

THE GLAVEN VALLEY NEWSLETTER

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August 2023

The Old Wild Rovers

Dog Show

Party on the Pastures
Blakeney NR25 7PG
August 20th 11am-1pm
all your favourite stalls!

Fakenham Ukes

Vintage Motors & ride prize.
Blakeney Garage

CATS-
Puzzles and Books

Car boots

Blakeney Primary School raffle etc

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we love to boogie.....

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Brenda's Knitted & Crochet Items

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Twisted Silver-London

Spindrift Driftwood Items

Blakeney Garage Raffle

Kids Drive Cars

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meerkats etc

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Sweetz

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RNLI

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

Treasurer's Report

While your very generous responses over the last few months have managed to set out finances back on an even keel, we do still welcome donations. The best way to support us would be through a small regular donation by standing order – either monthly or annually – that way we are in a better position to plan knowing that we have regular amounts coming in. Standing orders can either be set up online or by using the form below and sending it to your bank. You can always cancel this at any time through your bank.

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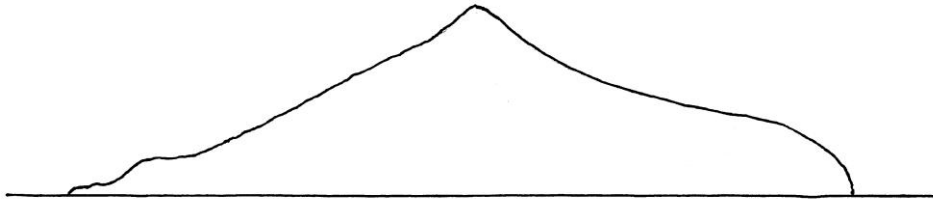
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- Cash or cheque dropped into the collection boxes at Blakeney Garage or Made in Cley
- Online transfer or setting up a standing order to us (Sort Code 30-94-34 Account 00897099)
- or using the form below and sending it to your bank to set a standing order up

*Many thanks,
Martin Tyler, Treasurer, Glaven Valley Newsletter*

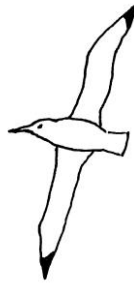
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The Remote Islands of the South Atlantic



An illustrated account of a journey through the south atlantic
visiting the antarctic continent, south georgia, Gough island,
Tristan da cunha, St Helena and Ascension island



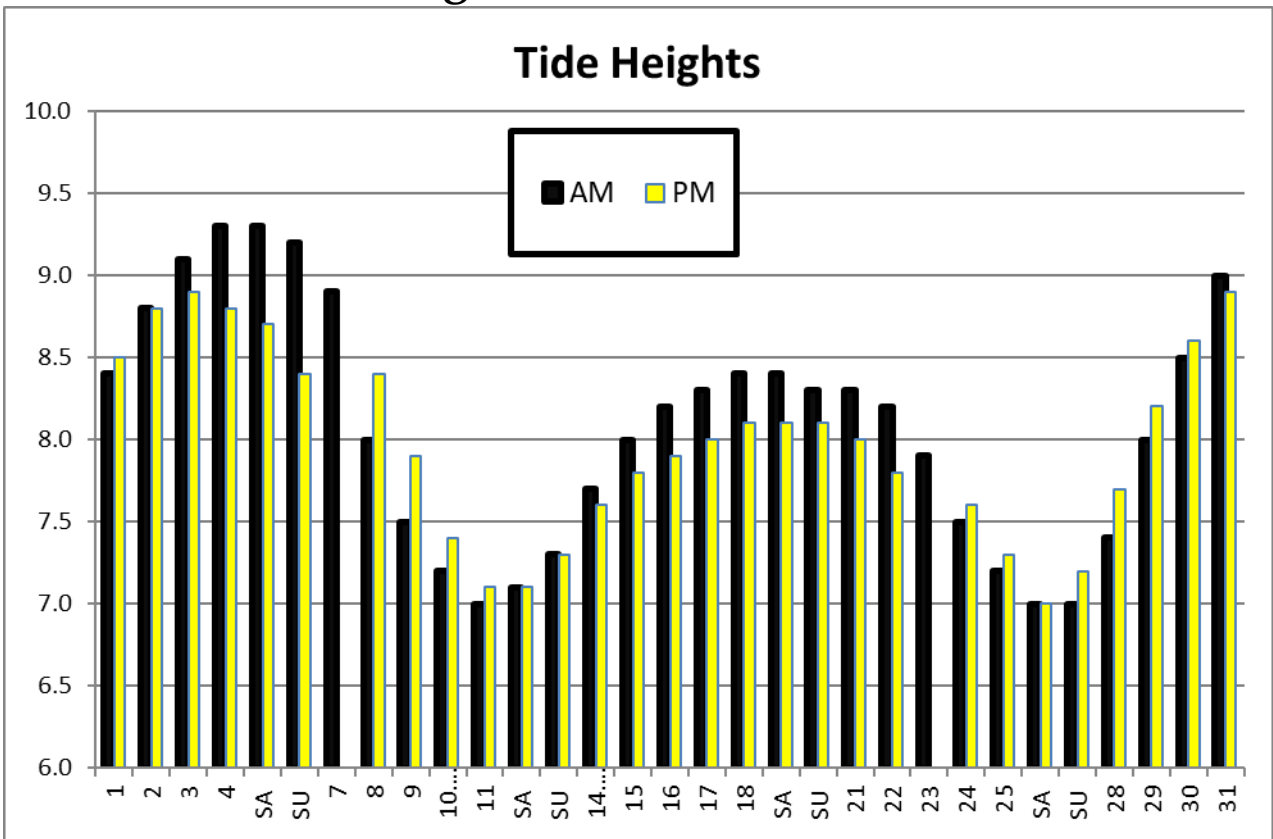
Chris wheeler describes a journey made 13 years ago to this
little known part of our planet containing ice-bergs and
volcanoes with Penguins, 9 Types of Albatross and various
endemic birds recalling tales of shackleton napoleon and green
and yellow

**Thursday august 24th
at st nicholas' church
Blakeney, starting at 7.30 pm**

Interval drinks available

Donations to support the work of
St Nicholas' church in the village

August 2023 - Tide Details



Tide Times

| | AM | PM | | AM | PM |
|---------------|-------|-------|---------------|-------|-------|
| | | | Mon 14 August | 06:17 | 18:53 |
| Tue 01 August | 06:57 | 19:37 | Tue 15 August | 07:00 | 19:36 |
| Wed 02 August | 07:44 | 20:28 | Wed 16 August | 07:39 | 20:12 |
| Thu 03 August | 08:30 | 21:15 | Thu 17 August | 08:13 | 20:43 |
| Fri 04 August | 09:14 | 21:59 | Fri 18 August | 08:44 | 21:13 |
| Sat 05 August | 09:58 | 22:42 | Sat 19 August | 09:15 | 21:44 |
| Sun 06 August | 10:29 | 23:25 | Sun 20 August | 09:46 | 22:15 |
| Mon 07 August | 11:27 | | Mon 21 August | 10:17 | 22:47 |
| Tue 08 August | 00:10 | 12:16 | Tue 22 August | 10:50 | 23:21 |
| Wed 09 August | 01:02 | 13:13 | Wed 23 August | 11:29 | |
| Thu 10 August | 02:06 | 14:26 | Thu 24 August | 00:00 | 12:15 |
| Fri 11 August | 03:19 | 15:46 | Fri 25 August | 00:49 | 13:13 |
| Sat 12 August | 04:27 | 16:59 | Sat 26 August | 01:57 | 14:33 |
| Sun 13 August | 05:26 | 18:01 | Sun 27 August | 03:35 | 16:22 |
| | | | Mon 28 August | 04:51 | 17:37 |
| | | | Tue 29 August | 05:50 | 18:36 |
| | | | Wed 30 August | 06:39 | 19:27 |
| | | | Thu 31 August | 07:26 | 20:13 |

By Martin Tyler

REEF HOUSE

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For Bookings & Enquiries please visit the website at:

www.reefmakeanddo.com

Fakenham Choral Society to mark its 50th anniversary

This much-loved choir is thrilled to announce the launch of its golden anniversary season, celebrating an impressive 50 years captivating audiences with its inspiring music. This significant milestone will be marked in style with an extra special programme of concerts. The season's highlight will come on the 20th April 2024 with Verdi's awe-inspiring 'Requiem', often considered the greatest of choral works.

