THE GLAVEN VALLEY NEWSLETTER



December 2022

Cley Christmas Market



Saturday 3 December 10:00am - 4:00pm Cley Village Hall NR25 7RJ

Art, Books, Collectables, Crafts, Gifts, plus a superb variety of refreshments, snacks and home-made cakes. Plus our ever popular Raffle.

A Great Family Event

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Treasurer's Report

Thank you to all readers who have made financial contributions to the running costs of the Newsletter during 2022. Unfortunately, with rising costs it still looks like we will have run at a loss during the year, so any final contributions for the year will be most welcome.

Donations can be made by:

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Festive Seals Painted by Lottie Blakeney Church of England Primary School



Blakeney Church Dressed for Christmas Painted by George

Blakeney Church of England Primary School

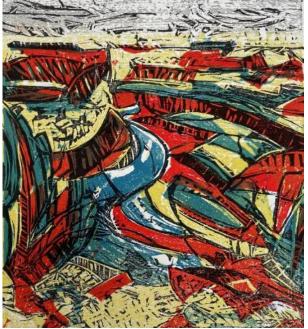
THE GLAVEN CHRISTMAS CARDS

'The children were all given complete freedom in terms of materials used. We briefly looked at pictures of the local area and what people might remember most about Blakeney, then they were so excited by thought of Christmas in September they just ran with it. We had, paint, pastels, art programmes on chrome books and a suggestion of collage. Adults were not required until clean up time! There was a lot of chat about how pretty the harbour always looks at Christmas, local sights, seals and how the school church service at St Nicholas is the start of the festive season. I think it was wonderful for them to take part in something which they enjoyed hugely but will also benefit others. Having fun while helping others-perhaps the perfect start to Christmas in their community'. *Mrs Claire Thoday, a teacher at the Blakeney Church of England Primary School,*

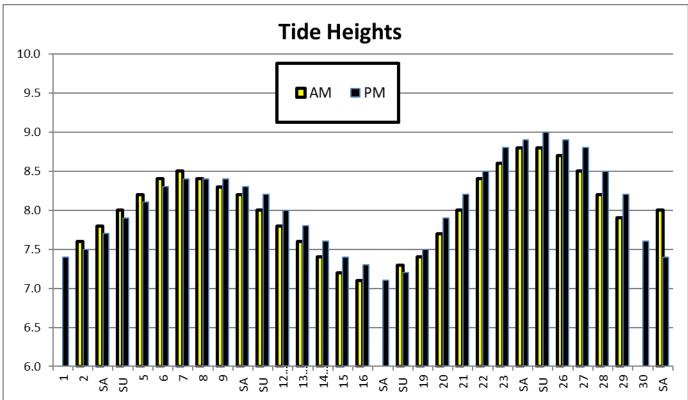
The cards will cost £5 for a pack of 5 and will be on sale at The Glaven (mornings) from November 7th 2022 and we have a stand at Love Holt on November 6th.



Salthouse Church in the Snow Photographed by Raven Cozens-Hardy www.ravenphoto.co.uk



Blakeney Freshes Linocut by Jeremy Bevan info@jeremybevanartist.co.uk www.jeremybevanartist.co.uk



Tide Times					
	АМ	РМ		AM	РМ
Thu 01 December	00:00	13:06			
Fri 02 December		14:16			
Sat 03 December	02:14	15:17			
Sun 04 December	03:15	16:10			
Mon 05 December	04:09	16:55	Mon 19 December	02:15	15:16
Tue 06 December	04:58	17:35	Tue 20 December	03:24	16:11
Wed 07 December	05:43	18:11	Wed 21 December	04:23	17:00
Thu 08 December	06:26	18:47	Thu 22 December	05:17	17:46
Fri 09 December	07:07	19:20	Fri 23 December	06:08	18:30
Sat 10 December	07:45	19:52	Sat 24 December	06:59	19:15
Sun 11 December	08:21	20:24	Sun 25 December	07:49	20:00
Mon 12 December	08:56	20:57	Mon 26 December	08:39	20:45
Tue 13 December	09:33	21:31	Tue 27 December	09:30	21:32
Wed 14 December	10:14	22:11	Wed 28 December	10:23	22:22
Thu 15 December	11:02	22:59	Thu 29 December	11:21	23:18
Fri 16 December	11:58	23:56	Fri 30 December	00:00	12:24
Sat 17 December		13:03	Sat 31 December	00:22	13:28
Sun 18 December	01:01	14:12			

December 2022 - Tide Details

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Blakeney

Happy New Year's Resolution

Please come and play BADMINTON at Blakeney Village Hall

Every Monday 6pm - 8pm £3.50 First time free - rackets available. All levels welcome.

Blakeney CE VA Primary School

This term is whizzing by and the children and staff show no signs of slowing down!

The Year 6's have just returned from Howe Hill in the Broads where they joined the other children from Walsingham, Hindringham and Kelling for a residential trip. Their behaviour was impeccable and they were a real credit to the school.

These children still at school continued with their learning and are making huge progress with their music lessons. They are currently learning to play the violin. We are looking for a name for our strings ensemble so if anyone has any suggestions they will be gratefully received.

The Key Stage 1 children are very excited to have resumed their Forest School lessons. It is amazing how sensible they are and how respectful they are of the natural environment. We are very lucky to have this facility at the school and the children always make the most of the space.

The whole school walked to the War Memorial in the village on November the 11th with Reverend Richard for our annual Remembrance service. It was, as always, moving and meaningful for the children. Some of the children have stories of family members whose names are engraved and it is vital that these stories are told and heard. The children also had a wonderful visit to the Glaven Centre to see their Christmas artwork displayed. They were treated to squash and mince pies. Thank you to everyone there for the very warm welcome.

The school has very kindly been invited to take part in the restoration project at St Mary the Virgin Church in Wiveton. In the coming weeks the Year 5 and 6 children will be travelling down the road to talk about what they would like to see on the families and children's Heritage trail that is being developed. This is a wonderful opportunity for them and will lead to their participation in an aspiration's day early next year. We are hoping that then they will get the chance to work with the traditional craftsmen and women on the restoration.

We are also gearing up for our Nativity play. The songs are being rehearsed and the tea towels being used as head dresses are being washed. Don't look now but the glitter has also arrived! It is our favourite time of the year in school and there is a real sense of excitement and joy.

While we celebrate Christmas, we will also be saying goodbye to some members of our school family. Our KS1 teacher Mrs Martin is sadly leaving, along with her son. We say goodbye with our very best wishes for happiness always. Mrs Pegden, our stalwart Midday Assistant and former Caretaker is retiring after 41 years. It is difficult to imagine our school without Mrs Pegden. What will we do without her?! We wish her a much-deserved happy retirement and hope that she will come back and visit us sometimes. She is sure to receive a wonderful welcome from us all. Thank you, Mrs Pegden, for everything.

With all good wishes for a very Happy Christmas from all of us at Blakeney Church of England Primary School

Blakeney Sailing Club

The Carnser Clear-Up is on Sunday 4th December, starting at 9am.

Thank you to all for a lovely sailing season.

Have a safe and Happy Christmas and New Year 2023!

Amy Howes

Coastal Rowing Association of Blakeney

Rowing outings were in full swing at Blakeney and at Barton Broad throughout the first half of November. Keen crews travelled to see the seals at the Point or voyaged to Sutton, Stalham, Wayford Bridge or How Hill on The Broads. As I write, some "Crabbers" are anticipating a Broads row to the well-known pub The Maltsters on 15th November. Sounds brilliant! Read the next GVN newsletter for an account of this trip. You can also see photographs of rowing experiences in both venues, Blakeney and Barton, by looking at the club website at <u>crablakeney.wordpress.com</u>.

As this article for December is being written, the 2022 Blakeney rowing season is coming to a close. However, winter rowing will continue into 2023 on The Broads. Rowing from Barton Turf is a great experience.

Your local rowing club will compete in the Carrow Cup event, Norwich, on 3rd December. Good luck to the participating rowers and let's hope for more success.

Preparations for 2023 are underway. Important dates are already on the calendar. For example, there is La semaine du Golfe du Morbihan from 15th to 21st May - a grand gathering of boats in Brittany. Also, on 27th and 28th May the Vogalonga in Venice will take place. This is a renowned event which provides the opportunity to row in procession on the Grand Canal. Events closer to home will include: the Round Hayling Island Race on 18th June, the club's Broads Tour between 26th and 30th June and the Thames Great River Race on 16th September. 2023 promises to be a brilliant year.

If any of the above has whetted your appetite for a trial row, then contact club captain Humphrey at <u>hborgnis@icloud.com</u>. Come along for a social, non-competitive row and enjoy the company.

