13 August	08:15	21:02	Sat 27 August	07:38	20:08
Sun 14 August	08:59	21:44	Sun 28 August	08:12	20:43
			Mon 29 August	08:46	21:17
			Tue 30 August	09:19	21:51
			Wed 31 August	09:53	22:24

By Martin Tyler

CLEY HARBOUR DAY

ON CLEY QUAY (BY THE WINDMILL)

WEDNESDAY 10 AUG 2022

3.00pm–8.00pm

- ⌵ **LIVE MUSIC FROM PIRATE JOE & THE FOREIGN LOCALS AND NELSON'S SHANTYMEN**
- ⌵ **FABULOUS FAMILY ENTERTAINER "STEVE SAUSAGE"**
- ⌵ **BAR AND DELICIOUS FOOD**
- ⌵ **RAFFLE AND TOMBOLA**
- ⌵ **HAVE-A-GO CANOE RACING**
- ⌵ **BLAKENEY TO CLEY SAILING RACES (BEFORE THE DAY)**
- ⌵ **BEST DRESSED BOAT COMPETITION**
- ⌵ **BEST DRESSED PIRATE (UNDER 12)**
- ⌵ **WALKING THE PLANK**
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Blakeney

On Friday 19th August, Jess Tutt, and Nigel Daynes will be getting married. The ceremony will take place on Mariners Hill in the afternoon, with Reception/ Entertainment taking place on the Pastures field in the evening..

With permission from Blakeney Parish Council, Mariners Hill will be closed to the public from 15:30 to 17:30, whilst the ceremony takes place.

The disco / reception will take place on Blakeney Pastures Field from 19:30 till no later than Midnight. We hope this will not cause too much disruption, but trust everyone will understand this is a one off occasion, where many local residents will want to help celebrate.

Kind regards, Nigel and Jess

BLAKENEY FILM NIGHT

Film Night is taking a break in August.

We look forward to seeing you again soon.

Blakeney Sailing Club

The summer season is in full swing!

There have been some lovely Flotilla expeditions, the next is on 18th July at 09:15 – presumably some sort of suitable refreshments will be the order of the day. Many thanks to Séan for his ‘words of wisdom’ on the 5 points of sailing.

The Club Laser and the Seafly are being used on a regular basis and are available to all members.

- Laser with full and radial and a new 4.7 rig. To book please contact Simon Hibberd simhibberd@aol.com

- Seafly. To book please contact Alan Collett alan.collett@gmail.com

MONDAY 15th – FRIDAY 19th AUGUST. FUN WEEK.

This will be your chance to have fun on and off the water – if you have the energy to keep up the pace. Sailing in the mornings will be the usual mix of games, picnics, expeditions and adventures not to be missed. Dinghies, kayaks, rowing boats – anything is more than welcome as long as it is accompanied by a smile.

For BSC racing members we have Mid-Week Holiday Racing during the first week of August. It is a great opportunity to ‘give it a go’ as non-racing members are invited to a couple of days racing with no extra charge. There will be plenty of advice available!!

Finally, don’t forget the Regatta Races which all have Bank Starts from Blakeney to add to the excitement.

30th July: Morston Regatta

28th & 29th August: Blakeney Regatta

Happy Sailing, Amy Howes

Morston Boat Yard

Indoor and outdoor storage for boats and trailers
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&

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Workshop in Wiveton

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Blakeney Regatta 2022

We are back. After our unprecedented two-year break, we can now get back on the track for the rural sports and attempt to slide along the pole for the aquatics. Hold on to your hats though everyone, because we are back with a difference! The Committee are a local group of traditionalists, so this was one of our harder decisions to make, but we have had to shift the timings of our quayside shenanigans from a late afternoon start to an early morning one. This has been due to tide, as always, but also to accommodate the helpers we need to put this event on.

We are a large team of volunteers who all have a role to play, and we all need to be present, so our huge apologies if this does not fit with the familiar routine, but it means we can at least put it all together rather than cancelling – so on that note the committee are planning the following timetable and hope you can all gather to support as always.

Thursday 18th August

Tug of War	approx. 9.00am.	Teams of 8. (Teams made on the day if not pre-planned.)
Swimming Races	approx. 10.00am.	See programme for events.
Greasy Pole	approx. 11.00am.	10-16 years (signed disclaimer from a parent) Ladies Men
Gillie Catching	approx. 3.00pm	9 years and under 10 years and over
Sandcastle Comp	approx. 4.00pm.	7 years and under 8-11 years 12-15 years 16 years and over

Saturday 20th August

Rural Sports	1.30pm
Tilt the Bucket	approx. 4.30pm

Gray's fair

We are very happy to discover that this year the Gray's fair will be present on the quay for the duration of the regatta sports. For many of our Blakeney residents this is a wonderful trip down memory lane, as in our childhood it always seemed to tie in together. The tradition for any local children was to earn as much as possible at the races, or on the water, to be able to then spend it at the fair in the evening.

The fair has had a phenomenal history in Blakeney. It has been present on the quay for almost 120 years, and many people have recently helped fight for the continuation of it as a proud integral part of the village. So, we have a proposal. We are hoping for a surge of support for the fair on the Thursday after the aquatic sports, come and spend an hour or so filling it up with fun and laughter, meet up with familiar faces, treat yourself to a ride on the dodgems and really show the Gray's how much the fair means to us all. And of course, win some races to help pay for it all!!

Trophies

If anyone has a trophy in their possession from the previous regatta event, please let Jane (07841 162010) or Louise (01263 741741) have them as soon as possible. Many thanks.

See you all very soon – time to start getting fit!!

Coastal Rowing Association of Blakeney

The last month has seen local rowers involved in an interesting range of outings – social, competitive and commemorative. Many expeditions have been enhanced by the stunning summer weather. A pleasing feature has been the number of new rowers coming along to try the sport of skiff rowing for themselves.

The Round Canvey Island Race on 2nd July was great fun. The Blakeney crew rowed the fourteen miles around the island in a very creditable time. The crew of Adrian Hodge, Adrian Marfleet, Anna Hogg, Tom Harris and Andrew Riley performed well on behalf of the club. Conditions were sunny, but windy. Part of the pleasure of such gatherings is to meet rowers from so many different clubs. You can see some eye-catching photographs of the event on the club noticeboard on the Carnser.

On a very different note, Sunday 3rd July saw the first Robin Combe Memorial Flotilla. Craft of all kinds gathered to travel together towards Blakeney Point. Blakeney Rowing Club was represented by a crew of Humphrey Borgnis, Jenny and Rob Dunster and Diana and Barry Howes. The whole event was a fitting tribute to Robin, a much-missed gentleman.

The afternoon of Saturday 9th July was a time for new rowers. Several triallists came along to the Carnser to meet club members and to experience two outings. Again, the weather and the setting could not have been better, and the event was enjoyed by all. There will be other similar opportunities available during the season.