Since its inception in 1973 the choir has gone from strength to strength. With its impressive choral performances-often-with sort-after professional soloists and musicians-it has become an unmissable part of the cultural life of north Norfolk. For this landmark season the choir would like to grow even more. Chairman, Roger Burbidge, a member of the choir since it first began, says "we are hugely excited for the year ahead and extend a heartfelt invitation to any aspiring singers, who would like to be part of this"

One of the choir's ambitions is to give back to the local community, with free entry to its Christmas concert on December 16th. To help the choir achieve this ambitious aim, personal and business sponsorship would be warmly welcomed and would be recognized in concert programmes and on their website. Musical Director, Mark Jones, added "To make this concert truly accessible to all would be a tangible 'Thank you' and encourage people new to choral music to come along."

More information on joining the choir, becoming a sponsor and the 50th anniversary season can be found at www.fakenhamchoralsociety.org or by contacting the choir's secretary, Tracey Thompson on 01362 668938.

Blakeney

News from Blakeney School

Our term ended with a flurry of activities, pond dipping at Wiveton Hall (thank you Mr McCarthy), a trip to the seals on Ptarmigan (thank you Mr Girling), a whole school trip to Wells Beach, Sports Day (thank you Friary Fields), exploring Friary Hills (thank you to the National Trust) and the Summer Fete. The Summer Fete was organised and ran by the children this year and they were solely responsible for their stalls. All the money earned will go towards a treat chosen by them. It is lovely to see them taking responsibility for some events in school.

We owe thanks to so many members of the community this year. The volunteers who come in each week to hear readers and help children with their learning are invaluable to us. They come in each week and give up their own free time. The parents who donate so much time and effort running our PTFA. All their funds go towards providing the school with the extras which help make this school so special. The extended community, who have invited us to take part in all the events in and around Blakeney. St Nicholas' Church, the Glaven Caring Centre and the Parish Council have all been wonderfully supportive this year. We are very grateful to each and everyone.

This support has enabled us to announce that our new teacher-led pre-school opens in September! We have some places left available for children aged 3+. Every child is entitled to 15 hours of free pre-school each week (this can increase to 30 hours if parents are eligible). Please do get in touch if you would like to come and have a look around, meet staff or to book a place for your child. Blakeney CEVA Primary School is a great place for any child to grow up in.

Our Year 6's deserves a special mention this month as they leave us to join Alderman Peel. They chose to go to Norwich for a late supper for their leavers treat. Not only did they behave impeccably but they earned the money for their meal by holding a car wash. They worked hard all morning and members of the public commented on their friendly and polite approach. We are very proud of all they achieved this year and know that they will move up to High School with well-earned confidence. They are a real credit to the school.

Now that the Summer Holidays are here, I am hoping that the children who attend our village school will read this and know that although they are not at school, they are still very much in the minds of the community and staff. We wish them-and you all-a wonderful, happy, and safe summer holiday.

Claire Thoday

News from the Glaven Centre

Here at the Glaven we have had some new clients start who settled in instantly. We have been busy having fun and had a memorable - not just 'Norfolk Day' - but we turned it into 'Norfolk Week' We are proud to honour our heritage and celebrate all things in and of this beautiful county. We played dwileflonking, shared Norfolk yarns and listened Ta Narfalk toons on the radio. We shared stories and reminisced about local history, and found out some fascinating facts such as the Norfolk coast was the first area of Britain settled in by prehistoric mankind, roughly 1.2 million years ago.

We would like to thank our friends at the Poppy Club for inviting us on what is now an annual trip to The Merchants House, where we enjoyed tea and cake in the splendid grounds.

All the staff are preparing to refresh their knowledge with training sessions so that they can provide the best standards of care. We are a unique service in that we have qualified nurses working in-house, which we are sure is highly reassuring for yourselves and loved ones. If you are curious and want to know more about us, feel free to come along and look at the services we have to offer. We welcome new faces and would be very happy to show you around. We hold our Wellbeing mornings every Monday 9am until 12 where we invite you to relax in our conservatory and enjoy company with a choice of beverages. The smell of lunch cooking may also make you want to stay. Our Happy Mondays continue to thrive so please do try it: only £5 for 2 courses. It is a huge success.

We are also very pleased to announce that Lisa will be with us on the first Tuesday of every month; offering haircuts for the over 70s. Please call us directly to book your appointment and to find out more on 01263 740762

Janine Nelson

The Coastal Rowing Association of Blakeney

This is a very good time to be associated with Blakeney Rowing Club as the second half of the summer promises to be even more entertaining, eventful, and enterprising. There have been some truly amazing recent outings towards Blakeney Point, or towards Cley, and pictures of these are readily available on the club's web site at crabblakeney.wordpress.com.

The club's Broads Tour, which took place between 26th and 30th June, was a thoroughly enjoyable and memorable event during which "Crabbers" rowed in company with several other clubs to major parts of The Norfolk Broads. Besides some great rowing, there was the chance to mix with members of the rowing community at a barbecue and at a Ceilidh. What great evenings these were! There is a full report of this adventure and, of course, photographs on Facebook and on the club's blog. Many thanks to all who

took part and, in particular, to Adrian Hodge the chief organiser.

At the time of writing, there are many events to look forward to. These include the Midsummer Row, with breakfast, on July 20th, the Round Canvey Island Race on July 22nd, the Morston and Blakeney Regattas, on August 6th and 20th respectively, and then the Pinchen's Creek Picnic on August 31st. The Thames Great River Race will take place on 16th September. The Blakeney Rowing Club programme certainly provides the complete rowing experience.

There is much more to find out about the rowing scene. Please contact Humphrey at hborgnis@icloud.com if you wish to know more. When you are on the water for your first row, coaching and helpful advice will always be available. You will be made very welcome. There is no obligation to participate in any competitive event. 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 crablageney.wordpress.com.

Come and meet the Blakeney rowers this summer and join in the fun.

Barry Howes

Blakeney Sailing Club

There have been a few windy days since the successful Seafly Nationals at Blakeney. See the club's website for some outstanding pictures of exciting races in progress. Those colourful spinnakers provide the highlight of some stunning action photography.

We are hurtling towards a much-anticipated part of the year. That is 'Fun Week' and the Morston and Blakeney Regattas. Features of Fun Week will include tennis, walking, cycling and much fun on the water.

Morston Regatta – 6th August

Blakeney Regatta – 19th/20th August

Keep up to date with Blakeney Sailing Club on Instagram, Facebook, and the website.

Stay safe on and off the water.

Amy Howes

BLAKENEY REGATTA 2023

Dates for your diaries.....