Hope to see you soon.

Barry Howes

Christmas Pause

at The Pilgrim Methodist Church Blakeney **Thursday 15th December 10am-12 noon** with carol singing at 11.30am

An opportunity to pause and relax this festive season. Enjoy coffee/tea, mincepies and cake whilst listening to carols and chatting with friends. With optional colouring and craft available.

Blakeney Cley and District RBL Branch

Notice of AGM December 7, 7:30 pm.

The Blakeney Cley and District Royal British Legion Annual General Meeting takes place at 7:30 pm on the 7th of December at Blakeney Harbour Room.

The Armistice and Remembrance events were held against the backdrop of the war in Ukraine and a, sadly, heightened awareness of the need for our Armed Forces. There was added poignancy this year. Nobody could ever want to glorify war, particularly as we see, day by day and in real time, terrible events unfold before us. But at this time, we did well to remember the young women and the young men whose patriotism and duty led to their death and mutilation. These Remembrance events brought us the opportunity to grieve for them and for the hopelessness of war and allowed us to give our private thanks for a world that, if not safe, is safer because of them.

Blakeney Cley and District Royal British Legion Branch and Club Teams

News from the Methodist Church

Hello everyone,

Well, December has found us once again and this year preadvent preparations in the Parfitt house have been a little different, from homemade decorations to baking the Christmas cake in the Air Fryer (which feels very experimental, it did make the house smell lovely - I used my usual recipe from my grandmother's 1940s handwritten recipe book - I guess the proof is in the eating, I'll let you know next month!)

One of my winter pleasures that has stayed the same is sitting in front of the open fire of an evening enjoying a book. Every December I have a little tradition where I read a different Charles Dickens novel - this year I've chosen Oliver Twist. I also, as part of my advent preparations read an advent book, usually one with a reflection for each day of advent. This year I have decided to re-read one of the advent books that I already have, rather than buying a new one (and to be honest by the time a couple of years have gone by I likely have forgotten what was in the advent book, so it's like reading a new one anyway!) This year I'm re-reading Advent for Everyone - a journey with the apostles by Tom Wright. I have a fond affection for the apostles, that rag tag bunch of painfully human and gloriously imperfect people that Jesus chose to be his companions and to share the Good News after him. They offer us a wonderful reminder that it's okay not to be perfect, to not have all of the answers or even know the right questions to ask. Sometimes I think we can make Christianity seem complicated, but, if like the Apostles, we can find room for love in our hearts and work at carrying it with us throughout the year, then we share a gift that is infinitely more precious than any gift we could buy.

If you're looking for something festive to do, we've got a couple of things lined up this December; firstly, on Thursday

15th December from 10.30am-12 noon, a Christmas Pause enjoy festive refreshments, with colouring and craft available, finishing with carol singing at 11.30am! On Monday the 19th December we are holding our third flower arranging workshop, this one has a festive theme and the previous sessions have been so popular that this time we're running both a morning session from 10am-12 noon and an afternoon session from 1.30-3.30pm - spaces for the flower arranging workshops are limited so booking is advisable, please call Aileen on 07787 156335 or email on aileenfox123@gmail.com. Both events are free, with donations towards the cost of the events and the running of the chapel welcomed (but not compulsory!)

A reminder that our Foodbank donation point is open at the following times;

Thursdays 10am-11am (closed on 29th December) Sundays 9.30am - 11.30am (closed on 25th December)

Our weekly Sunday services for December are as follows; Sunday 4th December 10am - Traditional Service Sunday 11th December 10am - Cafe Church Sunday 18th December 10am - Celtic style service Sunday 25th December - No service

Our mid-week prayer time; Thursdays 9.30am - 10am Our weekly coffee morning takes place Thursdays 10am -11am (please note that morning prayer and the coffee morning will not take place on the 29th December due to staff annual leave)

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 07725 077810. We're a really friendly bunch and enjoy drinking coffee, eating, worshipping and laughing together :-)

Love and blessings Sam Parfitt

The Friends of St Nicholas' Church Quiz Night

The Friends Quiz held in Church on Friday 11th November 2022 was a great success.

Once again Sue Alexander worked her magic with preparing a great set of questions, but sadly after several years has said this must be her last in this role. Asking the questions, Tom Green warned the competitors that they could expect him to be as accommodating and sensitive as Jeremy Paxman! This did not prevent some good-natured challenges regarding one or two of the answers. Happily, this did more to add to the vitality of the evening than lead to threats of a judicial revenue, any serious public displays of acrimony or any impact on the final finishing order!

Although we were a bit short of helpers due to illness and other events, just over fifty competitors turned out to be a comfortable and manageable number to make it a relaxed event. The excellent meal of Shepherd's Pie was generously provided and served by the Friends Committee and others. Events such as this demand considerable work behind the scenes, so those getting quiz teams together, delivering a raffle, running the bar, setting up the space and washing up and tidying afterwards deserve our grateful thanks.

A very healthy profit of over £700 all goes to help maintain the church and support projects for the community.

Tom Green

BLAKENEY HARBOUR ROOM EVENTS

Saturday December 3rd - DR FEELGOOD doors open 8pm (£20.00)

We are so lucky to have Dr Feelgood returning to Blakeney to grace our stage again. These legends of rock were formed in 1971 in Canvey Island, and have been performing their classic rock anthems to audiences for over half a century now! Not to be missed.

FOLK CLUB (Free)

Sunday 11th December 3pm - 6pm

Come and listen, come and perform all welcome

What's Folk? A musical message, a story, simple musicality. Traditional tunes and songs, self-penned performances, folk fusions, comedy, a Capella, poetry.

Boxing Day. Monday 26th December from 7pm

A special fun Folk evening after Christmas to keep that spirit alive.

Singers and players and listeners all welcome.

OPEN MIC NIGHT

Thursday December 8th 7.00pm Top Bar (Free)

Our goal for Open Mic night is to provide an outlet primarily for musicians in the community to come together and perform in public. We want to see all levels of performers, from novice to expert, to sharpen their skills in front of an audience who are keen to listen to your talent. Sound equipment is provided, but please bring your own instrument. A quality electric piano is available for all to use. It's always a busy and fun evening that concludes with a bit of a 'jam' session!

Contact: george_crawley@hotmail.com or 07990 970882 for more details.

QUIZ NIGHT

Thursday 22nd December Bring a team along or come a join an existing one!

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Come and celebrate the New Year at your Community Pub with a Hog Roast and Disco.

George Crawley

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Glaven Valley

Bereavement Support Group

will meet on Monday 12th December

and then every second Monday of the month

at Merchants House, Blakeney

4.00pm to 5.30pm.

Anyone who has suffered bereavement is very welcome.

Refreshments at 3.50pm

GLAVEN VALLEY BENEFICE CAROL SERVICES 2022



Glandford – Wed 14th Dec @ 5.00 Blakeney – Sun 18th Dec @ 6.30 Wiveton – Mon 19th Dec @ 6.30 Letheringsett – Tue 20th Dec @ 4.00 Cley – Sat 24th Dec @ 5.00 *All welcome!*

Please see our website <u>glavenvalley churches.org.uk</u> for details of all our Christmas services.

Hope you can join us!

Acupuncture at Holt Holistic Centre Alison Courtney BScHon Ac

I am an experienced acupuncturist coming from an NHS background. Acupuncture is used to treat a wide range of health problems physical 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 alisoncourtney3@gmail.com www.alisoncourtney.com

> Member of the Acupuncture society Holt Holistic Centre 10 Station Road Holt

BLAKENEY FILM NIGHT

Happy Christmas to all our film-goers from the Film Night team.

No Film Night in December but we look forward to seeing you in 2023.



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

Local Government Elections - 4th May 2023 -We are fast approaching the next round of elections for North Norfolk District Council and Blakeney Parish Council, the 4-year cycle comes around quickly! So, if you or someone you know, is interested in standing for either the District Council or our Parish Council, then do keep an eve out for further information in the coming This process requires all existing Parish months. Councillors who wish to continue in the role, and other persons who wish to serve as a Parish Councillor, to submit nomination paperwork in the nomination period of late March/early April next year and, where the number of nominations received exceed the number of Parish Councillors to serve on the Council, then a contested election will be held. This would be at the same time as the elections to North Norfolk District Council - i.e., Thursday 4th May 2023. If you are keen to find out more about being a Parish Councillor, then by all means, contact the Parish Clerk for an informal chat.