If you want to know more about the club, or try skiff rowing for yourselves, contact club captain Humphrey at hborgnis@icloud.com. Beginners and returning rowers are always welcome. Coaching and helpful advice will be available. Remember, you can keep up with the club's activities on Instagram, on Facebook and on the club notice board on the Carnser. There is also the club web site at crablakeney.wordpress.com.

Come along and enjoy a row this summer. Stay safe!

Barry Howes

Blakeney Cley and District Royal British Legion; Harbour Room and Community Pub; Wheelyboat and community stuff generally!

First of all, a huge thank you to all of the performers and supporters who turned up for our second annual Folk Festival. Well over 30 acts over the three days. Brilliant weather for the (guesstimated) 700 or so people who turned up to sit in the sunshine and enjoy the beer festival and music. And very well done on the catering team, the tech team and everybody else who helped out.

Sadly, we lost Jacquie at the end of July. She has been brilliant in helping us explore the sorts of events and activities that work for our Community pub. Don't forget that any surplus funds generated by the Harbour Room go towards funding

community activities. That's the ferryboat Poppy which is disabled friendly, our online poetry and creative writing activities, respite and away days and just being there for people that need us. We are there for the Armed Forces community and of course for our own local community

The Wheelyboat is much in demand. We are still learning how to provide the best timetable for people who can have complex needs and are very confident that by next year we will have a very polished service

And what else is planned? Well, there's another children's party on the 7th of August in the afternoon. Following the second, and very successful, open mic night these are now a regular occurrence every month on the second Thursday starting at 7 o'clock. There are monthly quizzes, twice monthly folk clubs and special one-off events. Sunday Roasts are being introduced from 17th July, served every Sunday from 12 midday. See our advert in this issue for everything that's going on.

Tom Harrison

Blakeney Twelve Thank You

A huge thank you to all the individuals and businesses involved in generously supporting our recent Lobster, Crab and Shellfish Supper on Blakeney Point.

Simon Turner, National Trust, Beans Seal Trips, Temples Seal Trips, Adnams, Willie Weston's Fish Shop, Blakeney Deli and John Davies Cromer Crab shop.

Without their help it simply wouldn't be possible to have such a unique event at such an idyllic location. It was a great success and raised an impressive sum, which will help to continue to fund our care work within the community and to support our cause.

*Many thanks again
Blakeney Twelve*

News from the Methodist Church

Hello everyone,

As I write, I am sitting in the Methodist Church, tucked away from the strong midday sun and I can hear the faint buzzing of bees in the community garden, the soft coo-ing of pigeons and the high pitched squees of the swifts flying low. With the exception of the occasional car passing along the high street, it feels like a rather idyllic kind of day. Of course, there are many things to both worry about and pray for, which I do in equal measure, but in this little moment, surrounded by the beauty of creation, all is well.

It was lovely to see everyone who came along to our Mindfulness Taster in July, it certainly helped us to relax ahead of what promises to be a busy August at the Methodist Church! On Monday 8th August we will be holding our second Mindful Celtic Colouring session from 10-11.30am,

on Saturday August 13th from 2-4pm we will be holding our first Tea in the Garden event, with cups of tea and cake to buy and enjoy in the garden, with the odd stall and activity or two provided. On Tuesday 16th August from 10.30am -12.00pm there will be a summer fun workshop, with craft activities to entertain children and the young at heart!

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
Sundays 9.30am - 11.30am

Our weekly Sunday services for July are as follows;

Sunday 7th August 10am - Traditional Service
Sunday 14th August 10am - Cafe Church
Sunday 21st August 10am - Celtic style service
Sunday 28th August 10am - Garden Church

Our mid-week prayer time; Thursdays 9.30am - 10am.

Our weekly coffee morning continues on Thursdays 10am - 11am.

This month we are changing the format of our club for people living with chronic pain/illness, trying out online meetings so that you can join us from home. This means that our in person Spoonies Club is suspended for the time being. For more details, please contact me at pilgrimchurchpioneer@outlook.com, or on the number below.

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*

TRUST

I have seen flowers come in
stony places
And kind things done by men
with ugly faces
And the gold cup won by the
worst horse at the races,
So I trust too.

John Masefield

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BLAKENEY NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSING ASSOCIATION

We held our Annual General Meeting on 15th June 2022 in the Harbour Rooms and were delighted to be holding this Meeting in person after two long years of only being able to do this via the online platform Zoom.

It was good to see so many people turn up to the Meeting and we are grateful to them for doing so. It was an excellent opportunity for our members to air their views and receive active feedback.

The Management Committee

Blakeney Channel Coastal Community Team - B3CT

It is a while since our last update here in January – hopefully by now our readers are enjoying (as I write) this hot summer on their crafts or in other ways in and around the water.

The main purpose this month is to continue to keep you informed on the developments of our project of managing the siltation of New Cut. This follows on from our public exhibitions in the autumn of 2021, which then led to further meetings and discussions with the Blakeney Sailing Club on 28th April, the National Trust on 7th June as well as comments received from our exhibitions.

The outcome of these is that we think that it is best in the short term to focus our efforts on 2 main areas: a) reinstating the centuries old staging on Carnser Corner, this will be designed to minimise further erosion of that part of the Carnser bank and assist to protect the Quay heading – we plan this to be a wooden piled and faced structure b) reprofile New Cut by relocating the “high spots” of siltation within the channel to the banks either side and within the Cut. It has always been our intention to work with stakeholders and interested parties as far as possible – even if this has meant that currently we have moved away from the use of our previous plan of using brushwood structures in some areas of the Cut.

Some members of our committee were given a boat trip by Cley Harbour Project on the 27th April. What amazing work they have done, congratulations to them. We will continue to work closely with them where possible, but unfortunately though interesting to see and hear of their efforts there are limited opportunities to replicate these for B3CT.

We continue to work closely with the Blakeney Harbour Association – in particular we are grateful for them to “ earmark” £5K for the B3CT project and also just as importantly for them providing a page to B3CT on their website where we can upload updates of our work and data in addition to our entries to the GVN. Thanks again.

B3CT appreciate a further donation from Blakeney Parish Council (BPC) Community Grant fund. We will continue to work closely with BPC – and that liaison is likely to improve important for the successful development for the Carnser Corner part of our scheme.

We continue to work with other stakeholders. Increasingly we are beginning to look at the medium to long term solutions to the siltation issues of New Cut and the wider harbour. Our plan is to be part of the revision of the Shore Line Management Plan for the North Norfolk Coast, in particular as to the “managed retreat” part of that Plan and other Environment Agency schemes as to what opportunities that may provide to B3CT for the movement of the harbour’s silted material to other areas locally such as the Blakeney Freshes as potentially sites such as this change from fresh water to salt water habits. Early days but all part of the long-term thinking...

All of the above short term and long-term plans and ideas as always will in part be hugely dependent on our financial resources. We appreciate the many indications of help on that

front we have received in our survey from the public exhibitions – and we will pick up on those in the future.

B3CT continue to value the support and input of Exo Environmental Ltd – our consultants – who have been; patient, invaluable and understanding in getting us where we are to today.