Saturday 5th August 1.30pm onwards - **RURAL SPORTS** on Blakeney playing fields (near the Village Hall) to include High Jump, Long Jump, numerous races; egg and spoon, sack, three-legged, family relay, etc and the infamous Tilt the Bucket event. Everything is free to enter and great family fun.

Tuesday 8th August 9am onwards - **AQUATIC SPORTS** - at Blakeney quay, to include tug of war, swimming races and the magnificent Greasy Pole event. This will be followed by the gilly catching competition and sandcastle competition. All events are again free to enter, and fabulous family fun. We are also hoping to welcome the Blakeney 12 Duck Race event this year to help cause a bit more chaos to the day, which we will slot in after the greasy pole.

These really are two wonderful long-standing traditional Blakeney days, set up to provide us all with a smile or two, so we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible to enter the events, and of course, as many as possible to spectate alongside!

If you fancy helping at all please do let yourself be known to any of the regatta committee, even on the day. We always need extra hands to help make it all run a little bit smoother.

See you there!

Jane Temple

**Friday 8th September
6.30pm
at Hindringham Village Hall**

HENRY BLOFELD

Will be dusting down the Ashes
with his special brand of
cricketing humour -
accompanied by a sit down
dinner
Tickets £35 or without dinner
£25.

**Please book –
J. Greenwood 01328 878336**

BLAKENEY FILM NIGHT
VILLAGE HALL

Film Night is taking a break in August.

**We look forward to seeing you again
soon.**

BLAKENEY VILLAGE HALL

Fabulous Craft Fair
19th & 20th August

Open 10 am-4 pm
All talented local crafters

Free Admission, Free Parking,
refreshments
(dog's welcome)

BLAKENEY PARISH COUNCIL -
www.blakeneyparishcouncil.org.uk



DIARY DATES:

- **Sunday 20th August 2023 – Party on The Pastures**
- **Saturday 21st October 2023 – End of Season Bonfire & Fireworks** (Plan B, is for Sunday 22nd October, i.e., weather!)

Now onto other things; 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)

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.

Would you like to be considered as a representative on the Blakeney Dinghy Park Joint Management Committee?

We wish to appoint two Members of the Public, as public representatives on the Dinghy Park Joint Management Committee. Whilst Peter Roe & Steve Roch, are both happy to continue, we offer the opportunity to the wider public before appointing. **Anyone interested must be aware of the following criteria (which means that the members of the public cannot be serving Parish Councillors or members of the Blakeney Sailing Club.** Interested persons must apply in writing to the Clerk by **Friday 25th August 2023.**

1. The Dinghy Park Joint Management Committee (DPJMC) will comprise the following named representatives, which are to be agreed by Blakeney Parish Council before they attend their first meeting as a new representative:
 - 3 x Parish Councillors
 - 3 x Blakeney Sailing Club Members
 - 2 x Members of Public
 - 1 X Blakeney Harbour Association (was a recent addition; they represent all user groups as opposed to just one)
 - 1 x National Trust but with no voting rights

2. No one group has more than 40% *Group Representation* on this committee, whether directly or indirectly. **Going forward, any individual being nominated for the DPC, must declare their membership of any other group and the appointment will not be accepted, if it takes any group over the 40% threshold.**

EXTRACTS FROM THE JULY FULL COUNCIL MEETING...

Chairman's Announcements;

Electric Car Charging Points – Blakeney Village Hall Trust had met with Anglian Car Charging and having discussed the finer points, including costs and the rapidly changing technology, they have decided to reconsider this in a couple of years' time and not proceed at the moment. (Our understanding is that the Royal British Legion are still in discussion with regard their site in the High Street.)

Scout Hut – The depleted committee met recently and are keen for us to move this forward, although the ramp remains an issue, i.e., not compliant with DDA or planning permission, items which are to be sorted before BPC takes over any responsibility.

County Councillor – Michael Dalby to be asked if he can chase the outstanding work on Back Lane, work which has been undertaken would appear to be somewhat lacking.

Open Public Session – *The Liberal Democratic member, standing for the next General Election, shared some information regarding Holt Medical Practice, as Melton Constable Surgery currently falls within his Norfolk County Council division, hence a mutual concern and he would urge everyone to respond to the Holt Medical Practice Consultation which is likely to open at the end of this month.*

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

PF/23/1149 – *Proposal; Alterations to garage including modifications to roof, to join it to the main roof to accommodate a bedroom in roof space with formation of four new dormer windows at, Avalon, 8A Morston Road, Blakeney. Resolved – No objection.*

PF/23/1209 – *Proposal; Proposed first floor loft conversion with dormer on west-facing roof slope; alterations to fenestration and external materials at; 2 Kingsway, Blakeney. Resolved – No objection.*

RV/23/1263 – *Proposal; Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) of planning permission PF/21/2307 – to vary single-storey extensions, removal of part of roof and extension to provide first floor accommodation and other external alterations at; Cranford, High Street, Blakeney. Resolved – No objection.*

PF/22/1415 & LA/22/1416 – *Proposal; Alternations, partial demolition of garden wall and erection of garden shed and Internal and external works to dwelling at; The Friary, Mariners Hill, Blakeney. Resolved – Object;* We agree with the comments made by Historic England, in that; Heritage Assets are an irreplaceable resource and should be conserved and great weight should be given to this. The desire is to preserve or enhance the character and appearance of

conservation areas. This application does not concord with this desire.

PF/23/1329 – *Proposal; Porch to front elevation of dwelling at; Point View, Saxlingham Road, Blakeney. Resolved – No objection.*

PF/23/1330 – *Proposal; Single storey extensions and external alternations to dwelling at; Charnwood, Pintail Drive, Blakeney. Resolved – Object;* We consider this to be overdevelopment of the site.

FINANCE - Accounts totalling £12,788.62 were approved.

- Since our July Parish Council meeting, we have now had the **Whole Council Training** evening, which was attended by 9 out of 11 cllrs, all of whom enjoyed the session which was delivered by Norfolk Parish Training Partnership.
- NCC Highways have advised that they will support the parish as much as possible in our desire to follow the **NNDC Conservation Area Appraisal Plan**, with regard reducing the amount of rogue signage in the village. They ask that BPC contact the businesses/organisations first and ask them to remove their boards, stating that if they do not then highways will remove them and take them away for recycling.
- To confirm that the number of members of the **Dinghy Park Management Committee** is in fact 9, not 6 as mentioned at the AGM.
- **A149 Hunstanton to Sheringham proposed Speed Limit Amendments** – NCC Community & Environmental Services have advised that following the number of objections and reoccurring concerns received during the statutory consultation, NCC has decided not to reduce the speed limit from the existing National Speed Limit down to 40mph and this scheme will no longer be progressed.

Reports from Representatives on Other Committees/Groups

Blakeney Surgery (Holt Medical Practice/HMP) – *Cllr Nigel Sutcliffe*

- The survey undertaken by our MP has been published and he is to contact HMP about its results. We await to hear the result of those discussions.
- The survey completed by Healthwatch has now been completed with 271 respondents. The majority of those (76%) indicate that the closure would have a negative impact upon them particularly with regards to how they are to travel to get medical support. This

- report will be used by Healthwatch in their consultations with the Integrated Care Board (ICB).
- Four FOI questions have now been asked of HMP to provide details of;
 1. The work relationship between HMP and Holt Medical Services Ltd.
 2. A request for their financial year end balance sheets from 2018 to 2023.
 3. Any discussions regarding the sale of Blakeney surgery.
 4. Any discussions regarding the purchase of Blakeney surgery.