NO OVERNIGHT PARKING ON THE CARNSER CAR

PARK – It has been brought to our attention that several people staying in holiday cottages in Blakeney, are told by the owners of the cottages that they can park overnight on the Carnser Car Park on Blakeney Quay. This is not true, the signs advise that **no overnight parking** is permitted on The Carnser, and this is due to the fact that the Carnser Car Park is liable to unpredictable tidal flooding. Many of the vehicles that are caught out and flooded have been parked overnight on the Car Park when they should not have been. There are alternative car parks for overnight car parking, including Coronation Car Park and Blakeney Village Hall Car Park.

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

Extracts from the 31st October 2022 Full Parish Council Meeting...

Chairman's Announcements -

• The Blakeney Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, has recently answered questions posed by the 'factcheck' undertaken by the Independent Examiner. The NPSG were happy with the report, NNDC less so, and they are seeking clarification, in particular over the cascade system and also over the term 'Valued Sites'. The document is proceeding through the relevant stages and NNDC anticipate that a referendum may be held before the May elections.

District Councillor Report – Victoria Holliday – The last full report still stands. NNDC have another 'Warm Homes Deal', details on the NNDC website.

Open Public Session – to allow members of the public and councillors with prejudicial interests to address the meeting. 2 members of public spoke regarding the same item.

4 Mariners Hill – now that full planning permission has been granted, we need to look at access for the construction team along the top of Mariners Hill, where the public footpath runs. We have met on site with representatives of Norfolk County Highways, Blakeney Parish Council & Morrissey Builders with regard to putting in place a footpath closure. We are not planning to park on Mariners Hill or Mariners Lane. We have some investigative work to do, and plan to put a proposal to BPC for the December meeting.

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

RV/22/2280 – Proposal; Variation of Condition 2: (approved plans) for the addition of solar panels, of planning ref: PF/21/1805 – Demolition of redundant garages and erection of 3 dwellings with associated parking at, Land at, Queens Close, Blakeney. *Resolved* – No objection.

PF/22/2279 – Proposal; Single storey front, side and rear extensions, alterations, rendering and cladding of existing dwelling and detached two-bay cart shed at, **18 Kingsway, Blakeney.** *Resolved* – No objection.

PF/22/2398 – Proposal; Erection of two domestic outbuildings (garden shed and pergola) at, **Poppyland, Back Lane, Blakeney.** *Resolved* – No objection.

PF/22/2427 & LA/22/2474 – Proposal; Installation of new gas tank in garden and formation of gateway in roadside boundary wall and internal works to dwelling at, **Claremont House, 156 – 158 High Street, Blakeney.** *Resolved* - Object to the formation of a new gateway direct on to the A149, but no objection to the installation of a new gas tank in the garden.

FINANCE

Resolved that the **Accounts** totalling £18,725.88 to be paid.

Clerk/RFO Report – Brief update on the figures to date.

- The Chairman had already covered the update with regard the Blakeney Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, regarding NDP Examiner Fact Check Version Report 290922.
- Freedom on Information request has been received on 24th October 2022 entitled 'Blakeney Fireworks'.
- Letter of thanks received, re. Bonfire & Fireworks from a local resident.
- 4 Mariners Hill, has already been reported on, via a member of the public. The Clerk and one other attended the preliminary onsite meeting on the 25th October. The agent and builder, are hoping that the works will be completed ahead of Easter 2023.

COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS -

The following question was received from Cllr Jane Armstrong.

Please could you explain how items of correspondence are selected for inclusion on the agenda of Full Council meetings? I ask, particularly, because I'm aware of a couple of recent items which I believe needed action and/or decisions but which have not been raised under "**Correspondence**". The items are: a) correspondence from the Examiner of the Blakeney Neighbourhood Plan and b) correspondence from NNDC about the use of the dinghy park for car parking.

ANSWER – Item a) This was dealt with officially by the Blakeney Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group on the 12th October (of which you are a member) not Blakeney Parish Council, as per the update just given by the Chairman.

Item b) There is work to be done on this enquiry by myself and The National Trust and due to annual leave by both parties, spanning a number of weeks, this item is outstanding. Only the author of the 'Use of the dinghy park for car parking' letter to NNDC (which has been put forward as an Enforcement Enquiry), myself and Victoria (National Trust), in addition to NNDC and the Chairman of BPC, would be aware of this correspondence at this moment in time, hence I am surprised at your knowledge of this item.

Items will come to the agenda, when The Clerk as 'Proper Officer' feels that the item is ready, i.e., background work completed and the item is either ready for a decision to be taken by the Parish Council, or as and when the item is ready to be reported to the Council via the Clerk/RFO report.

CORRESPONDENCE -

Resolved that the blank form entitled **Licence to use National Trust Land**, and the terms and conditions that would accompany the final completed form in relation to the anticipated works by the Blakeney Channel Coastal Community Team (B3CT) is not appropriate for the type of project being proposed in our opinion.

We have *noted* the email with regard our **Play Area** and suggested ideas and our Clerks helpful response.

Request from Cllr Armstrong; To consider establishing a Parish Council committee with responsibility for overseeing **Grounds Maintenance** around the village. *Resolved* not to create yet another committee.

Resolved that having received information regarding **Public Rights of Way**, as our result of our Parish Partnership funding enquiries, we now see if we can chase an update from 'Far House', and asks if the owner would come and meet with us at a forthcoming meeting without prejudice.

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

PF/21/3265 – Provision of outdoor swimming pool with associated ground works at, Three Owls Farm, Saxlingham Road, Blakeney. Appeal ref. AP/22/001 – Appeal dismissed.

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 <u>clerk@blakeneyparishcouncil.org.uk</u>

YOUR SERVING PARISH COUNCILLORS ARE: -

Rosemary Thew – (Chairman) – 740555 – Moonraker, Back Lane Nigel Sutcliffe (Vice-Chairman) – 741714 – Dallinga, 71 Morston Road Jenny Girling – 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 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. **Next Full Council meeting; Tuesday 6th December 2022.**

FINALLY, WE WISH EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Blakeney Parish Council supported by the parish councils that cover Cley, Morston, Salthouse, Wiveton, Letheringsett, Binham and Field Dalling have for some months been in dialogue with Holt Medical Practice with a view to ensuring that there is a return to the provision of a level of medical service at Blakeney Surgery that used to be provided to those communities.

Unfortunately, we have now reached a stage in that dialogue where Holt Medical Practice have indicated in a letter to Blakeney Parish Council that "Sadly, at this time, we cannot guarantee the future of Blakeney Surgery either in terms of it re-opening for regular face to face appointments or what services will or will not be offered there should it re-open."

Blakeney Parish Council feel that now is the time for all patients, who would use Blakeney Surgery, to write to Holt Medical Practice to express their concern at the current service provision and to seek a return to a level of service that includes face to face consultations with G.P.'s and other Health Professionals. It is noted that whilst the level of service at Blakeney Surgery has reduced, improvements have been made at both Melton Constable and Holt Surgeries, to which Blakeney Surgery patients are expected to travel.

A template, letter, is attached, which it is asked that all patients complete and send it to Holt Medical Practice. This template can be sent as currently drafted or it can be altered to suit the personal needs of the patient. The letter should then be posted to Holt Medical Practice or sent as an e-mail to <u>www.holt-practice.nhs.uk</u>.

Blakeney Parish Council thank you for your support in this matter which is an important issue that affects everyone in our community both now and in the future.

Your address Date completed

Dr Deborah Clark Executive Partner, GP, Holt Medical Practice Old Cromer Road, High Kelling, Holt, NR25 6QA

Dear Dr Clark

Re: Level of Service Provision at Blakeney Surgery

I am writing to you as a patient of your practice to express my concern at the lack of medical services provided at the above Surgery when compared to what was in place only a few years ago.

It is difficult to understand why medical services at Blakeney Surgery have been cut whilst your Practice have made improvements at your surgeries at Holt and Melton Constable these being the two locations where patients are now expected to travel to for consultations with a G.P. or other Health Professional.

I am sure you will understand that the journey to Holt or Melton Constable is far more difficult for patients living in the area formerly covered from Blakeney Surgery, with there being a lack of public transport and patients, often elderly or infirm, having to drive, take a taxi or rely upon a friend or family member to take them.

I would urge you to ensure that Blakeney Surgery returns to providing a full range of medical services to the community as it used to.

Thanking you in anticipation

Yours sincerely (Name to be included and signed) 14





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Thoughts from the Rectory for November 2022

Dear Friends,

I suspect a lot of us are generally finding things a bit challenging at the moment, in one way or another. Especially, of course, that's the case for all those who are struggling with the cost-of-living crisis, and finding it hard to make ends meet. But even for those who are comfortable in material terms, there is plenty to be concerned about: the crises in our climate, politics, social structures, cultural life, and all the rest. We need a bit of hope! Well, the season of Advent may help.