As part of the future fund raising, we welcome Peter Middleton to B3CT who has volunteered to help us with that. So, he may contact you in future...

Any comments please to: info.b3ct@gmail.com

Don Glaister

BLAKENEY PARISH COUNCIL -
www.blakeneyparishcouncil.org.uk



SAVE THE DATE(S) 2022:

PARTY ON THE PASTURES – Sunday 21st August – Look at our website and facebook page for full details; as usual this is shaping up nicely, with a return to live music in the evening once again. Do come and join us for a super fun filled day, with something for everyone...

END OF SEASON BONFIRE & FIREWORKS – Plan ‘A’ is for Saturday 22nd October and if the weather lets us down, the Plan ‘B’ is Saturday 29th October. There is no Plan ‘C’.

On another note, 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, then please contact the Parish Clerk. Your enquiry will be dealt with in the strictest of confidence. We can help with supermarket vouchers, food parcels for those in isolation and possibly other items, please do get in touch. (Call 01263 741106 or email: clerk@blakeneyparishcouncil.org.uk)

Extracts from the 5th July 2022 Full Parish Council Meeting...

Reports from Police, County & District Councillors –

Wells Safer Neighbourhood Police Team – no report received, however, the **Police and Crime Commissioner, Mr Giles Orpen-Smellie** is due to join us for our August meeting, look at our agenda nearer to the time, for confirmation, and should you have any questions, then please attend or feed them in to me in advance.

County Councillor – Michael Dalby had circulated his report in advance. Of particular note was the update from NCC Highways in relation to the recent resurfacing and lining work which had taken place in the village, which members of the Parish Council and the public, have voiced concerns about. Steve White, has taken a further look and while the works are untidy and uneven, Highways say this is within tolerance. They will keep an eye on the affected areas during the summer and if needed carry out repairs in the autumn. BPC is not happy with this, and asked Michael to advise Highways that this was

not good enough. In turn, he would be walking the village and take photos and go back to NCC Highways. Particular areas of concern are; i) Inadequate dressing around ironworks, ii) the haphazard painting of the yellow lines, iii) trenches/holes at the edge of the carriageway, iv) potholes & v) manhole cover in Back Lane is more or less totally covered in tarmac.

District Councillor – Victoria Holliday had circulated her report in advance and her full report will be within the pages of the GVN elsewhere, and so not repeated here.

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

PF/22/1390 – *Proposal; Single storey rear extension following removal of conservatory; alterations to front elevation including dormer extension and first floor extension at, Morleys, 67 Morston Road, Blakeney. Resolved* – No objection.

PF/22/1411 – *Proposal; Demolition of existing single storey dwelling and erection of replacement detached dwelling and garage; alterations to access at, 21 Kingsway, Blakeney. Resolved* - Object; this proposal is very much out of keeping with the surrounding area and properties and is not suited to this location. There are discrepancies in the materials to be used in the documents, hence clarification should be sought. As per our previous comments, it neither enhances the area or reflects the other properties in Kingsway.

PF/22/1415 & *LA/22/1416 – *Proposal; Alterations to fenestration of dwelling to include 5 dormers, rooflight and additional window in north elevation; formation of outdoor swimming pool and erection of pool house with associated garden alterations at; The Friary, Mariners Hill, Blakeney. * Listed Building* – Internal and external works to dwelling. **Resolved** – Object – The swimming pool is too close to the neighbouring boundary; the dormers detract from the views of the roofs and the roofline in this part of the village & there is a lack of detail with regard the dormer in bedroom 5.

RV/22/1472 – *Removal of condition 4 (restricting use of annexe to purposes incidental to the enjoyment of the dwellinghouse, and shall not be let out for tourism purposes) of planning permission PF/21/1511 (first floor extension to residential annexe) at, (Dinky Cottage), 39 High Street, Blakeney. Resolved* – Object; Our objections as per previous still stand, i.e.; this is a very small site (known as Dinky Cottage). We are concerned that the removal of this condition will have a detrimental impact on neighbouring properties and we refer you to the concerns previously raised by NCC Highways as per ref. PF/21/1511. We would like for this occupancy condition to remain.

Appeal of no. PF/21/3265 – *Provision of outdoor swimming pool with associated ground works at, Three Owls Farm, Saxlingham Road, Blakeney. (Any comments, modification/withdrawal of any previous representations must be made to The Planning Inspectorate by 25th July 2022.) Resolved* – We would ask that The Planning Inspectorate is made very aware of the previous history for this site; which is

well documented. (The Clerk will list the planning application reference numbers in the reply.)

Resolved that BPC agrees with comments made to us by parishioners, that in light of the planning application for no. 43 New Road (PF/21/3073), the **Conservation Area Appraisal & Local Design Guide** were not adhered to by NNDC Planning and a design was approved by the Conservation Officer, which is not in-keeping with the Conservation Area. This application did not follow due process and we would ask that our District Cllr, tells the Officers that these policies should be included and referred to and this application reconsidered. This lack of conformity, raises concerns over any new planning applications which are likely to be received within the Conservation Area of the village in particular in relation to New Road, Blakeney.

FINANCE

Accounts totalling £17,461.29 were paid.

Clerk/RFO Report – Brief update on Carnser Car Park income, which is down this year compared to last, which is not unexpected. Update on Coronation Car Park also.

- *Our litter and dog waste bins are all now on the NNDC system via their contract with SERCO. We will monitor the emptying timetable to ensure that it meets our needs.*
- *MP Duncan Baker, has written to say that he supports and endorses Clerks with the ‘Civility in Public Life’ and the investment that has been made to this project.*
- *Blakeney Surgery – Field Dalling & Saxlingham Parish Council have endorsed their support to BPC and written to Holt Medical Practice, and have received the same standard reply.*
- *Glaven Sings Gospel will be on The Quay on Sunday 31st July at 6pm for about an hour.*
- *Andrew Freeman, has been appointed to undertake the examination of The Blakeney Neighbourhood Plan.*

We will take both quotes, (new machine & refurbished machine) to enable the provision of a second **Carnser P&D machine**, forward to The National Trust, in our urge to facilitate contactless payments via a dedicated P&D machine which would in turn address a number of ongoing concerns.

We accept the quote for the 5 yearly **Street Lighting Column** inspection and testing and to proceed with this work.

Members noted the quote for the software upgrade for **Coronation Car Park** and await the outcome of a further conversation between our Clerk and Flowbird, and reconsider this item at our next meeting, but we support the notion of the printouts and tariffs agreeing for audit & reconciliation purposes.

Approval of the annual subscription to **Norfolk Parish Training & Support**.

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

To appoint a BPC representative to the **Blakeney Village Hall Trust**. With no volunteer coming forward, this will remain as a standing agenda item.

Events Committee – Resolved that if any new ‘housing development’ is built, consideration is given to calling it either ‘Queen Elizabeth Close’ or ‘Queen Elizabeth Way’ also, along of course with any other suggestions at the time. We will also now place a ‘Platinum Jubilee plaque’ somewhere in the village, to mark Platinum Jubilee commemoration.