We await a response from HMP.
- My application to join the HMP Patients Participation Group has been rejected on the grounds of my close involvement in the resistance to close the surgery.
- Healthwatch have had a meeting with HMP regarding their requirement as part of the ICB process to undertake a consultation process as the ‘contractor’ in accordance with ‘Advice Note 3: Procedure for requests to close branch surgeries’. The keys issues coming out of that meeting are that;
- HMP will arrange patient engagement meeting at Blakeney with the date to be determined and with an independent chair provided by Healthwatch.
- Three drop-in sessions will be arranged at Holt surgery, Melton Constable surgery and Holt library with the dates yet to be agreed.
- Healthwatch will work with HMP to prepare their own survey.
- Healthwatch will act as the ‘honest broker’ to ensure the timetable for a 3-month consultation period is maintained.

Whilst this is progress, bearing in mind that so far HMP have done nothing with regards to consulting with patients about the closure of the surgery, it does give me a cause for concern. Our efforts so far have been with the patients who have been adversely affected by the closure of Blakeney surgery. The consultation by HMP will be based upon the whole of their practice, most of whom will be unaffected by their closure decision. Can I ask that all BPC councillors make sure they get involved in this Healthwatch process at any opportunity you can.

- BPC agreed unanimously that it was time to get involved in a direct dialogue with HMP to raise our concerns and to express community concerns. It was agreed that our Chair, Vice Chair, and the District Councillor, should arrange a meeting with HMP to commence this process.

Blakeney Neighbourhood Plan – *Cllr Rosemary Thew* – NNDC have advised that the referendum will take place on **Thursday 14th September 2023**, and we urge everyone to vote on the day. A ‘Referendum Information Sheet’ will be published on the NNDC website no later than 28 days prior to the referendum. While the Neighbourhood Plan cannot be formally ‘made’ (adopted) until after a positive referendum result, national planning policy and legislation stipulates that emerging Neighbourhood Plans, and in particular ‘post-examination’ plans, should be given appropriate weight in decision making where that Plan is a material consideration to the application. Consequently, the issuing of the Decision Statement on Thursday 29th June brought into force the Neighbourhood Plan as a material consideration in the planning application process, where proportionate regard and weight should now be given to the post-examination draft neighbourhood plan (referendum version) in decision making as far as it is material to any planning application.

The modified neighbourhood plan (referendum version), the Decision Statement and further information, can be found at: www.north-norfolk.gov.uk/blakeneynp

Dinghy Park Management Committee Meeting – *Cllr Alban Donohoe* gave a summary of the last meeting and the minutes will be available on the BPC website as usual.

We have reappointed outside members to the following committees; **Party on Pastures/Events**; Alison Wagstaffe, Alison Jewell, Lynn Massingham & Jess Daynes and also the **Dinghy Park Management Committee**; the Blakeney Sailing Club will reconfirm their representatives to us very soon, as will the Blakeney Harbour Association, (in the meantime, status quo) and our 2 public representatives, Peter Roe and Steve Roch, have both advised that they are happen to remain, however, we do have to advertise these position also.

No Councillors questions.

CORRESPONDENCE –

Following a suggestion from an individual, we will invite other outside groups to see if we can pull together to obtain more funding for **Individual Community Grants** for those in need.

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

- PF/23/0070 – Barn Owl, Three Owl Farm Cottages, Saxlingham Road, Blakeney** – Change of use from holiday cottages to ancillary accommodation to main dwelling, and external alterations including demolition of porch, construction of lean-to plant room, blocking up of one window and installation of two bifold doors - **Approved.**
- RV/23/0473 & RV/23/0457 – Red House, The Quay, Blakeney** – Works associated with replacement side extension following demolition of existing side extension – **Approved.**
- EF/23/0713 – Four Winds, 13 Kingsway, Blakeney** – Lawful development certificate for

- i) proposed single storey rear extension –
Permission not required.

YOUR SERVING PARISH COUNCILLORS ARE: -

Rosemary Thew – 740555 – Moonraker, Back Lane
Nigel Sutcliffe – 741714 – Dallinga, 71 Morston Road
Jenny Girling – 740792 – 11 Queens Close
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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 copy the Parish Council in, but please do note the deadlines. Next Full Council meeting; Tuesday 1ST August 2023.

Some 'inspirational' Quotable Quote's:

The best way to find out if you can trust
somebody is to trust them
Ernest Hemingway

If you want to live a happy life, tie it to a goal,
not to people or things
Albert Einstein

If you cannot handle me at my worst - then
you sure as hell do not deserve me at my best
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"Bitcherel"

By Eleanor Brown

You ask what I think of your new acquisition;
and since we are now to be 'friends',
I'll strive to the full to cement my position
with honesty. Dear - it depends.

It depends upon taste, which must not be disputed;
for which of us does understand
why some like their furnishings pallid and muted,
their cookery wholesome, but bland?

There isn't a law that a face should have features,
it's just that they generally do;
God couldn't give colour to all of his creatures,
and only gave wit to a few;

I'm sure she has qualities, much underrated,
that compensate amply for this,
along with a charm that is so understated
it's easy for people to miss.

And if there are some who choose clothing to flatter
what beauties they think they possess,
when what's underneath has no shape, does it matter
if there is no shape to the dress?

It's not that I think she is boring, precisely,
that isn't the word I would choose;
I know there are men who like girls who talk nicely
and always wear sensible shoes.

It's not that I think she is vapid and silly;
it's not that her voice makes me wince;
but - chilli con carne without any chilli
is only a plateful of mince...

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It is that time of the year! School's out and there is plenty to keep the family happy at the Museum of the Broads. Remember, all 12s and under go free, and young people up to 18 are only £3 entry.

We have special events on holiday Thursdays. On 3rd August, are our ever-popular Steam and Sail days. Take a steamboat trip, have a sail on a wherry yacht, and return by steam. Booking is via www.wherryyachtcharter.org. The Wherry Albion is open to view on 17 August and we have a Families' Art and Craft Day on 24 August with artist, Jo Couldrey.

One of our boats runs each day we are open (Sun, Tues, Wed and Thurs) and you can take a special Kingfisher Cruise on selected summer evenings too to spot wildlife and those elusive birds! We have kept our prices the same this year and our boat trips are unique!

Make a day of it and enjoy a picnic by the river. Have a panini – sweet or savoury – from Rooby's, our onsite caterers.

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A musical interlude (in Cley Church)
Wyatt Earp & friends
- Nov 2nd** ***Fakenham to Wells***
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Thoughts from the Rectory for August

Dear Friends,

“BREATHING SPACE”

Ahhh!.... August.... holidays.... summer. You can almost hear people taking a concerted deep breath! Well, of course, August is a month we still traditionally associate with holidays, and with “taking a breather.”

Needless to say, many people will not be heading off anywhere with their proverbial bucket and spade this month, either for reasons of work, or age, or finance, or having taken a holiday at some other time, and so on. But for many, it will be a time of rest and relaxation, a breathing space in a busy life.

And we need our breathing spaces. Whatever our condition, and however we take our relaxation, we all need to pause and re-charge. And this goes much further than summer holidays. The same principle applies each week and even each day. We are not built to carry on dashing around continuously like robots. God has given us a pattern of busy-ness and stillness, built around the biblical idea of a Sabbath rest.

I remember attending a day event called “Breathing Space.” It was a sort of mini-retreat, a chance to stop and draw breath, and to reflect on the blessings of God in creation, humanity, and art. One person was speaking on “the importance of making space (breathing space) in our lives, so that God can work in us.”