I read a quote from an American pastor called Louie Giglio, who said: "What Advent can do for us is create a sense of hope." The previous Pope wrote: "It is the beautiful task of Advent to awaken in all of us memories of goodness and thus to open doors of hope." Advent is the season of preparation for Christmas. It's a time of looking forward to the celebration and fun of the Christmas period, and also a reminder that joy and light can come in the most unexpected of situation and circumstances. That was certainly the case at the first Christmas two millenia ago, when many characters involved were up and against it, and amazed by the arrival of the longed-for Messiah. Waiting can be fruitful, if we see it as an opportunity to reflect, and to see beauty in the present moment, not just the potential of the future. There are always reasons to be hopeful.

Many people will be enjoying an Advent calendar again this year. The Diocese of Norwich is again offering something different: a digital Advent Calendar, with a new door to open each day. The first door opens on Advent Sunday (27th November). Anyone can sign up to receive it in their inbox.

I can guarantee it will be interesting and stimulating. Do have a look... the link to subscribe is: <u>https://dioceseofnorwich.us2.list-</u> manage.com/subscribe?u=8477d8a03014a58cb41be0b8d&id= 0ccc8d02db

And of course, as Christmas approaches, we'll be having plenty of Carol Services and other seasonal events in the benefice. Please see the box below, and come and join us for any of those. Our churches will be looking wonderful, and helping to bring some light and hope into this month and beyond. There's nothing like the Christmas story to give us hope, for the present and the future.

Wishing you all a blessed Advent and Christmas.

Richard

NB: Do check our benefice website for any last-minute changes: <u>www.glavenvalleychurches.org.uk</u>

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: <u>revrichardlawry@gmail.com</u> or by phone on 740686, if you need information, advice or help.

Other contact details are: **BENEFICE OFFICE** 01263 740583 glavenvalleybenefice@yahoo.co.uk

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Wedding:

David Chapman and Amy Coates will be married at St Nicholas', Blakeney, on Saturday 17th December. Our congratulations and best wishes to them.

Funerals:

The funeral of Michelle Hewitt was held in St Mary's, Wiveton, on Friday 11th November. We continue to remember her family in our prayers.

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

Mass Sunday - 11am Wednesday - 9.30am Holyday of Obligation 9.30am

www.catholicparishofwalsingham.org



DECEMBER 2022 SERVICE SCHEDULE

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

SUNDAY Advent 2 4 th 4 th	
8.00 Holy Communion (BCP) Wive	eton
9.30 Holy Communion (CW) [& live-streamed] Blake	eney
11.15Holy Communion (BCP)Lether	eringsett
4.00Sacred SpaceCley	
Wed 7thHoly Communion (BCP) - 10.00Cley	
SUNDAY Advent 3 11 th	
9.30 Praise & Worship [& live-streamed] Blake	eney
11.15Holy Communion (BCP)Gland	dford
6.00 Service of Meditation Wive	eton
Wed 14thCarol Service – 5.00Gland	dford
Thur 15thBlakeney School Xmas Service – 2.00Blake	eney
SUNDAY Advent 4 18 th	
9.30 Celtic HC [& live-streamed] Blake	eney
9.30 Morning Prayer (CW) Lethe	eringsett
11.15Café ChurchCley	
6.30 Carol Service Blake	eney
Mon 19thCarol Service (Iceni Choir) – 6.30Wive	eton
Tue 20thCarol Service – 4.00Lether	eringsett
Wed 21stHoly Communion (BCP) 10.00amCley	
SATURDA Christmas Eve Y 24 th	
5.00 Carols & Readings by Candlelight Cley	
11.15pm Midnight Communion [& live-streamed] Blake	eney
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SUNDAY Christmas Day 25 th 6	
8.00 Holy Communion (BCP) Cley	
9.30 Holy Communion (BCP) & Carols Gland	dford
11.00 Xmas Morning Service [& live-streamed] Blake	eney
11.00 Family Christmas Service (& short HC) Wive	eton

Cley

The Great British <u>Rake</u> Off.....at Cley!

A huge thank you to everyone who came and helped at the annual raking up of the Cley Churchyard on 29th October. A terrific crowd of joyful workers came, accompanied by a multitude of rakes and forks, to gather up the recently cut long grass. Breaks for coffee and lunch added to the happy, relaxed atmosphere and, before we knew it, the job was done!

Thank you also to Al Cargill for so kindly cutting the grass with his heavy-duty mower the week before; and to our wildflower meadow gurus, Leo Batten and Rachel & Robin Hamilton, for all their expert advice.

This was a wonderful, community-wide effort, which will enable the wildflower meadow to flourish again in the spring. See you all next year!

Shannan Stevenson



NWT North Norfolk Group and Cley Bird Club



December meeting Secrets from a Hidden World Revisited and Christmas Social

Andy Bloomfield, Senior Warden of Holkham National Nature Reserve, will talk about developments at this special place, including the recent addition of Spoonbills and Great Egrets to the breeding birds of Norfolk.

The talk will be followed by a joint Christmas social event with Cley Bird Club.

This joint event between the North Norfolk Group of the Norfolk Wildlife Trust and Cley Bird Club is on Monday 12th December 2022 at 7.30 p.m. in Cley Village Hall. Entry is free but donations are welcome. The meeting is kindly sponsored by BIRDscapes Gallery and wine is provided by Lynton Wines.

Forthcoming meetings – dates for your diary:

The Wonders of Raptor Migration – Richard Porter - 19th January 2023.

Bustards: The Ecstasy and the Agony – Nigel Collar – 16th February 2023.



Our popular Thursdays @ 3 Music in the Afternoons run though till December 15th, then takes a well-earned break till January 8th. Many thanks to Wyatt Earp, Angela Dugdale and their fellow musicians who have created a wonderful season of music for us to enjoy. Many thanks also to the fabulous tea ladies and cake bakers. It's a unique experience, relaxing and sociable - do come along and bring your dog!

Charlie Ward's talk on skippering sailing barge Juno was a huge success. We promised you an entertaining evening and he certainly over delivered! We are so grateful to Charlie and his technical assistant, Helen, for all the hard work this evening entailed.

We will have a stall at the Christmas Fair December 3rd at the Village Hall with posh Christmas bric a brac, some lovely St Margaret's merchandise and a new range of Christmas cards featuring local photographers' work.

Our festive carols by candlelight will be held in St Margaret's on Christmas Eve at 5pm, followed by mulled wine and mince pies. We had 250 in the audience last year so come early!

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.

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



CLEY WI

Cley Parish Council's Chairman's Report

Thank you very much indeed to Andy Gonzalez for fixing the Village Hall PA system so everyone can hear what the Parish Council is discussing!

The Parish Council is waiting with bated breath to hear whether we have been awarded a Community Hot Spaces grant. This would allow us to open a warm space in the Club Room at the Village Hall for three days a week from 10-3 starting beginning of December.

We will be leafleting the village to ascertain the need for a hardship fund in Cley. A resident suggested those who could afford pooled their energy rebates to create a pot of money for those finding the cost of living difficult to manage. This is a great idea, so please respond to the leaflet (you will be able to do so anonymously).

There has been huge consternation at the prospect of the newly created Knotting Hill Farmhouse (the site of the old nursery) becoming a wedding or event venue for 250 as is widely advertised. The Licensing Department say they haven't received any applications for premises license nor temporary event notices, but this is contrary to what is being promoted. We will be writing in the strongest possible terms to both the owner and to NNDC to express the village's objection, and take any further action we can to prevent this happening.

The Ramblers have asked if the community would contribute to the costs of defending the Hangs footpath. Several of you have generously agreed already. Please get in touch with the clerk if you would like so to do.

We still seem to have quite a few bins out on the street or curtilages where or when they shouldn't be. This is unsightly and dangerous. We will be dropping in a letter to each house from NNDC to explain the timing and placement of putting out your bin, namely on your curtilage the night before or morning of collection. For holiday lets which are business rated, paying for commercial waste collections, these are eligible for a 'pull and return' service which should help owners. Please check you are receiving this as it should reduce the number of bins being left outside permanently.

Still on the subject of bins, I sincerely hope by the time you read this any 'teething problems' with the changeover to Fridays have been resolved. At the time of writing, bins are still being collected late. If you're still having issues with missed bins, wrong day collections etc., please get in touch with me, not Serco customer service.

We have 10 volunteers for our Toad Patrols but if anyone else would like to sign up to work on the Coast Road or Gland ford Road/Bridgefoot Lane, please do get in touch with the clerk. We'll be starting next spring.