Blakeney Channel Coastal Community Team (B3CT) – Cllr Alban Donohoe.

The National Trust aim is to work collaboratively and positively with B3CT. There are still a number of issues that we both have to work out going forward.

The basic design for piling at the Carnser Corner and the rebuilding of the harbour wall at the end near where the seal trip operators are located, has been agreed upon in principle. This is because it would be replacing a previous structure, and the structure likely to be more permanent.

B3CT lacks organisational entity (as we are just a group of volunteers who have no responsibility) therefore this could be an issue/responsibility.

B3CT suggested that Blakeney Parish Council could be appropriate for this role and hold a legal agreement with NT for these issues? I.e., a long-term lease. The NT have agreed that they would be happy to proceed if BPC would be happy to take on that role.

Permit applications, design, project managing, and fund-raising would be done by BC3T on behalf of BPC.

We agree to B3CT bringing detailed proposals to us for consideration.

COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS

The following questions were received from Cllr Jane Armstrong;

Further to the request last year from the Governance & Finance Committee for me to review (amongst other policies) the Blakeney Parish Council Data Protection Policy, and my subsequent requests to see the model NALC GDPR policy, to help with this review, please would Rosemary (as Chair of the Personnel & Data Protection Committee) and/or Tracey (as Clerk) explain:

a) whether or not Blakeney Parish Council has a Data Protection Officer?

b) the reason why BPC does (or doesn't) have a Data Protection Officer?

c) if, as per our website, Tracey is still our Data Protection Officer, what the background to the attached document is? (i.e., the version of the BPC GDPR Policy which Tracey sent to me in January and which appears to be proposing to remove all reference to the "Data Protection Officer")

d) if Tracey has ceased to be our Data Protection Officer, when and by what body was this decision taken?"

- ANSWER - Point a, b & d are answered in the minutes of the ‘Personnel & Data Protection Committee’ meeting which was held on 29th November 2021 and which are available on the website. As for point c, the documents will be updated to reflect this minor decision in due course.

CORRESPONDENCE –

Further to the request for a new sailing business to place a small **Advertising Sign** on one of the posts on the quayside, we advise that our decision is pending for the time being, in light of the forthcoming review of the village signage alongside the NNDC Conservation Area Appraisal document in August/September.

Nominations were considered for the **Community Volunteer Award** and it was agreed that the 2022 award goes to Danny Tutt.

We shall continue using the **Dinghy Park** as an overflow car park as we have been.

With regard the **Coronation Car Park** policy and those who continuously breach the rules we; i) Write to the habitual offenders if they continue to offend and advise that their permits for our car parks will be revoked, and invite them to attend our meeting and justify to us why they feel they should keep their permits should they so wish, ii) Contact Vehicle Control Solutions for an update on the legal process.

Advertising Signs at the junction of the Langham Road/A149 junction – Following several concerns raised by members of the public over the past few weeks, we have now contacted all those who regularly place such a board in this spot, advising that motorists are finding their vision increasingly obstructed when trying to exit Langham Road and thus is often severely compromised by the number, density, siting and size of the numerous boards which appear to be multiplying at this location. (Norfolk County Council Highways have also been contacted with regard the road traffic signs which contractors put out on their behalf, as they also presented a problem recently.)

One very competent driver, had a very near miss with a moped just recently, as the moped and its rider were totally obscured by the solid hoard of signs, as are cars very often. Others advise, that they are simply having to pull out onto the A149 and then realise, that there is a car close, obscured by the solid line of signage.

Hence all have been asked to rethink their signage and be mindful of the layout at this spot, in relation first and foremost to the safety of all road users, in order to avoid a road traffic accident, which none of us wish to see. One huge solid line is not ideal, and so please think safety first.

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

PF/21/1657 – Proposed overflow car park (remaining as grassed area), with a maximum of 200 parking spaces and improvements to existing vehicle access at, Land known as **The Former School Field, Langham Road, Blakeney – Withdrawn.**

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

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*

YOUR SERVING PARISH COUNCILLORS ARE: -

- Rosemary Thew – (Chairman) – 740555 – Moonraker, Back Lane
- 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 Full Council on Tuesday 2nd August 2022. The date of our September meeting has now been moved to Monday 5th September, please note the date change.

August Wordsearch

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Thoughts from the Rectory for July 2022

Dear Friends,

At Café Church in Cley last month, I was encouraging people to sit around and do nothing! I should explain.....

A word of background on Café Church, incidentally: this happens on the 3rd Sunday of every month (11.15) at Cley, and it's a service where we do things more informally, including sitting round tables, enjoying coffee and croissants etc. So, there's a fair amount of sitting anyway! The theme of our July Café Church was "Sitting Room": I was encouraging people to make room for just "sitting" in their lives – in other words, making ourselves stop, look, listen. And it was also the theme covered in our Bible readings in other, more traditional services around the benefice that day, when we read about Jesus visiting Martha and Mary, and encouraging Martha to take a break from the practical chores, and sit and listen for a bit. (The story is at the end of Luke chapter 10.)

The Welsh poet, WH Davies, famously wrote: "What is this life, if full of care, we have no time to stop and stare?" Whatever our approach to spiritual matters, it's always a good idea to take time to stop and contemplate. To be a "human being" again, not just a "human doing". Whether or not we are church-goers, and sense a loving God behind all beauty, it's very restorative to sit and do nothing for a moment, to take in the beauty of our surroundings, and let wonder take over from worry.

I've noted before, as we all often do, how very blessed we are to live in this beautiful area, with so much space and peace, with big skies and wide horizons, and so much untamed nature, and phenomenal bird-life.

It's perhaps easier here than in some other places to stand in awe at creation.

Life is not always a bed of roses. But even if we're feeling troubled or burdened, in fact perhaps especially if we are, the invitation is always there to look beyond the problems, to a timeless beauty beyond the present moment, and infinitely bigger than us.

Whether or not prayer is something that's part of your life, why not make time to stop, and wonder, and connect with the source of all beauty and goodness and love.

On holiday or at work, I hope you find some rest in August!

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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Funerals:

On 7th July, we held the funeral of Judy Green at Blakeney Church. She had been a long-time resident in Blakeney, with her husband Ken who died 2 years ago. Please remember her family in your prayers.

Weddings:

On 30th July we celebrated the wedding of Vanessa Woodhouse and Will Foster, in Wiveton Church. Two days earlier, on Thursday 28th, Terri and Melvin Jarvis renewed their wedding vows (10 years on) at Blakeney Church.

This month, Peter Wills and Susan Case will be married at Cley Church on Saturday 27th. And Hayley Irving and Ben Shillito will have their wedding blessed on 20th, after their recent wedding in Australia. Our congratulations to all of them!