My take is that one of the keys to fulfilment is to find God in everything, and to feel in touch with God. To do that involves awareness, and the gift of finding joy in the moment. But I think we can only do that if we make space in our lives. Breathing space. Not easy! But perhaps we can make ourselves stop and look at a sunset or a flower or a painting, and not rush past. We all need breathing space. We are, after all, as has been pointed out before, “human beings” not “human doings”!

This August, I hope you have some opportunity – at home or away – to draw breath and re-charge your batteries. But do not forget the need for little breathing spaces throughout the other eleven months of the year too!

*God bless you with his peace,
Richard.*

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

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Weddings:

The following couples were all married in July, and all at Cley Church:

Hannah Lea & Alistair Lyons; Simon Finch & Martha Twistleton-Wykeham-Fiennes; and Thomas Maizels & Pia Austin-Little.

On August 12th, there will be a wedding blessing at Cley for Gerard Collett and Cordula Dimattio, recently married in Germany.

Our congratulations to them all!

St Peter's Catholic Church
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**AUGUST 2023
SERVICE SCHEDULE
NB: no services in Wiveton**

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| Wed 2nd | Holy Communion (BCP) 10.00 | Cley |
| Thur 3rd | Evening Prayer 5.00 | Glandford |
| SUNDAY 6th | <i>Trinity 9 / Transfiguration</i> | |
| 8.00 | Holy Communion (BCP) | Blakeney |
| 9.30 | Holy Communion (CW) [<i>& streamed</i>] | Blakeney |
| 11.15 | Holy Communion (BCP) | Letheringsett |
| 6.00 | Sacred Space | Cley |
| Thur 10th | Evening Prayer 5.00 | Glandford |
| SUNDAY 13th | <i>Trinity 10</i> | |
| 9.30 | Praise and Worship [<i>& streamed</i>] | Blakeney |
| 11.15 | Holy Communion with hymns (BCP) | Glandford |
| 6.00 | Service of Contemplation | Cley |
| Wed 16th | Holy Communion (BCP) 10.00 | Cley |
| Thur 17th | Evening Prayer 5.00 | Glandford |
| SUNDAY 20th | <i>Trinity 11</i> | |
| 9.30 | Celtic HC with Healing [<i>& streamed</i>] | Blakeney |
| 9.30 | Morning Prayer (CW) | Letheringsett |
| 11.15 | Café Church | Cley |
| Thur 24th | Evening Prayer 5.00 | Glandford |
| SUNDAY 27th | <i>Trinity 12</i> | |
| 8.00 | Holy Communion (BCP) | Cley |
| 9.30 | Holy Communion (CW) [<i>& streamed</i>] | Blakeney |
| 11.15 | Family Service (All-Age) | Cley |
| 6.30 | Evensong (BCP) | Glandford |
| Thur 31st | Evening Prayer 5.00 | Glandford |

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

Cley

THURSDAY'S AT 3PM, CLEY CHURCH

We are taking a summer break for the Thursday afternoon concerts in Cley Church. Many thanks to some loyal supporters who have turned up regularly over the year to enjoy the varied programmes on offer. We will be restarting on **Thursday September 21st** at 3.00pm with music from Wyatt Earp (flute) and Angela Dugdale (piano). The full programme for the Autumn Season will be available then if you wish for a copy.

We have completed 80 concerts since we started on October 14th 2021. Highlights for this season up to Christmas will include programmes for the Cley WI, words and music about Nelson and the poet Thomas Hardy - and of course the usual varied instrumentalists. If you have not managed to come before, do please give us a go. There is no charge for the music or the refreshments afterwards, although we encourage you to make a donation to the Church Restoration Fund.

Wyatt Earp

Cley Parish Council's Chairman's Report July 2023

We were pleased to meet Tim Schofield at July's PC meeting. He is the planning advisor working on the replacement dwelling on the Arcady site, together with a local conservation and heritage architect. He stressed that there will be public consultation at the design stage, prior to any application being submitted. Apologies to those joining remotely that the zoom connection was so poor.

There will be a Public Meeting on 1st August at Blakeney Village Hall from 5-6.30pm to discuss the future of Blakeney Surgery, where the practice will give its reason to close the surgery and parishioners will have an opportunity to speak. If you are going to Harbour Day instead, the practice will be running a survey from 14th August which is open till 30th September; hard copies will be available at each surgery and sent to housebound residents; drop-in sessions will be held at Kelling and Melton surgeries and at Holt library (dates to be confirmed). There will also be comment boxes in each surgery.

The practice will text patients a link to the practice website page and the survey. You can email or write to the practice. The survey will be available in large print, translated into any language or in braille. The consultation period ends 30th September so there is plenty of time and ways to share your views. If you do not have a car, I calculate it will be a 3hr 42m round trip by bus from CLEY to get to Kelling Surgery (including an hour's walk if the Holt Hopper bus stops running) and a 5hr 24m round trip to Melton!

We are currently discussing with the Village Hall Committee an approach by Norfolk County Council to ascertain our

interest in their community focussed electric vehicle charge point (EVCP) network, as the Village Hall owns the car park and their views are essential.

NNDC Enforcement and Planning Officers have been out to the Barn on Cookes Marsh to look at recent works. We wait to hear the outcome.

We were disappointed that the proposed speed limit reduction along the A149 from Hunstanton to Sheringham will not be progressed due to negative feedback from consultees. The funding that had been made available has been set aside for other measures to improve the route and keep villages and road network as safe as possible.

We think we may have found government funding for the second defibrillator to be installed in the newly repainted phone box.

We still have plenty of money available for hardship 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.

The next Parish Council Meeting is on Thursday September 14th in the Village Hall at 6.30pm. The agenda will be published on the Notice Board, on the website (www.cleypc.info) and we will mail it out to those on the [Parish email list \(if you want to be included in this please email the Clerk\)](#) and the [village WhatsApp group](#). Please comment on or ask general questions about Agenda items before the meeting by getting in touch with the clerk or myself, or come along and participate. Minutes are posted as usual on the website.

Dr Victoria Holliday, Chair
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**Glaven Valley
Bereavement Support Group
will meet on Monday 14th August
at Merchants House, Blakeney**

4.00pm to 5.30pm.

**Anyone who has suffered
bereavement is very welcome.**

Refreshments at 3.50pm



Our popular Thursdays @ 3 Music in the Afternoons starts again September 21st. We hope Wyatt, Angela, and all the other talented musicians have a restful break (as do our bakers!) They deserve it – they have completed 80 concerts since they started in October 2021! We are so lucky to have weekly performances of such astounding quality.

The Norwich Cathedral Choir choral evensong on Sunday 2nd July was magical.

Cley's contributions to the Five Churches Festival by the Chaos Collective were outstanding. The launch concert at St Margaret's on Thursday 3rd with a French themed programme was a huge success, with amazing performances by Ben Holland and Brenda Blewett. The cabaret night on July 15th with James McConnel and friends was an absolute masterpiece, hugely enjoyed by the capacity crowd. I will never forget singing Nessun Dorma to the words of an Indian takeaway menu.

As I write, the 770th anniversary of St Margaret's Fair on 22nd July is in final preparations and I am sure as ever will be spectacularly successful.

Looking forward, we are hoping that we can muster a good crowd to take on the Norfolk Churches Trust Bike Ride on September 9th (you can also walk and ride). Half of what you raise goes to St Margaret's and the remainder to The Norfolk Churches Trust, an equally good cause. More details to follow.