Hopefully by the time you read this we'll have had a meeting with Punch Taverns, the owners of The Three Swallows, to discuss parking and their future plans. There are elections for both Parish and District Councillors next May. Re the Parish Council, if you want to discuss the role further, want to know more about the process of election, or are interested in standing as a parish councillor, please get in touch with the clerk on <u>clerk.cley@gmail.com</u>. If you're interested in standing as a District Councillor, please get in touch with Emma Denny at NNDC (emma.denny@north-norfolk.gov.uk)

The next meeting is Thursday December 8th in the Village Hall at 6.30pm. The agenda will be published on the Notice Board, on the website (<u>www.cleypc.info</u>) and we'll mail it out to those on the Parish email list (if you want to be included in this please email the clerk) and the village WhatsApp. Please comment on or ask general questions about Agenda items before the meeting by getting in touch with the clerk or myself, or come along and participate. Minutes are posted as usual on the noticeboard and website.

Dr Victoria Holliday, Chair avictoriaholliday@icloud.com <u>victoria.holliday@north-norfolk.gov.uk</u>, 07557054629

CLEY HARBOUR REPORT

Having just closed the 2022 season with our now traditional Laying Up Supper for Cley boat owners we can look back on an amazing year, with the North Norfolk coast often feeling more like the Mediterranean and sea temperatures warmer than I have ever known.

The improvements to the Cley Navigation carried out in February have had an immediate and hugely beneficial effect with access to and from Cley Quay by water being dramatically improved. 500 metres of the Cley Channel were de-silted, collapsed banks have been reprofiled and it is no longer necessary to 'breathe in' metaphorically as boats meet mid navigation!

We were delighted that support from Blakeney Harbour Association, NNDC Sustainable Communities Fund and Defra added to the funds raised from community events allowing us to complete the permitted task in full and leaving some reserves for further improvements. The Committee are already discussing plans for the sections of the channel that still need attention and maintenance work never stops.

Working parties planned for this Winter will see the longawaited Canoe Rack being constructed to serve the increasing numbers of kayakers in Cley and Quay riding posts which have come to the end of their life should have been renewed by the time you read this report. Repairs are also due to take place to the slipway and better signage installed to keep the accessway clear for boat users.

Cley Harbour Day in August was blessed with good weather and a great turn out. Our thanks to over thirty volunteers who helped to stage and run the event ensuring it was once again a great day - the canoe racing was particularly hard fought!!

Carols on the Quay is our next big event on Friday 9th December, please see our advert in this publication for details.

Lastly, the Cley Harbour Committee says a heartfelt thank you to Gerald Peploe who has been our hardworking secretary for the five years since the project was transferred from Cley Parish Council to the present committee. Gerald has been instrumental in guiding us through the many events and projects the committee has undertaken and which have made the navigation what it is today. Gerald will be continuing as a valued committee member and we welcome Judith Wood as our new Secretary.

Simon Read, Chair

Cley Village Hall News

It may be late - but not too late to ring the bells for the **Cley VH Christmas Market** on Saturday, 3 December, 10am - 4pm. There will be a wide range of lovely gifts, stocking fillers and treats, a great raffle and delicious cakes and refreshments in the popular club room café.

It's a great way to get inspired for Christmas, to meet friends and people and catch up over a cup of tea.

It is definitely not too late to donate a **prize** to make the popular **raffle** wonderful! Any new items, gifts and bottles are welcome and can be delivered to Made in Cley, or directly to the village hall on the day until 2pm.

I would also like to make a late call to all you brilliant bakers for **cakes** (scones, mince pies) for the café!

Please come and support this traditional market - it has been going for longer than I can remember and is one of the regular big dates in the village calendar.

All money raised will go towards maintenance and modernisation of the Village Hall. The latest example is our handsome new notice board - not just a pleasure to look at, but also to use, as all of you who had to do battle with the old one will confirm.

Have a wonderful and peaceful Christmas!

G.E.

A Talk on Suffragettes & Suffragists by Debbie Bradley

Debbie gave a fascinating and informative talk on Suffragettes and Suffragists - Suffragists were a peaceful organisation - including men as well as women members. We also learnt about some of the Norfolk women involved in the suffrage movement.

The fight for the women's vote started in earnest after the **1857** Marriage & Divorce Act was passed which stated that all property was owned by the man after marriage. Women required a separate legal document to own property.

A Group called the **Kensington Society** was formed in **1865**. The aim was to lobby parliament for women to be given the vote. In 1866 John Stuart Mill and Henry Fawcett - both MPs campaigned in Parliament for women to be given the vote. Fawcett's wife Millicent Fawcett became a very important member of the **Suffragist** Movement and in

1897 the **National Union of Women's Suffrage** was formed with Millicent Fawcett at its head - today her statute stands in Parliament Square.

In **1903** the movement split in two when the Suffragettes - a more radical group - was founded by members of the Pankhurst family in Manchester - the motto was **Deeds not Words.** They relocated to London in 1906 to be nearer to the centre of power. Acts of civil disobedience and criminal damage resulted in imprisonment, hunger strikes and force-feeding.

In **1913** a law was passed which the Suffragettes renamed the **Cat & Mouse Act** whereby members were arrested, released to regain their health after being on hunger strike and then re-arrested again.

The Sash worn by the members represented: Green for Hope; White for Purity and Purple for Dignity

Some of the Norfolk women who were active members of the Suffragette Movement were Grace Marcon (aka Frieda Graham) from Edgefield; Dorothy Jewson - a member of the timber merchant family; The Colman sisters - Ethel, Helen and Laura; Mary Ethel Leach; Kate Parry Frye; Miriam Pratt; Flo Moore and Marion Foxall

Norfolk Suffragettes attacked Sheringham Golf Course as well as other shops and houses in Norwich. Miriam Pratt was arrested and imprisoned for an arson attack after her uncle, a policeman, found her watch at the scene of the crime.

After WWI The Representation of the People Act **1918** was passed which gave the vote to women over 30 (fifty-three years after the formation of the Kensington Society).

In **1928** the Equal Franchise Act finally gave equal votes to men and women.

NZ was the first country to give women the vote in 1893; Finland in 1906; France in 1944; Japan in 1947; Switzerland in 1971



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Wiveton

Special Services at Christmas

Our renowned Candlelit Carol Service with the Iceni Christmas Choir will be held at 6.30 pm on Monday 19th December. This beautiful service is kindly arranged by Nigel Jenney, once again under the baton of Mark Jones. Mulled wine and mince pies follow the Service.

The Traditional Christmas Day Family Service will be held at 11.00 am on Christmas Morning. A short Communion Service will be held after the Family Service.

Please see the full-page notices about these two special services.

Stephen de Loynes, Church Warden

Wiveton Church 200 Club

I am delighted to report that Helen Ratcliffe won 1st Prize in November's 200 Club Draw. The 1st prize now stands at £65.

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

> Anthea de Loynes Chair of Friends of Wiveton Church

Needed please – to make Christmas candles for Wiveton church – any unwanted 1/4-pound glass jam jars (clean and with labels removed)

Many years of old candle- ends saved, melted down and ready! Anyone able to join a candle- making workshop one morning in Welcome Cottage kitchen would be warmly welcomed.

Secondly, is there anyone out there who is an expert in calligraphy? If so, please get in touch.

Finally, is that anyone in Wiveton who would be willing to provide an occasional taxi service around Wiveton during winter, also from Wiveton to Cley, Blakeney and, very occasionally, to Holt? Such help would be greatly appreciated.

Sarah Woodhouse (01263) 740935

Michelle Hewitt Eulogy 15th September 1955 to 19th October 2022

Michelle was the second of four siblings in the Kay family, born in 1955 in Ilford in North-East London, with the family moving to the leafier suburbs of Woodford Wells in 1968.

Their upbringing was somewhat traditional. Meals were meat and two veg, and there was always plenty of food, but treats were rationed out, with a Mars bar being carefully sliced into six portions to share out amongst the whole family. They were expected to be independent, to help others, and to be organised and sensible, about money in particular. This all helped develop Michelle's characteristics in later life, and perhaps explains her habit of writing hundreds of notes about absolutely everything which you would always find scattered around her house.

Norfolk was a lifelong influence. Every summer the family hopped on a train to be met at the station by Aunty Sylvia and driven back to Beachstone House in Blakeney where the children would spend hours playing on scooters in the garden, catching gillies off the quay or riding on dodgems in the fair on the Carnser. Norfolk was also to become Michelle's home for nearly half a century.