St Peter's Catholic Church

Back Lane, Blakeney, NR25 7NP

Mass Sunday - 11am

Wednesday - 9.30am

Holyday of Obligation 9.30am

www.catholicparishofwalsingham.org

Services

The service schedule for our churches in the Glaven Valley Benefice in August is as follows:



AUGUST 2022 SERVICE SCHEDULE

Wed 3rd	Holy Communion (BCP) 10.00am	Cley
SUNDAY 7th	<i>Trinity 8</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
SUNDAY 14th	<i>Trinity 9</i>	
9.30	Praise and Worship [<i>& live-streamed</i>]	Blakeney
11.15	Holy Communion (BCP)	Glandford
6.00	Service of Meditation	Wiveton
Wed 17th	Holy Communion (BCP) 10.00am	Cley
SUNDAY 21st	<i>Trinity 10</i>	
9.30	Celtic HC [<i>& live-streamed</i>]	Blakeney
9.30	Morning Prayer (CW)	Letheringsett
11.15	Café Church	Cley
6.30	Evensong (BCP)	Wiveton
SUNDAY 28th	<i>Trinity 11</i>	
8.00	Holy Communion (BCP)	Cley
9.30	Holy Communion (CW) [<i>& live-streamed</i>]	Blakeney
11.15	Family Service (All-Age)	Wiveton
6.30	Evensong (BCP)	Glandford

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

Cley

Thursdays At Three

(Half an hour of relaxing music in Cley church at 3pm)

Thursdays At Three will be taking a break over the Summer but will restart on September 1st. We hope you have enjoyed this series of music in Cley church and will want to support us again in the autumn.

Wyatt Earp

Cley VH News

Time for another round of Village Hall news - oh, the glamour of it all!

Back in May we had our **annual work party** to give the hall - and the grounds in particular - the always needed once-over. Many people came to help, lovely teas and cakes were served, and much satisfaction derived from the achieved results (I think).

A lot - and I mean a lot - of work has been going on very quietly behind the scenes to improve the outdated **heating system**. All being well the work will be done and finished before September. The quiet classes like yoga and pilates should benefit from the significant decibel reduction. Goodbye to clonking radiators, and not too soon!

Repair and maintenance formed another long chapter this spring: somehow the plumbing in various loos seemed to throw up one problem after another, which after over 40 years of use may not be too surprising. This has now been dealt with and should last for a good number of years to come. Likewise, the strip of parquet in front of the bar had to be replaced as signs of its disintegration mounted. Never a dull moment...

The **AGM** date has been proposed for September 7, but at the time of writing not been confirmed.

The final date will be given in the September issue of the GVN.

Last but not least: enquiries keep coming in about the possibility of another **Sunday Social**, so one possibility could be September 4, or possibly Sunday August 21. If this goes ahead we will publicise on the VH notice board, via our email list, and the usual social media channels. It is after all one of the best informal ways to meet people!

Gunhild E.

Cley Parish Council's Chairman's Report July 2022

The Hangs footpaths have reopened. I would like to thank Helen Chester from the British Horse Society, Vic Cocker from the Ramblers and all the residents who gave evidence at the Enquiry for their contributions. We have asked Norfolk County Council to waymark the paths to avoid confusion. Hopefully by the time you read this the relevant gates will be open, signage will follow.

We've met with neighbours and church wardens to discuss the best way to restore the church portion of Newgate Green. With stakeholders' agreement, we will be restoring the verges and creating parking spaces for church goers only. We would ask that those staying in that corner of the village park on the gravelled area opposite or elsewhere on the green. We would encourage those with overflow cars from their driveways to park in the Village Hall car park, not on the green. As before, the church field will only be used for parking for major events at the church.

The local toad patrol coordinator joined us to discuss how we can reduce the horrific toad mortality on the Coast and Glandford Roads from the end of February to mid-March. The idea is to catch the toads on the grass verges before the hop into the road. Ideally, we'd run two shifts an evening, from 6-7.30 and 7.30-9 during the migration period. All you need is a hi vis jacket, a torch and a bucket (and rubber gloves if you're squeamish). Other local villages, such as Salthouse, have been running successful campaigns. If you're interested in getting involved do get in touch with me or the clerk. We'd look to run a training session at the start of the season.

The Norfolk Assistance Scheme helps people in financial hardship to pay their bills. The scheme can provide emergency financial help, supply essential household goods and furniture and give support, guidance and advice. For more information, contact www.norfolk.gov.uk/NAS. We are creating a hardship support page on our website with useful contacts as we think times are going to be tough.

The appeal hearing for Arcady has, I understand, been postponed till early next year. This appeal will be conjoined with the appeals for the two most recent planning applications.

You may wonder why the sea walls have been recently mowed given our drive for biodiversity. This is to try and eradicate the Alexanders which is an invasive plant with a tap root that is destructive to the physical integrity of the sea wall. The hope is to allow native grasses which are more beneficial to spread in its place.

There are two really interesting upcoming workshops being held by NWT, one on Producing Nature Recovery Plans on Sept 1st at Blakeney Village Hall from 10am-3pm, and the

second on Greening for Wildlife in Gardens at Weybourne Village Hall from 6-9pm. Booking is via the NWT website.

I would encourage you to walk along the new boardwalk between Artemis and the Quay. Suspended amongst the reeds, it is a delightful and peaceful way to avoid the High Street.

We are contracting an asbestos removal company to clear any asbestos from the allotments. At our recent Allotment meeting, allotment holders decided to celebrate National Allotment Week with a social on Saturday August 13th.

Now that swimming is so popular, we're asking for the Cley Beach swimming posts to be put further apart, to accommodate our many keen swimmers who are finding the current area too confining.

Barclays are closing their Holt branch in December, leaving no bank branches in the town. Thanks to a vigorous push back by Duncan Baker and Holt Town Council, Barclays have given a commitment to keep a presence in Holt with staff operating at a temporary 'counter' two full days a week. Hopefully this will be sufficient. A free ATM will be provided.

Fortunately, Anglian Water will not be closing the High Street for works opposite the George for three days in September.

The next meeting is Thursday September 8th in the Village Hall at 6.30pm. The agenda will be published on the Notice Board and on the website www.clevpc.info. 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.

Enjoy your summer break!

Dr Victoria Holliday, Chair
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Continuing the tradition since 1253, St Margaret's Fair was a huge success. We can't thank Briony Barron enough for coming forward to organise our annual church fete. She has been amazing. Huge thanks also to all our helpers who worked tirelessly to make the event so splendid; and for the

extremely generous contributions that made our stalls so tempting. It was the quintessential country fete – with a traditional brass band, delicious cakes, strawberries and cream, an enormous plant stall, a huge tombola, a giant raffle, a discerning dog show, a lavish cake stall, ice cream, a brass band, posh bric a brac, a BBQ, a beer tent, lots of other goodies, and all the usual traditional games. Especial thanks to Hanne and Klausbernd for pulling together and manning the gigantic Book Stall and to Wyatt for organising a glorious day of music!

It was a testimony to the wonderful community we have in Cley, with everyone coming together to support our magnificent church.