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

Thank you all very much indeed.

Victoria Holliday, Chair, Friends of Cley Church

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Saturday, 9 September, 7.30 pm

Tala Tarang

Eleanor Turner, *harp*

Mendi Singh, *tabla*

“DEWDROP,” a candlelit concert

Bach, Strozzi, Tieren, Piazzolla, Henson-Conant, Tarang

Tala Tarang embodies a special chemistry through a subtle yin-yang of two halves creating a whole. Through their musical compositions, they strive to represent the forms within nature, bringing a healing effect to the listener.

With Mendi's powerful tabla grooves underpinning Eleanor's virtuosic harp playing, their repertoire includes

folk, Bollywood, Western Classical and World music. Both artists come from classical backgrounds (North Indian and Western) having received worldwide acclaim prior to forging a deep musical partnership.

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CLEY

Seagulls glide through the blue clear sky,
Calling their joy above my home at Cley.
The marshes far beneath them span,
A sanctuary to bird and man.

Marshland alive with flocks on wing,
And pond, watched and watching.
Far from Man's loud machine.

The North Sea licks the pebbled shore,
Or crashes hard on huey stone.
Which screeches down to salty depths,
Mid curls of lacy foam.

Past famous Mill the artists paint,
The Glaven flows through muddy creeks.
From where we sailed to Blakeney Point,
In our little hut we stayed for weeks.

We picked out cockles, winkles too,
Or ran through soft white sandy dune.
As children, free as terns that flew above, I hear them
still.

We glided back in evening light,
Red sun across our billowing sails.
Gentle ripples in our wake,
So, home to Cley, my haven place.

Alongside heath where gorses grow,
And nightingales sing their evensong.
Where Ice Age formed the land we know,
The Glaven still meanders on.

In early times Cley was a town,
And Dutchmen came, the marsh to drain.
And ships came in with goods and fuel,
Returning North with food and grain.

The ancient church stands by the Green,
And tombs, like books, tell history there.
Of village folk whose names are seen,
Still, among the living there.

And mine is one.

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Wiveton

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

A very happy 90th birthday to Lina Wood from all at Wiveton. There was a lovely party in the Parish Room to celebrate, attended by her many friends and her family.

Dear all, Lina would like to thank all the friends who gave such beautiful cards and gifts for her 90th birthday.

*Thank you again.
Lina Wood*

Wiveton Church

Great news! After a slight delay with the building works, we are now on track and hope that the church will be fully open again from about the middle of September. Watch this space!

Wiveton Wander

We now know the grand total for the Wiveton Wander, which is a staggering £8,952.38. Again, my huge and heartfelt thanks to everyone who took part and helped in any way - there were an awful lot of you and, as you know, we obviously could not have done it without you. Thank you all so much.


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
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Anthea de Loynes
Chair of the Friends of Wiveton Church
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NORFOLK CHURCHES BIKE RIDE

This year the Norfolk Churches Bike Ride is being held on Saturday 9th September.

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Glandford

Letheringsett

Further to June Hick's letter in the July GVN, we agree that the church grass has not looked its traditional manicured neatness.

Unfortunately, no mow May does leave gardens and churchyards looking untidy, especially as we are encouraged to leave any insects undisturbed for another month.

We have also asked our verger to not cut the South front to help Meadow Saxifrage, a very rare pretty little plant flowering April to July

The trustees have recently invested in a newer mower and the graves will be strimmed, so all writing can be read.

However, we do not intend to completely return this little churchyard into one mown site, paths will be picked out and maintained but the rest left each spring to flower.

Kind regards

Averil Monteith

Roger Combe

St Martins church wardens

Five Churches Festival

Following the launch of the Five Churches Festival at Cley and Letheringsett, on 14th July, St Martins church hosted the amazing Chaos Collective quartet, with the wonderful Vivaldi 4seasons.

Brenda and Richard Lawry pulled out all the stops with their knowledge of these talented musicians, who together with the violin soloist Benedict Holland, gave an assured and enthralling performance to the full church.

It was an evening to remember, as after an interval of paddling up the lane in pouring rain, for delicious pizzas at the Cley Smokehouse, at the Manor farm Barns, we returned to a performance of equal delight, for a medley of 4 seasonal tunes, ranging, from Gershwin the Beatles, Puccini, Shostakovich, and Mendelssohn, accompanied by the acclaimed actor Jeremy Northam with an equally eclectic mix of poems, surely our little gem of a church was truly blessed!

Averil Monteath

Five Churches Festival

How wonderful it was to enjoy such an uplifting concert in St Andrew's Church as Letheringsett hosted the launch night of the festival on the 13th July with 110 in attendance.

The programme was varied with something for everyone from Mozart to Beethoven via Edith Piaf, Tango, Diamonds Are Forever amongst other pieces and a modern composition by Susannah Self from Hindringham.

Also huge thanks to all those who helped with flowers and brass cleaning, and on the night, welcoming, selling programmes and interval drinks plus rattling buckets for the retiring collection. We are extremely lucky to have so much goodwill which is greatly appreciated.

By the time of the next issue, we will be able to let everyone know how much was raised for St Andrew's.

Norfolk Churches Trust Bike Ride 9th September.

You are invited to obtain sponsors for the 40th Anniversary of this event with monies raised being divided between the NCT and the Christian place of worship nominated by the participant which we would appreciate being St Andrew's Church. This is a fun day and non-cyclists are welcome to walk, ride or drive between places of worship.

It would be nice to have a team of volunteers to welcome those visiting our church so if anyone is free to spend some time during this day in church then please let me know.

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Langham Dome Museum. North Norfolk

Things are in full swing at the Dome at this time of the year. We have had several private visits. The Fakenham RAF Cadets, who are always a delight to have at the museum. Also, Aylsham Rotary Club and the MG Owners Club from Kings Lynn, who both followed their visit to the Dome by a meal at the Chequers Inn at Binham, always a popular favourite with our visitors. We made our presence known at a couple of Events in the area. RAF Sculthorpe Heritage Day and West Raynham Station Headquarters Open Day. Both were well attended, and the Dome stand was extremely popular.

We have several new price entry offers for families, and offer discounts to Defence Discount and Blue Light card holders, which is proving to be very welcome to our visitors in today's financial climate. We have a new Assistant Manager, Scott Eltringham on board this year, who is doing a sterling job at the Dome and with our social media posts!


At the end of the season, we shall be holding a Members Day at the Dome, which will consist of drinks and canapes in the Memorial Gardens, underneath the Spitfire, with dancing to music from the 1940's. This will be followed by some Live music entertainment inside the Dome, as well as talks from our Resident Archivists. If you would like to become a member and join us on the day, please contact Fiona on membership@langhamdome.org or pop into the Dome to complete a form.

We are always on the lookout for new volunteers to join our happy crew, so take a look at our poster, and please get in touch if you would like to join us at the Dome!

Many thanks, Deborah Wilson, Manager.

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With the warm summer days now with us, we are introducing 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.



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.

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10.30am**

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Sea Cadets is open to all young people aged 10-18 years. We parade on a Wednesday evening from 7-9pm at Alderman Peel High School, and one Saturday of every month and are currently accepting new entries.

We are also always looking for adult volunteers to join us, whether it is becoming a trained instructor or just lending a helping hand. You do not need to have a background in the Navy or in water sports, just a positive attitude! Volunteering with Sea Cadets has many benefits, including giving back to the community, helping young people grow into adults and gaining qualifications to deliver variety of training we have to offer.