Michelle and her lifelong friend Hilary both moved to Blakeney in July 1973, initially working at the White Horse pub and then the Blakeney Hotel, and living on site. Around this time Michelle started going out with George Hewitt and before long decided to stay in Blakeney permanently. When the Hotel closed for the winter, she moved in with her Aunty Sylvia and Grandma, and began working at Stratton Long Marine, in the shop and painting boats. Romance blossomed, and George and Michelle subsequently married in South Woodford in September 1975.

After the marriage George and Michelle moved to Shingle Cottage behind Stratton Long's shop, but when George decided to start his own boat-building business they had to move out and Blakeney Housing Association rented them a house off the High Street. Michelle then took a course in typing and secretarial skills which she used to get a job in the office back at Blakeney Hotel, where she remained until her daughter Emma was born in 1979.

Shortly after that the family settled down in Wiveton. Unfortunately, the marriage only lasted for two more years before George and Michelle parted. In total though Michelle remained in Wiveton for over 20 years establishing many new friendships, helping to run the Parish Rooms, and getting involved locally in badminton, helping to run the cubs, and beetle drives and pub quizzes. She also started taking a keen interest in photography.

Here are some thoughts from Barbara, one of Michelle's closest friends. Paul and I loved having Michelle living nearby as she was great with our children and always proud of what they achieved. If a job needed doing, she was the one, totally dependable.

Andy, another close friend from Wiveton added these memories. Michelle was a good, trusted and reliable friend. We spent lots of time together, sharing childcare duties and activities at weekends with our children.

Another main focus over this period of time was bringing up Emma, which Michelle applied herself to in a typically nononsense manner. No matter what the season you would find Emma tucked up in her pram sitting out in the garden even if the odd snowflake was falling. As a single mum Michelle worked incredibly hard to provide a wonderful life for her and Emma. She loved her garden and passed on this love to Emma. She was also an avid supporter of Emma's hockey playing and watched and supported her regularly across the years, as well as supporting her through her university degree.

Michelle's final move to Letheringsett occurred in 2001 by which time both of her parents had died. With the old family home gone this became the new location for family gatherings at Christmas time and to celebrate birthdays. During her time in Letheringsett she built close friendships with neighbours Phillipa and Charlie, and Sharon and Scott, enjoying many chats over the garden fence.

Michelle work in both an ice cream factory and a chocolate factory, then later on in shops at the Thursford Collection and at Kelling Heath Holiday Park where she was enthusiastic about the red squirrels kept on site. She loved joining Emma, Dave, James, Sofia and Charlie the dog on their camping holidays at Kelling and they all shared a love for the wonderful surroundings there.

Animals were a major feature throughout Michelle's life. She was a frequent horse-rider in earlier times, and more recently a keen bird watcher, with a highlight being a golden oriole spotted in her own garden. She was also a dog owner for much of her life with Sally, an early companion, and then Holly the spaniel. Michelle's guinea pigs and rabbits at Letheringsett were also much-loved pets.

Michelle liked to travel with family and friends to many locations in the UK and throughout Europe, and even lengthy treks in Africa, India and Nepal where she loved the masses of prayer flags which afterwards would always be found adorning her garden. Whatever exotic location was proposed, she was up for it. Despite suffering from travel sickness nothing stopped her. She even surprised everyone by emerging unscathed and smiling after a microlight flight over Victoria Falls. And nobody would have predicted that her 50th birthday would be celebrated on top of the world's highest sand dune in Namibia - but she did it!

Michelle was wonderful with her Aunty Sylvia in her later years, visiting her every week, buying her shopping, helping her at home, and, as usual, efficiently organising and arranging things.

Unfortunately, Michelle's own later life was dominated by health problems, starting with the polycystic liver and kidney condition that led to her liver and kidney transplant. It took the best part of a year for her to regain a reasonable level of fitness, after which she had ten years of health and happiness. The Covid pandemic posed particular problems as Michelle was at high risk and had to shield for months on end, unable to interact normally with friends and family, which was a difficult time for all. Then last year she underwent a further operation which led in turn to her being admitted to hospital in January for further treatment. Throughout the nine months that Michelle spent in hospital she fought and overcame numerous conditions but in the end in her weakened state she simply couldn't fight any longer and she passed on.

It's terribly sad that for the last three years of her life Michelle was unable to enjoy a normal life free from pain and worry and in the company of friends and family, but everyone should remember and celebrate the more than 60 years before that when Michelle led a full life, impacting positively on a huge number of people, and leaving her daughter Emma, who was at the centre of Michelle's life, and the memories of her that will be carried in many people's minds for the rest of their lives.

Finally, a few last words from Emma.

Mum was a truly inspirational independent woman. Her determination and resilience always amazed me and has made me who I am today. Her kindness and generosity knew no bounds and she helped so many others throughout her life (a trait inherited from her wonderful mum (my nanny) Hazel).

She was so brave throughout all of her medical issues and was able to fight through almost everything with support from her wonderful friends. I hope she leaves those who knew her with a determination to be kind, generous and to look after our wildlife and our planet. She was, and always will be, the most important person in my life and I will miss her so much. She was simply incredible.

Glandford

Our Christmas Carol service this year is on Wednesday 14th December, at 5pm Do come and join us for our usual joyful singing of Christmas carols and readings by candlelight, with nibbles and mulled wine afterwards, a lovely catch-up occasion!

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lunch

in St Nicholas' Church, Blakeney The Blakeney Lunch will be held on Wednesday 21st December 12noon to 2.00pm. Now that the Autumn days are with us and winter is fast approaching, we will be serving delicious homemade soup followed by a choice of homemade desserts. Visitors to Blakeney are also most welcome. Donations welcome.

Christmas Flower Arranging Workshop

@ the Pilgrim Methodist Church, Blakeney

Monday 19th December Morning Session 10am – 12noon Afternoon Session 1.30pm – 3.30pm

> Booking preferable Suggested donation £5

To book, please call Aileen on 07787 156335 or email: <u>aileenfox123@gmail.com</u>

THE GREAT BLAKENEY BREAKFAST! in St Nicholas' Church, Blakeney will be held on Wednesday 7th December 8am to 11am

Please do come and join us for cereal, croissants, bacon and eggs, scrambled eggs on toast, and of course, great bacon rolls. It's a great place to bring friends and to make new ones. Visitors to Blakeney are also most welcome. Donations welcome.

Letheringsett

Letheringsett Harvest Supper

On the 22nd of October we officially reopened with a Harvest Supper. I would like to thank everyone who supported us, everyone that gave raffle prizes, All of our trustees for the hard work they did to make the evening a huge success.

I would also like to thank the generous gift of wine from the Carter family.

A good time was had by all.

Gillian R. Sands (chair)

I would like to congratulate the Letheringsett Village Hall Trustees for the harvest supper. It was a very enjoyable evening with delicious home cooked food and excellent wine all for $\pounds 10$. Amazing!!

Gwen Luker

COMMUNITY NEWS

Langham Dome Photos

The Grand Draw Day at the Dome. 1st October. Our Raffle first prize was £500, which was donated back to the Dome by the winner. Such an amazingly generous gesture! We were honoured to have Lord, General Richard Dannatt (former head of the British Army) and his wife Phillipa, (Lord Lieutenant of Norfolk and represents his Majesty in this County) on board to draw the winning tickets. Music and entertainment was provided by Timescape and numerous 1940's Re-Enactors.

> Deborah Wilson Manager Langham Dome Museum

Some lovely photos taken can be viewed Online at

https://glavenvalleynewsletter.weebly.com/

Photos are courtesy of Grace Glaister & Ian Jarvis

Sheringham Muzillac Twinning Association (SMTA) is happy to announce its 'Post-Covid Re-launch'

You may have seen the signs when entering Sheringham -'Twinned with Muzillac' and wondered why, where or what it was all about. Since 2004 SMTA has welcomed people from the town in Southern Brittany, France to come and visit, live alongside us and practise their English Up until the pandemic visits have taken place in alternate years and many close and enduring friendships have been made. The following year our members go to Muzillac, which is situated in a beautiful area, very close to the sea and the Gulf of Morbihan with lots to see and do. The visits usually last 5 days and there is a full programme of day and evening events. Hosting isn't onerous as normally each host is only responsible for preparing one evening meal

In 2023 we plan to host a group once again and to share with them this beautiful part of North Norfolk we are fortunate to call home. The French are keen to practise their English so knowledge of French isn't essential; a smile and a willingness to communicate goes a long way! We currently have members in Sheringham, Holt and the surrounding villages of Thornage, Gresham, Blakeney and High Kelling. and are hoping to attract more as the French are keen to visit post-Covid! Apart from the visits, we hold a range of social events each year to which you would be warmly welcomed.