Thursdays @ 3 Music in the Afternoons will be taking a well-earned summer break after the July 21st concert till 1st September. Many thanks to Angela Dugdale, Wyatt Earp, and all the other musicians who have entertained us so magnificently, to the tea ladies who have plied us afterwards with a refreshing cuppa and delicious cake, and to Annabel Lea for her sterling work organising the tea lady rota.

The Evening of Song and Opera from Jacob Harrison and Eleanor Oldfield, accompanied by Mark Jones, featuring music by Mendelssohn, Poulenc, Mozart, Donizetti and Strauss, was deservedly popular and rated very highly.

We will be holding a Cley Churchyard Discovery Day on Sunday August 28th. This will showcase the wonderful nature and history we have in our own God's Acre. More details on the advertisement in this current edition of the GVN.

Charlie Ward's Juno talk is postponed till October 28th: we realised that it's impossible to create a cinema like ambience in the church in the summer! We also have a Cheese and Wine tasting on October 8th featuring Mrs Temple's delicious cheese and Mark Lynton's fabulous wines. If you came to the last one you will remember what a delightful and intoxicating evening it was!

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

August Sudoku: Easy

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**The Blakeney Lunch will be
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Now the hot summer days are with us, we have our special summer menu which includes ploughman's, ham salad or homemade quiche and salad followed by a choice of homemade desserts. Visitors to Blakeney are also most welcome. Donations welcome.

CLEY WI

Programme August–November 2022

- Aug 4th** ***What you can do with a Nun's Dress***
Secrets of the Costumiers
- Sep 1st** ***Georgian Stagecoach Travel***
Its perils and pleasures.
- Oct 6th** ***Langham Dome***
The Dome's history and exhibits – a guided visit
(members & guests only)
- Nov 3rd** ***Suffragettes & Suffragists of Norfolk***
Who they were, including the first Lady Mayor of Norwich.

Unless otherwise stated, all meetings take place
in
Cley Village Hall, NR25 7RJ, at 2.30pm

Members Free

Visitors Welcome - £5.00 (includes afternoon tea)

Further details 01263 740225

THE GREAT BLAKENEY BREAKFAST!

**in St Nicholas' Church,
Blakeney will be held on
Wednesday 3rd August
8am to 11am**

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.

Wiveton

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!

Since their stellar performance of 'Heavenly Harmonies' in 2018, we have been so looking forward to the time when **KHOROS**, a dynamic London-based choir, would return. Although Covid intervened for several years, we are now delighted to announce that we have a date! As Michael Brunson, who wrote a review of the 2018 performance said:

"..... The members of the choir are young adults; amateur singers who perform with all the beauty and skill of the very best professionals.

.... the ability of this choir to sing in perfect pitch and harmony was remarkable. For two hours, the world's troubles seemed a long way away."

Put the date in your diary and don't miss what will certainly be a memorable evening of outstanding music.

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**All proceeds to the Wiveton Church
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Organised by the Friends of Wiveton Church

Emma Bridgewater Wiveton Church Mug

You may know that Emma Bridgewater very generously produced a mug, designed by Matthew Rice, for the Crowdfunder appeal. These have now been delivered, and are very beautiful.

We have some left over and, if you would like to buy one/some - or look at them - please contact me (antheadeloynes@aol.com or 07746 018310).

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.

I am not sure how many were produced, but probably only about 500, so they will certainly be Collectors' items in the future!

Wiveton Church 200 Club

Sarah Woodhouse is July'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*

THE NORFOLK CHURCHES TRUST BIKE RIDE

Bike, drive, walk in the Norfolk countryside and raise funds for your local church. This will be held on SATURDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER, for more details on how to take part visit norfolkchurchtrust.org.uk/bike-ride. It is appreciated by visitors if there is someone to greet them on the day, volunteers are needed to help "man" the church from 9am, if you can spare an hour on the day, I would be very grateful. Please get in touch with me by email at bpveitch@aol.com or by phone 01263 741016 or 07817000936.

Barbara Veitch

Community News

Robin Combe

Perfect weather and wind conditions greeted us on Sunday morning 3rd July in Blakeney Pit. Sunshine and a good breeze whipped up mare's tails of cloud and filled the sails of about fifty boats who turned out to celebrate the life of Robin Combe who passed away in August 2021. Thank you to all the craft out on the water that morning; day boats, motor boats, rowers, cruisers, kayaks with Jimbo and Four Sisters making sure everyone was safe. Simon Combe helmed Water Rat with Kitty Combe and Billy Temple. It was a wonderful sight.

Robin was an absolute gentleman; a generous and kind friend to everyone he met. His enthusiasm for sailing in The Pit was endless and he would turn out for as many races as he could or spend the tide "simply messing about in boats". This was a wonderful tribute to him.

Thank you for joining in

from

Robin's family and friends.



Robin's Cockle no2 Water Rat

Letters & Articles

Part 7 - John Wallace



John Wallace was born in Uppingham. Well educated, a qualified architect and stonemason, and a fine historian deserved much more respect than he ever got in Blakeney. What defined him during his life here was his epilepsy. I kept company with him for many years and knew him to be a gentle, compassionate if impractical man, whose intelligence and kind nature were totally obscured because of the fits he had. Wanting desperately to be a part of the village he loved, he couldn't have had a worse affliction. Simple epilepsy would have been difficult, but what John had was worse. His attacks were brought on by stress, mental or physical, and in their grip his emotional turmoil played him like a marionette, his innermost thoughts acted out. It was like Tourette's in mime, a horrible affliction that troubled him deeply. How many of us would want such a window into our soul?

I witnessed a great many of his fits in all their varying forms, and always he would ask what had happened. He knew from people's reactions that he had done odd things, but nobody ever told him and neither did I. I say nobody ever told him but the two old ladies he took out for a row in one of his small dinghies when he took his trousers off might have said something, though I never knew whether or not they leapt out and swam ashore. I learned as a governor of a Special School that the downside of the coin of disability does have another humorous side and that seeing it makes it easier to deal with. John fits certainly had that and he had them in the strangest places. He served for some years on Blakeney Parish Council and their AGM, where the councillors were required to assemble on the stage of the British Legion Hall, would always

be difficult for him. On one occasion when things got a little stressed, he leapt up, went to the front of the stage, took his trousers down and, swinging round (no pants), 'mooned' the parishioners.

One of the councillors was charged with taking him home. After accompanying him the short distance down to his cottage and bundling him through his front door, he dashed back to the Legion bar for a quick pint before rejoining the meeting. When he returned, John was already back in his seat, perfectly fine and seemingly unaware that anything was amiss. Another time, a tenant of John's invited him for Sunday lunch with his family. Taken with a fit he took off all his clothes, got up onto the table and performed a naked dance. He was quite a big man but apparently, he managed to shimmy gracefully among the condiments and cutlery without dislodging a single piece.