For all enquiries, please contact us at wellsseacadets@gmail.com or telephone 07889 136430 or <https://www.sea-cadets.org/apply>

From NNDC:

‘Youth Council

The NNDC Youth council is prioritising mental health, with a focus on engaging with local schools to raise the profile of mental health support and services. They will be working with MIND to promote their services for young people.

Planning

We are expecting the processing of planning applications held up by Nutrient Neutrality to be starting late summer. Blakeney Neighbourhood Plan referendum will be held on September 14th. Holt Neighbourhood Plan has been approved at referendum. Work continues the draft of the Glaven Valley Conservation Area appraisal which will go out to public consultation after it is discussed at the Planning Policy Working Party. Biodiversity net gain on planning applications of 10% becomes mandatory in November. Enforcement have 194 live cases and are clearing the backlog of historic cases.

Coastal

There is a bid for a UNESCO world heritage site status for an East Atlantic flyway along the east coast, including North Norfolk, for migratory birds, supported by the RSPB and other stakeholders.

Benefits

The Financial Inclusion team provides support and guidance to residents on money matters such as debt advice. In the last 7 months they have had 650 cases referred and have completed almost 300. Discretionary Housing payments are available to help with rent arrears, rent deposit, moving costs and ongoing rent shortfall (for example for those on housing benefits but living in private rented housing).

Households in receipt of Council Tax Support will be awarded up to £25 against their council tax bill. It's proposed that NNDC gives Citizens Advice a grant of £66k to provide advice and advocacy services, including a specialised debt advisor based at NNDC one day a week. We are keeping the invaluable Community Connectors through the end of April 2024. Social Prescribers received 77 referrals in the last two months. Please get in touch with me or call NNDC (01263513811) if you would like to be referred for any benefits.

Housing

Through government grants of £1.8 million, NNDC and Flagship have purchased 11 homes for refugee households, another 3 for Afghan households and one for a homeless household. Long term, these will be available to households on the housing list and the homeless. These are much needed as we have 3 homeless Ukrainian families, 2 in temporary accommodation and one family being asked to leave by their hosts. NNDC anticipates completion of 27 affordable houses in 23-24 with 350 in the next few years.

These are also much needed as there were 2538 households on the housing list as of 30th June, with 72 households in temporary accommodation. The Early Intervention team which targets people at risk of homelessness opened 48 new cases April to May and helped 28 households to stay in their own homes or find alternate accommodation. NNDC is loaning £110k to Homes for Wells to help purchase of two affordable homes and support their work. Eligibility criteria for warm homes grants have been simplified and more residents are eligible for energy efficiency works. The Integrated Housing Adaptations Team is busy with 87 new contacts in the last 2 months. 142 Disabled Facilities Grants were awarded last financial year. It is proposed that the Disabled Facilities Discretionary grant scope is broadened to allow more homes to be adapted. It is expected this will cost £240k and be funded by the Better Care Fund.

Sustainable business

NNDC has received £150k and will receive £300k from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund. This will go the North Norfolk Sustainable Communities Fund, Visit North Norfolk, the Go Digital programme for businesses and The New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership. NNDC has received £364k and will receive £1 million from the Rural England Prosperity Fund. A capital grant scheme to support local businesses and communities is currently being finalised.

An online Business Support Hub has been created which provides advice, information, and resources to support you and your business. Contact economic.growth@north-norfolk.gov.uk for more details.

Property services

Project enabling works are progressing at the Albert Street conveniences, however we are waiting for a budget to be confirmed.

Environment

Approximately 3.5 tonnes of small electrical equipment and batteries have been collected in the first few months of the scheme.

Bin collections continue to be an issue. Please contact me with problems.

Customer service

The average wait time for a customer service representative is 4m 22s which is not at the target of 2m 30s.

Finance

The outturn position for 22/23 is a £0.782m overspend.'

I continue to wholeheartedly support the campaign against the closure of Blakeney Surgery. If you do not have a car, I calculate it will be a 3hr 42m round trip by bus from CLEY to get to Kelling Surgery (including an hour's walk if the Holt Hopper bus gets cancelled) and a 5hr 24m round trip to Melton! There will be a Public Meeting on Tuesday August 1st at 5pm in the Village Hall, for you to hear the reasons this closure is proposed and share your views. It would be great if as many of you could come to this meeting, though I realise the 1st is Harbour Day which is understandably very popular. If you cannot make it, the practice will be running a survey from 14th August which is open till 30th September; hard copies will be available at each surgery and sent to housebound residents; drop-in sessions will be held

at Kelling and Melton surgeries and at Holt library (dates to be confirmed). There will also be comment boxes in each surgery. The practice will text patients a link to the practice website page and the survey. You can email or write to the practice. The survey will be available in large print, translated into any language or in braille. The consultation period ends 30th September so there is plenty of time and ways to share your views!

The Coastal supermarket, which was in Blakeney, is now going to be in Holt from Thursday 20th July, based at Independence matters, Holt Hub, Charles Road, Holt, from 10am-12pm every Thursday. You pay a one-off payment of £3.50 to join (lifetime membership, no renewal cost) then this can be used at other bases e.g., Wells at the Cottage Hospital (which is open Wednesdays 1-4pm, Fridays 10-1pm and Saturdays 9.30-12.30). The food is about 30% cheaper than Tesco and the fruit and veg is free!

*Dr Victoria Holliday
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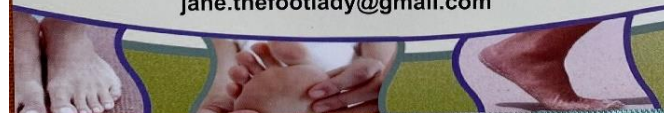
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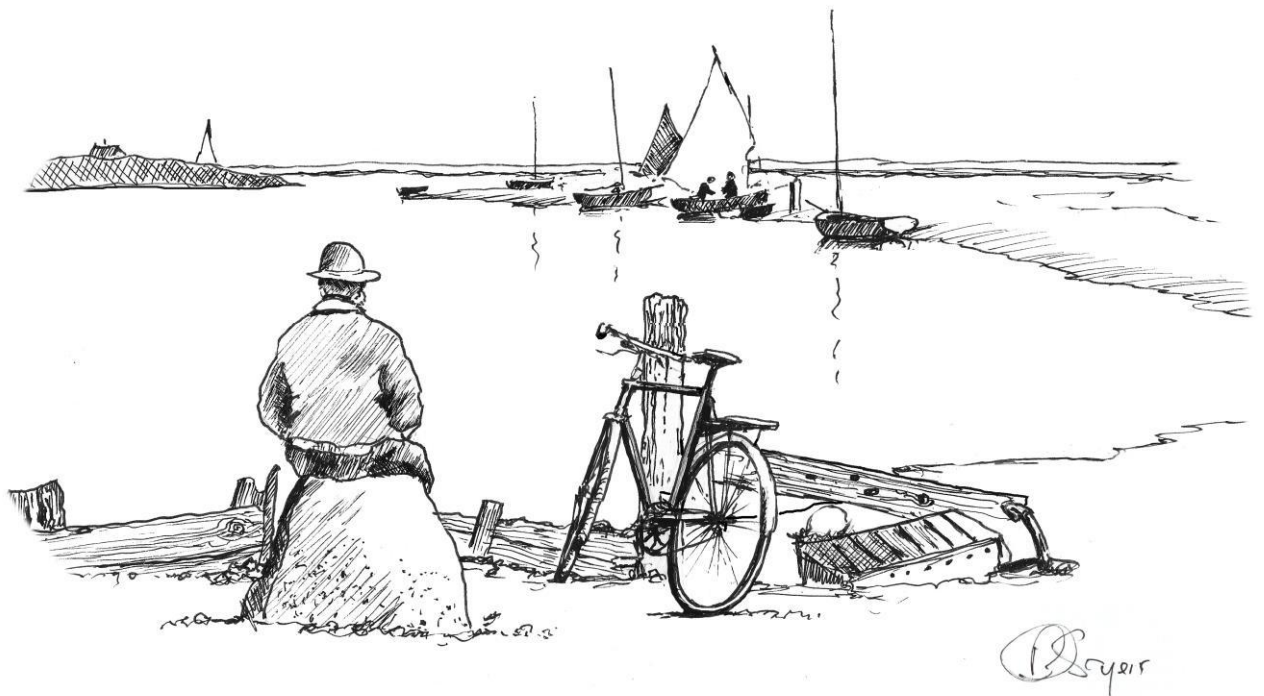
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Still Life