For more details or any queries about the group, please contact Julia Hurlbut- Chair Sheringham Muzillac Twinning Association <u>smta.general@gmail.com</u> or phone 01263 713782 http://www.sheringham-muzillac.co.uk



We have organised a sort of mini-food bank at Blakeney Church, as we're strongly aware of current needs and the fact that things are only going to get more difficult in the months ahead. if anyone would like to make use of this provision, please just come into the porch and take whatever would be useful for you from what's there.

If you would like to donate any food, please bring it to the porch in the church and leave it on one of the side benches.

Thank you very much. Richard and the team at Blakeney.

District Councillors Report November 2022

FROM NNDC

<u>Planning</u>

Planning improvement plan - the consultation regarding the Planning Service's performance is underway with towns and parishes. The Parishes consultation is still open. The public consultation started 1st November and will be advertised through social media, the Outlook Magazine and NNDCs website. Paper copies can be obtained by visiting the Council offices or calling customer services who will post one out.

I will let you know when the Glaven Valley Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan is actually out for consultation.

The enforcement team has 208 live cases which is the lowest for a while.

<u>Coastal</u>

The Coastal Supplementary Planning document will be out for consultation in January 2023.

The Shoreline Management Plans 5 and 6 (Hunstanton to Kelling Hard and Kelling Hard to Lowestoft) are undergoing a much-needed refresh.

Benefits

The Benefits Service has recently recruited additional officers to help with processing. NNDC has launched a Financial Inclusion Team to reduce financial exclusion in the district. More details of how to refer coming soon.

There are 2772 households on the housing list and 55 households in temporary accommodation. 52 affordable homes are expected to be built this year and 354 in the next few years.

NNDC has a new Domestic Abuse Project Officer within the Housing Options Team to promote awareness and good practice in housing for victims of domestic abuse.

Well-being

119 social prescribing referrals were received in September and October. An increase in referral due to cost-of-living issues is noticed.

NNDC is taking part in a social prescribing in secondary care pilot, hoping to address the wider issues which could lead to hospital admissions.

Sustainable growth

North Norfolk should receive £1.5 million through the Rural Prosperity Fund for rural development and growth. A Local Partnership Group will identify priority interventions. 100 new apprenticeship placements will be offered across the district over the next two years.

The total value of tourism in the district for 2021 was £365 million, up 54% on 2020, but down 30% on 2019, with tourism related jobs (8898) up 11% vs 2020 but down 25% on 2019.

<u>Finance</u>

NNDC forecasts a budget deficit (currently £900k) for this year.

<u>Environment</u>

The teething problems associated with the implementation of the new collection dates for waste are supposedly reducing though performance is not yet what it was pre change. Serco expects the transition phase now to be more than 12 weeks (i.e., beyond early December). Contact me with any problems with your waste.

NNDC is the district lead for Avian Influenza in Wild Birds and has written to DEFRA conveying concerns regarding the impact of the disease and outlining issues that need addressing.

NNDC's bid for funding for electric vehicle charging points was unsuccessful so back to the drawing board to find ways to introduce more chargers into our car parks.

There are three trees give away days planned at Holt Country Park: 10th December, 14th January and 11th February.

Customer service

NNDC has seen a reduction in call waiting times of 33% but let me know if you have found otherwise.

<u>Estates</u>

The Stearmans Yard toilets in Wells are delayed but should be open in December.'

I've met with the Integrated Care Board to discuss the poor provision of mental health care in our patch. There are some improvements in terms of what is being offered in the community, but I'll wait to see whether they have any impact on our area.

The NHS is running a campaign to keep us warm and well this winter. Check out www.winterwellnorfolkwaveney.co.uk or contact me if

you're not online.

I am hoping to get information from the Environment Agency regarding Coastal schemes and maintenance projects from Kelling Hard to Holkham.

> Dr Victoria Holliday Elected Member, Coastal Ward 07557054629



Letters & Articles

BLAKENEY - Street Lights – On a timer or off totally?! Have your say...

A question to the parishioners of Blakeney; If you have street lights near you, then could you please let us know if you a) would be happy for them to be switched off permanently (remember the time it gets dark now, i.e., late afternoon) or b) prefer them to be set up on a timer, so that they operate from dusk til midnight and again from 6am til 8am (so all off at a set time).

If you respond, please kindly tell us which road you are referring to and which option would be your preference. Share this with your neighbour too, and ask them to respond as the decision will ultimately affect the whole village.

Mrs Tracey Bayfield (PSLCC & Cert. H.E. Local Policy) <u>Clerk to Blakeney Parish Council</u>

Why the Need for Gods

From the dawn of sentience humanity has needed gods, the earliest artefacts ever found appear to be objects of worship and ritual. The world's oldest ritual ceremonies appear to be twice as old as previously thought. More than 70,000 years ago in a small cave in Botswana, humans sacrificed spearheads to the python. Our long journey to enlightenment.

(Assuming we have actually arrived) has been hindered by it, many road blocks erected and countless lives sacrificed to it. Today there are more religions and sects than ever before, in some cases what was once a single belief broken up into many i.e., Protestantism, Catholicism, Methodism, Evangelicalism, and all the other isms. Why? And why have we always felt we were subservient to something higher. One possible reason is that throughout most of our history we have been vulnerable; at the mercy of almost everything; predators, natural disasters, each other, and of course dying, so have felt the need to call on supernatural forces to protect us, although I'm not sure that explains

why there is so much irrational belief today.

But can something so deep in the human psyche be so easily dismissed. Prof Richard Dawkins makes a very logical case for doing that in his book the 'God Delusion', reading it I found it difficult to disagree with anything he said. But I did have a problem with his dogmatic certainty, being certain about anything goes against scientific philosophy, because nothing is, reality is not an absolute, much of what scientists' thought was real a hundred years ago has been overturned by a new reality today, and much of what we believe today will be overturned, reinterpreted or modified in the future. As science has penetrated ever further into the macro and the micro an enormous amount has been discovered, but as at the start there remains much mystery, perhaps this is why some scientists are Christians? Quantum physics throws up mysteries of a particularly counter intuitive kind, likewise the furthest reaches of the universe. The most profound example being the genesis of it; the big bang, the backstop of our knowledge of how it all started.

The first conundrum is how something can be created out of nothing? There must have been something before, but at present there are conflicting ideas about this. Leaving that aside, after 'The Bang' (10–36 seconds after to be precise) there was a sudden rapid expansion called inflation in which the elementary particles that make up our universe were created, a universe that had built into it the potential for those elements to combine- after a very long time -to create us. But and this is the sticker, this event could have produced an infinite number of other universes, none of which would have. So how likely is it that such a thing could happen? Well, if you threw ten tons of dice down from a great hight they'd all have to come up six and of course that doesn't even touch the infinite.

If this is the only universe that does, and ever has existed, it presents a problem for scientists, an analogy would be finding an exquisite gold watch in a coal seam and trying to explain how it came into existence without it having been designed and made. So, if this is the only universe then it does look as if an external super consciousness could lay behind it, if this is the case and we are living in a created universe then maybe a biological need to acknowledge that could be the driver for the need for gods? From the Large Hadron Collider to the James Webb Space Telescope, it looks as if we might (from a physics perspective at least) be approaching the limits of what is knowable, and that we are in a bubble of understanding outside of which lies the unknowable, and who knows perhaps something else.

P.S. Scientists of course shy away from such an idea and get round it by postulating multiple universes, or suggest that this one exists in a state of infinite expansion and contraction, but, and this is a very big but, these are invented ideas and so far, have not been supported by evidence; all we know is this this one single universe.





What's on

A Christmas Fair with music fundraiser to be held in The Harbour Rooms 10:30 - 4pm for help with feral cats in and around our Community in Blakeney and helping a charity in Greece for the welfare in rescuing stray dogs and rehoming.

Multiple bands playing throughout the day finishing with The Wild Rovers.

Cake Stall -Raffle- Tombola good bric a brac for sale - head massage - jams & pickles ready for Christmas and more.

Come and join us - entry free JP.

DON'T MISS IT! LANGHAM CHRISTMAS FAIR SATURDAY 3RD DECEMBER Village Hall 10-12noon NR25 7BX

You will find us diagonally opposite the church. Please come and join us. Refreshments, stalls and raffles. FREE entry, roadside parking. Proceeds for Langham Church General Fund. We look forward to seeing you. For further details contact Ann Sherriff :01328 830 605. Langham P.C.C.