On another occasion the same tenant was unwise enough to allow John to lower him down his well to see why there was no water in it. Finding no explanation, he looked up and called John to pull him up only to see a pair of waving arms disappear backward out of sight. It was always suspected that it was his parents' embarrassment of having him around in Uppingham that had resulted in his exile to Blakeney. But he made a life for himself down on the Carnser, renting out small rowing tubs to visitors. Although he seemed to see them as the enemy referring to them as 'Leicester Devils' and harassing them for sitting on boats or throwing stones in the quay. He eventually managed, after a long wait to get a mussel bed in the harbour and a grading spot on the Cut; more than anything else this made him feel a part of things. Of the extent to which he wasn't, he was blissfully unaware, and it was of some credit to those last old fishermen that that this was so. He never knew the lengths they went to to keep him safe. John didn't sell many mussels and his customers always complained to us that his sacks contained too much 'beach'. There cannot have been anyone more unsuited to being a mussel fisherman, but like so many in such situations he was sublimely happy in his illusory world. When the first hand-operated mussel grading machines appeared on the Cut he had to have one, even though his tiny output hardly merited it. The machine he finally had made, I assume to his instructions, defied all mechanical laws and turned the basic mechanics of mussel-graders on their head. These early machines used a very simple principle of a turned handle and a reduction gear that converted each revolution of the handle into four back-and-forth movements of a sorting tray. John's worked in reverse, the handle having to be turned four times to get the tray to move back once. He wasn't a fast mover but the speed at which he turned that handle was incredible. His arm would become a blur and the whole process would turn into a frenzy. After a period of frantic handle-turning he would grab a bucket, rush down to the channel, fill it with water, rush back up and throw it on the sorting tray. On one occasion two mystified visitors who were watching and standing much too close got a whole bucketful in their faces. Inevitably the stress of all this exertion brought on more of his fits, so we would often look up to see him writhing on the ground, standing to attention or taking his clothes off.

Working on the New Cut sorting mussels was – fits apart – relatively safe for him, if not for others. But of course, like us,

he had to take his canoe 'down below' to the mussel lays to get them. Being devoid of any useful boat-handling skills, he was always late getting there. Sometimes he never arrived at all. I remember one morning when Billy and I were working together to fill one canoe, John, hopelessly late as usual appeared. Seeing him rowing toward us, and anticipating his first question, Billy asked me the time. It was five past twelve. Reaching us, John said, "Have you got the time, Billy?" Billy then shaded his eyes and stared off toward Blakeney church tower, tiny on the far horizon and barely visible through the haze. "The church clock says five past twelve, John." John's mouth dropped open in amazement, and he kept looking back and forth from Billy to the distant church, unable to think of anything to say. He then pushed off and punting away in small circles drifted down to where 'Fatty' Long was working. He stopped and began talking, and we saw 'Fatty' pull out his watch and tell John the time. John looked back toward us, pointing and brushing his forehead in disbelief. From that day on, he would never miss an opportunity to tell people that Billy Long had better eyesight than anyone he had ever known; he could certainly see into John's innocent mind.

Coming back from the lays was always difficult because we had to go ahead so that John could follow the channel. This almost invariably meant that when we took the ground with our fully loaded canoes, his with its lighter load, the tide under it and under no obvious control, would come careering down and crash into us. This would always make Billy furious but, because it was so certain and John never ever saw it coming, it always made me laugh.

Later when I had a haulage business, I would take John to the station whenever he was going away. On one occasion he was travelling to Scotland to stay with his cousin, who he said was always leaping on him and trying to get him into bed. He hated that and thought she was mad but he still went. I collected him from 96 High Street in a half-ton van with sliding doors. He came out laden with a suitcase, two large canvas kitbags and Rusty* on a lead. Approaching from round the back of the van, I didn't see him get hold of the door handle. I became aware that he had because the van suddenly began rocking violently from side to side. Having assumed that the door opened outwards, he had begun pulling it with all his might. It was only after some minutes of my shouting that he stopped and I was able to slide it open for him. The trip to Norwich was uneventful. Which was unusual, as most of my trips with him would involve a fit somewhere en route; rain on the windscreen guaranteed them. Not funny in a moving vehicle. On one occasion he got down on the floor and got hold of my feet.

I was delivering to Norwich Fish Market, and not wanting to negotiate the station car park I told John I would drop him at the bottom of Prince of Wales Road. Choosing an empty stretch of pavement, I stopped. Eager to get out, and again failing to understand how the doors worked, he threw all his weight against it thereby lifting it off its track and causing it to burst outward onto the pavement. He went with it, landing on his back. He lay arms and legs akimbo on top of it with his baggage on top of him, and poor old Rusty, who also got whipped out by his lead, on

top of that. John was completely helpless. The door was curved and he looked like an enormous tortoise as he rocked gently back and forth, kicking his legs and waving his arms passers-by giving him a wide berth. I was so angry I almost left him there. I had to drive home on a cold winter's day with the passenger door in the back.

John was the reason I joined Blakeney Parish Council. He erected three small benches on the Carnser. Made from driftwood, they fitted in perfectly and offered a seat and a view. But because he hadn't asked their permission (which he didn't need anyway) the Parish Council removed them. Equally quickly, a group of us put them back with a warning to the council that each time they removed them we would replace them. It was one of the few times John really might have felt that he belonged, and that the people of the village were behind him; always of course the safest place to be.

All the years he lived in Blakeney; John's parents sent him an allowance. He lived frugally and as the money mounted up, he would buy a cottage and put a village family in it. For a short while I lived in one. When his parents died, he came into more money, and bought several more, all of which were rented to locals. When he died, he left 12 cottages to the Blakeney Housing Society, worth about £6 million at today's crazy values. Nobody ever gave Blakeney so much and got so little in return.

* To a greater or lesser degree, all the dogs John had (all called either Rusty or Rex) could tell when one of his fits was approaching and would try to warn him. The largest of these, and the one that came in the van with us, would jump up and hang by its teeth on the front of his pullover.

On one occasion as John wandered and turned through the fit, his pullover, caught on Rusty's teeth, slowly unravelled until Rusty was wrapped in wool and all John had left was a woolly ruff.

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Dates for 2022

August	20 th & 21 st
September	3 rd & 4 th
October	15 th & 16 th
November	19 th & 20 th

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Mindful Celtic Colouring
Monday 8th August
10-11.30am

Materials and refreshments provided, no charge

Tea in the Garden
Saturday 13th August
2-4pm

Refreshments, Cake Stall, Books and more
Proceeds will go to church funds

Summer Fun
Tuesday 16th August

10.30am - 12.00pm
A free session offering Children's craft
activities (please note children must be
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Tuesday, 16 August, 7.30pm

Civitas Ensemble

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Elishaba Stevens, *cello*

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August at the Museum of the Broads

Summer's here! To celebrate the holiday, we are running special events on Thursdays throughout August.

We have Steam and Sail days on 04 and 18 August, a family craft day on 11 August, with artist, Jo Couldrey and on 25 August, the famous Wherry Albion will be open for all Museum visitors to board.

The Museum is open on Sundays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and some Wednesdays during the summer. One of our boats is running every day, so take a cooling river trip and spot some wildlife. See our website for full details.