Having lost three dear friends in the space of two weeks, and two others in recent months I'm prompted to take a break before the last leg of our coastal walk and reflect on the passage of time and the brevity of our lives.

As a child I played in and around the old granaries and coal stores of Blakeney; inside they were as they had been the day the last ship sailed. Balks of timber, old tins and buckets, a rusting and untidy footnote to so many busy centuries, but among it for me a few prizes in the form of some very rare match boxes. I was too young to realise I was looking at the end of a history, of the events and the excitement this place had seen from Tudor times until just a few decades before that moment, the last ship left the quay in 1919. Within a decade of my rummagings that world was gone, vast storage spaces turned into shops, flats, and art galleries, I only see it now in sepia or black and white photos. Looking through them it becomes a familiar world, but not in colour, and it almost becomes natural think that that was how it was, to forget that their world was in colour, not perhaps the bright colours we have today but in colour nonetheless.

Piddy Palmer with his white beard standing self-consciously in his best suit and hat holding his little cart with it's shellfish, samphire and un-skinned rabbits; was his suit blue? brown?, grey? I wonder. A group of women with spotless white aprons in the street, poised delicately and unconcernedly amongst the horse muck, beyond them some young lads clearly fascinated by something as mysterious as a newfangled camera.

On a bright summer afternoon two women walking up the high street, one of them pushing a pram, with no inkling that I would be watching their backs 100 years later. A group of children beside the channel in their Sunday best; were they dressed for the photo or had they just come from chapel? Or less likely at that time, from church. Their smiles reaching into the future to make me smile, and quite a reach as this is one of the oldest I have, it must have been taken at least a 140 years ago. Those children will have had children of their own, become grand parents, and possibly, if they survived the first world war, great grand parents, and will have been in the ground by the church now for over 70 years; we are fleetingly transient, like passengers on a train we come and we go, This village, every village has hosted many generations, every few decades the village has a different population*, all knowing it in a different way. The world those children knew, the village they knew, the life they knew, so different. Queen Victoria was on the throne and they may well have been among the very first that 'had' to go to school, and so avoided the toil of child labour.

Even with that education what would they grow up to be? Fishermen, deckhands, farm labourers, scullery maids, probably not much else on offer unless you were the son or daughter of one of the wealthy merchants. Not far away a ship lying on her side on the hard, probably to be caulked or re-tarred, an image which reminds me of one of Sam's Parson's stories (he was alive at the time) of a ship laid up for caulking, but due to a misunderstanding was broken up instead, I bet they were popular.

So many frozen moments, a cluster of mussel canoes and sailing dinghies, overloaded with people watching a regatta swimming race. A crowd of hundreds gathered by the quayside for lifeboat day. A man standing by his wheel barrow, arms folded, looking at a horse and cart passing with what looks like someone's household possessions heading off down the hill. Where were they going? Was the furniture about to be loaded onto a ship for Newcastle or London, or were they just going round the corner. The London and Newcastle packets plied regularly from Blakeney to those two places, much quicker than overland, Blakeney then was the equivalent of a rail terminal today, people coming by wagons from all around to travel to distant places.

The Taffy, the only steamer to ever get up to the quay, a bustle of activity around her, men pushing barrows, others clearly hurrying with sacks on their backs. This might appear to have been normal quayside activity if no other information were available, but in the same interview with Sam Parsons, I learned that she was so big that they knew the spring tides they had taken advantage of to get her up to the quay would only give them one more opportunity to get her out again, so every man on the quay was roped in to get her loaded. She had come in stern first having been turned by the bridge, the only place wide enough for that to be achieved. She looked so big towering over the porters, but when she reached Newcastle with her grain, she would have appeared to be little more than a tug against the ocean-going vessels she would have tied up amongst. And this of course, apart from relentless siltation, was the reason for the collapse of all that history, the surge of progress during that terrible war turned wooden coastal traders into larger steam ships, too big to get up to Blakeney.

The Minstrel a beautiful ketch tied up at the quay and owned by Billy (Slussy) Temple, he sailed her, with either a boy or his dog as 2nd mate; a large vessel to sail single-handed, but I wouldn't disbelieve it. He would come up to the quay with a load of coal from up north and sell it straight from the ship to the people of the village, often delivered by young boys with little carts. By the spring when it had all been sold, he would load up with grain to go back the other way.

The Yankee, a large 70-foot ex-lighter converted into a steam powered tug sitting alongside low quay, what is left of her rusting remains today on (of course) 'Yankee Ridge' just a short distance away from Pinchen's Creek where the ferry boats once unload their passengers on the Point. Seeing the length of what is left of her it is difficult to imagine how such a large vessel could ever have easily turned round in the channel, even at that time. Only the manoeuvre of the Taffy seems likely.

Westgate Street, showing a post office and shop in the middle of the row that now houses the Spar shop. When I lived in Westgate Street in the 1950s there were no shops at all, just a small bakery on their end of the row. I recall going to see my first film 'Treasure Island' at the Regal Cinema in Holt and getting off the cinema bus at the crossroads and looking down a dark Westgate Street to see the only light above the Kings Arms swinging sign; I was Jim Hawkins back by the Admiral Benbow. But odd how there was a shop, then there was not, then Dudley and Kenny Hill came along and there was another in exactly the same place to eventually become the Spar.

And more recent shots; photos that don't seem like history to me as I was there. The 53 tidal surge and its aftermath of wreckage, the mountains of tangle splashed up against the Blakeney Hotel, the beautiful Jane Hannah lodged in Quay House wall, all one side of her smashed in, the Hotel's entrance completely blocked with boats and a huge lake called Blakeney Freshes.

And closer in time, faces I know, those I shared my life with. Friends, relatives, workmates and wise advisors. Stratton Long my employer for a few years and a valuable friend and guide, Billy Long and Jimmy Temple, John Bean and Kitch, John Wallace, Harry, and Colin Bishop, and of course my walking companion Mike Curtis; friends with whom I spent so many happy times. They are of course in colour, as they will remain in photos, in memory and in dreams.

* Sadly, the turn of the generations is coming to a close as the indigenous community declines and will soon disappear altogether as the new populations will come from elsewhere. For all its history Blakeney has had inward and outward migration, for probably 2000 years the village make up has slowly altered as people leave and arrive, Scots, Danes, Swedes and Dutch, comings and goings and the village gene pool slowly changing. So, from Doomsday till the last century it would be almost completely different, but never will its population have been so entirely replaced in such a short time.

G.S.

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