A Very Silly Christmas Show Returns to Wells Maltings

Last Christmas, Wells Maltings played host to a brother and sister, an evil stepmother, a talking tree - yes, you read that right - and a house made of sweets. It was all going so well (apart from the whole getting lost in the forest thing), until COVID struck the cast after only the third show.

But fear not, for this year, HANSEL AND GRETEL is back with a bang! With the same two-person cast, produced by fEAST Theatre and Wells Maltings, this promises to be the funniest Christmas show you'll see, at the north Norfolk landmark arts venue that refused to be beaten by the pandemic.

Join a boy called Hansel and his slightly bossy but much smarter sister Gretel as they journey through the forest on a daredevil adventure that's a sweet treat for children and their grown-ups. You'll laugh. You'll cry. You'll never look at Gummy Bears the same way again.

Teaming up once again with resident professional theatre company fEAST Theatre, this is the seventh collaboration between fEAST and Wells Maltings since 2018, and reflects a desire not to let adversity get you down.

Featuring fun songs and puppetry with a distinctive Norfolk twist on the classic tale, Nick Lane's funny, festive show is a treat for all the family. It's directed by fEAST's artistic director Dawn Finnerty, who also brought you 'TWAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS in 2019 and SIGNAL FIRES in 2020 and 2021, the first live theatre at Wells Maltings after the pandemic.

Wells Maltings opened in 2018, and has secured a position as a much-loved venue for arts, theatre, art exhibitions, music and screen events, plus a whole range of activities aimed at the local north Norfolk community, such as workshops for young people, talks, quizzes and a regular slightly raucous bingo night. The centre receives no public funding, and operates a range of commercial activities to support the provision of arts and entertainment for everyone.

Wells Maltings director Simon Daykin says, "The show that even COVID couldn't beat is back – and we are all excited and delighted. A bit of silliness and adventure as part of your Christmas feast – who could ask for more? And all made and presented on your doorstep."

HANSEL AND GRETEL open on Friday 16 December 2022, and runs till Tuesday 28 December at Wells Maltings in the heart of Wells-next-the-Sea. Tickets are £12.50 for adults and £10 for children, with generous family discounts available. Tickets from the Maltings box office 01328 710885 10am -4pm daily; or online at wellsmaltings.org.uk

QUOTABLE QUOTES'

A few 'miscellaneous' Q Q's

He that fall in love with himself will have no rivals Benjamin Franklin

Have no fear of perfection, you'll never achieve it Salvador Dali

Simplicity is the ultimate sophistication Leonardo da Vinci

Holding on to anger is like drinking poison and expecting the other person to die Buddha

Arguing with a fool proves there are two Doris Smith

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NWT North Norfolk Group and Cley Bird Club



Secrets from a Hidden World Revisited

An illustrated talk by Andy Bloomfield

and Christmas Social Monday 12th December 2022

Cley Village Hall at 7.30pm

Entry is free but donations welcome. Kindly sponsored by **BIRDscapes Gallery** Wine kindly provided by **Lynton Wines**

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Programme

Dec 1st Christmas Lunch Members only – starting at 12.30pm

Unless otherwise stated, meetings take place in

Cley Village Hall, NR25 7RJ, at 2.30pm

Members Free Visitors Welcome - £5.00 (Includes afternoon tea)

For further details and membership information, please call 01263 740225

Coffee Morning

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

FAKENHAM CHORAL SOCIETY 'FABULOUSLY FESTIVE CHRISTMAS **CONCERT'** FAKENHAM PARISH CHURCH 17TH DECEMBER at 5.30pm

Step away from the Christmas rush and join Fakenham Choral Society as they celebrate the season with a delightful mix of feel-good festive music. Traditional carols to join in with along with choral favourites, guest singers and orchestra are sure to get you in the mood for the celebrations ahead. Musical Director, Mark Jones, will lead the performance in his usual exuberant style!

Tickets are £12 (under 16s free) can be purchased either by calling 01485 544335, or via the website www.fakenhamchoralsociety.org or on the door or from Philippa Allen at Myrtle Cottage, Chapel St, Wiveton Tel: 01263 740596

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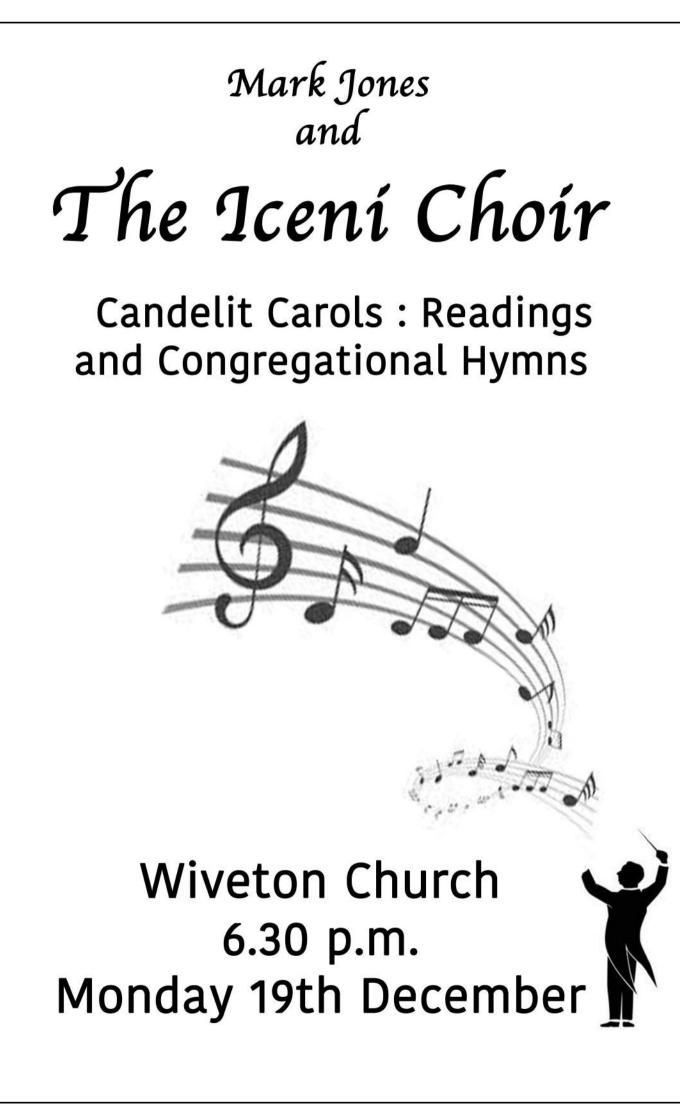
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One Art

BY ELIZABETH BISHOP

The art of losing isn't hard to master; so many things seem filled with the intent to be lost that their loss is no disaster.

Lose something every day. Accept the fluster of lost door keys, the hour badly spent. The art of losing isn't hard to master.

Then practice losing farther, losing faster: places, and names, and where it was you meant to travel. None of these will bring disaster.

I lost my mother's watch. And look! my last, or next-to-last, of three loved houses went. The art of losing isn't hard to master.

I lost two cities, lovely ones. And, vaster, some realms I owned, two rivers, a continent. I miss them, but it wasn't a disaster.

—Even losing you (the joking voice, a gesture I love) I shan't have lied. It's evident the art of losing's not too hard to master though it may look like (Write it!) like disaster.

Blakeney Area Historical Society

No Meeting in December

Tuesday 31st January 2:30pm

Cley Village Hall & Zoom

Huguenot Connections Diana Cooke

William Allen's Ships: Work in Progress

Jonathan Hooton

In January & February Meetings are held in the afternoon

Free Entry

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

Further Information & Updates www.bahs.uk

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Carols by Candlelight for all the family

Christmas Eve, 5pm

A wonderful, festive Christmas Celebration

Carols, Candles, Mulled Wine & Mince Pies!

Everyone Welcome!

Blakeney Players Present

Christmas 2022

at

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Sunday 8th Jan (Matinee show 3pm start)

Thursday 12th Jan

Adult £10 Child £4



SUPPER SHOW Sat 7th Jan

Max 8 tickets per booking

£30 per ticket 6:00 for 6:30pm

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Cley Church Concerts Thursdays @ 3.00pm

Thursday December 1st

The Story of the Waltz : as viewed by English composers Wyatt Earp (Flute) Angela Dugdale (piano)

Thursday December 8th

Something Special : compositions that are particular favourites or discoveries. Wyatt Earp (Flute) Angela Dugdale (piano)

Thursday December 15th

A Programme Of Carols before Christmas : Wyatt Earp (Flute) Angela Dugdale (piano)

Christmas break : we are taking a break over Christmas and will resume again on Thursday January 12th.