The Museum of the Broads, Poor's Staithe, Stalham,
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District councillors report July/August 2022

From NNDC:

‘Planning - consultants Royal Haskoning are in the process of developing a nutrient calculator and detailed catchment level plans, and a short-term strategy to deal with nutrient neutrality is expected this August. Most applications within the sensitive catchment areas can still be determined, ie householder applications and most forms of commercial development; it’s only new housing and tourism development that is restricted till mitigation is developed. The planning director is working on the planning Service Improvement Plan.

Housing- 52 affordable homes will be built this year - the numbers are down due to nutrient neutrality and lack of sites. However, there are 354 possible affordable homes in the pipeline. There are 2575 households on the housing waiting list, and 42 households in temporary accommodation. NNDC has a Living Well Officer to support these families and has negotiated some accommodation with St Vincent DePaul Church in Cromer, in addition to what it has already.

Funding is available for energy improvements to your home such as loft or wall insulation, window or door replacement. Email energy@north-norfolk.gov.uk for more information. The Integrated Housing Adaptations Team continues to make modifications to housing needed through disability. Contact NNDC.

Benefits

The North Norfolk Help Hub offers support and guidance for many aspects of well-being eg money worries, isolation, domestic abuse, mental health problems, housing. Email social.prescribing@north-norfolk.gov.uk

The benefits team is leading on the administration of the Household Support Fund which is targeted to vulnerable older residents (ie it will come to you automatically if you are eligible), the Energy Rebate Scheme (this will come to you automatically if you are eligible), and the Discretionary Housing Payments Scheme (additional financial assistance for those on Housing Benefit or Universal Credit including Housing Benefit, for which you would need to apply via the NNDC website).

Well-being - the three priorities for the new North Norfolk Health and Well-being Partnership are older people, mental health and inequalities. The partnership has approved funding of £50,000 to provide a repair service for low income owner occupiers/private sector tenants to stay in their own home. They have also approved funding of £15,500 for a North Norfolk Care Academy to attract people interested in a career in social care, and £32,488 to support community groups.

Leisure - Pretty Corner, Sadlers Wood and Holt Country Park have all been awarded green flags. NNDC has a Coastal Safety page on its website with useful tips on enjoying beaches and the sea safely.

Sustainable growth - NNDC is submitting bids for a new swimming pool in Fakenham and improvements to the cliff top gardens and North Lodge Park as part of the Levelling Up Round 2. North Norfolk’s share of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund is £1.2 million - planning is underway as to how to best spend this.

Environment- EP officers are putting resources in place to monitor noise arising from summer events. A high number of new food businesses are registering each month and they are being given advice and support to produce food safely. The caravan site project ensuring compliance with site licenses continues. NNDC will be ensuring Serco pays particular attention to street cleansing and litter bin emptying over the summer. Waste and recycling pick up routes will be changing to become more efficient and hopefully improve service. Details to come in September.

Democratic Services - NNDC is establishing a Youth Council; details of joining the Steering Group are in the NNDC website news section.

Property- the new toilets in Wells and Fakenham have been delayed by site and supply issues but are still progressing.'

Ambulance response times and CFR recruitment - ambulance response times are still unacceptably long, some of which is due to handover delays at the NNUH and QEH. Luckily, the paramedic in a car in Fakenham will remain till next April, at least. Re CFRs, the recruitment campaign was successful and there is now one recruit going through training in both Sheringham and Holt, 4 in Fakenham, and 5 are being recruited in Wells. I am talking to the trust about maintaining the momentum of the recruitment drive.

Campervan overnight parking - most campervan owners are incredibly responsible but should there be any issues eg with fires or litter, policeman Graham Gower Smith is very supportive. His number is 07800521442. For any pollution issues, the Environment Agency Incident line number is 0800807060 and the report is passed on to the local representative.

Cllr Victoria Holliday, Coastal Ward
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Summer Time at the Langham Dome Museum ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUNNERY TRAINING SITE

Hello Again! LANGHAM DOME is always looking for volunteers. If you can spare even a few hours a month we would love to have you join our happy crew! Just get in touch at manager@langhamdome.org. Thank you.

We've been lucky enough to have some really interesting visits to the Dome this summer. The 2534 (Fakenham) Cadets enjoyed themselves earlier in the season and then Beeston Hall School at the end of June. It really inspires us to see young people immersing themselves in the history of this country and especially the intriguing story that the Dome has to tell. After all, it is our mission to reveal its significance in the defence of Britain during and after WW2.



We, together with the rest of Great Britain, enjoyed our Jubilee Day Celebrations, held on Saturday 4th July. Despite biting north winds, we had good turnout of visitors in the afternoon and there was lots of laughter, music, dancing and hot drinks had by all!

The Dome has always been a favourite destination of motorcyclists, and our famous Spitfire is a 'Named Point' on the "Round Britain Rally" this year. The BSA Norfolk Motorcycle Club paid us a visit earlier in the summer, also the Spartan Motorcycle Club all the way from Manchester!

Our new larger Shop is free to enter and has many wonderful Gifts for all the family. Spitfire inspired, Langham Dome Brands, toys, bags, caps, polo shirts, T Towels, and many more items to enjoy.



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Tickets are available from the Dome, Jacqueline's Shoe Shop, High St, Sheringham, and The Tourist Office in Holt. Please email me at manager@langhamdome.org if you would like to buy online.

Thank you and Good Luck!!!!

Deborah Wilson
Manager. Langham Dome Museum.

Andy's lifesaving gift

Only 1% of people currently die in circumstances where organ donation is possible. This means that every potential donor is precious.

Cyclist Andy Hornby, 50, was training for a triathlon when he was involved in a serious collision. Sadly, he wasn't able to survive his injuries.

He donated his kidneys, liver, heart valves, eyes, bone and tendons, which has been a great source of comfort to his family.

Andy's wife, Charlotte, said: "We did not expect Andy's life to come to a sudden end, but I am so grateful that we had that conversation because it made it easier, and I could not think of a reason to say no. To give the gift of life is one of the most precious things anyone can do."

Even though the laws around organ donation have now changed to an opt out system in England, Scotland and Wales, families will always be consulted before organ donation goes ahead.

Organ Donation Week runs from 19 to 25 September 2022 and provides a great opportunity to show your support by



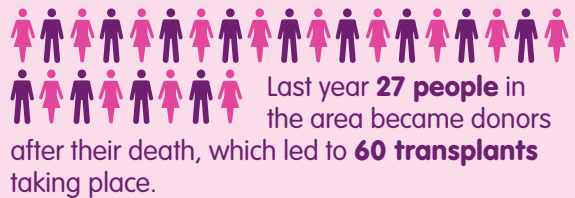
Andy's donated organs gave others the chance of life after his death

registering as an organ donor and starting conversations about organ donation with your loved ones, just like Andy did.

Natalie Ashley, Specialist Nurse Organ Donation concludes: "Having these important conversations will make it much easier for families to make a decision if they are ever asked to support a loved one to donate".



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