

THE GLAVEN VALLEY NEWSLETTER



Morston at Low Tide

Photo taken by Lucilla Burn

November 2022

APPEAL FOR HELP

ST NICHOLAS' CHURCH HAS SET UP A PROGRAMME OF SUPPORT FOR PEOPLE IN THE BENEFICE AND HAS SET ASIDE £5000 TO HELP FAMILIES AND THE ELDERLY IN OUR VILLAGES THROUGH THESE DIFFICULT TIMES

WE ARE ASKING FOR YOUR HELP SO THAT WE CAN KEEP THE PROGRAMME RUNNING THROUGH TO AND BEYOND CHRISTMAS.

DONATIONS CAN BE MADE ONLINE THROUGH THE CHURCH WEBSITE:

glavenvalleychurches.org.uk

Click on the 'donate' button, then scroll down the page and click on Blakeney Church

OR BY CONTACTING THE TREASURER,

malcolm.jardine@icloud.com

FOR ACCOUNT DETAILS

THANK YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS

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

Treasurer's Report

We are very grateful to all those who have made a donation to the costs of GVN over recent months. As we all know costs are increasing and GVN is not immune to this – the cost of the paper we use in the main section has increased by over 80% in the last year meaning we are likely to run at a loss again this year. So, if you are able to make a donation it really will help.

Donations can be made by:

- Send cash or cheque to the Treasurer, Stonebridge House, Bridgefoot Lane, Wiveton, Holt NR25 7TP (cheques payable to Glaven Valley Newsletter)
- By making an online transfer or setting up a standing order to us (Sort Code 30-94-34 Account 00897099)
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*Many thanks for your support
Martin Tyler
Treasurer, Glaven Valley Newsletter*

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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

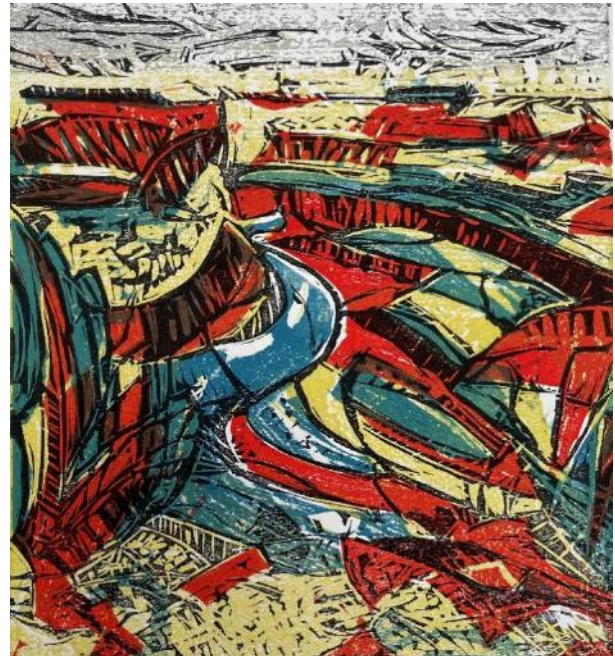
‘The children were all given complete freedom in terms of materials used. We briefly looked at pictures of the local area and what people might remember most about Blakeney, then they were so excited by thought of Christmas in September they just ran with it. We had, paint, pastels, art programmes on 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

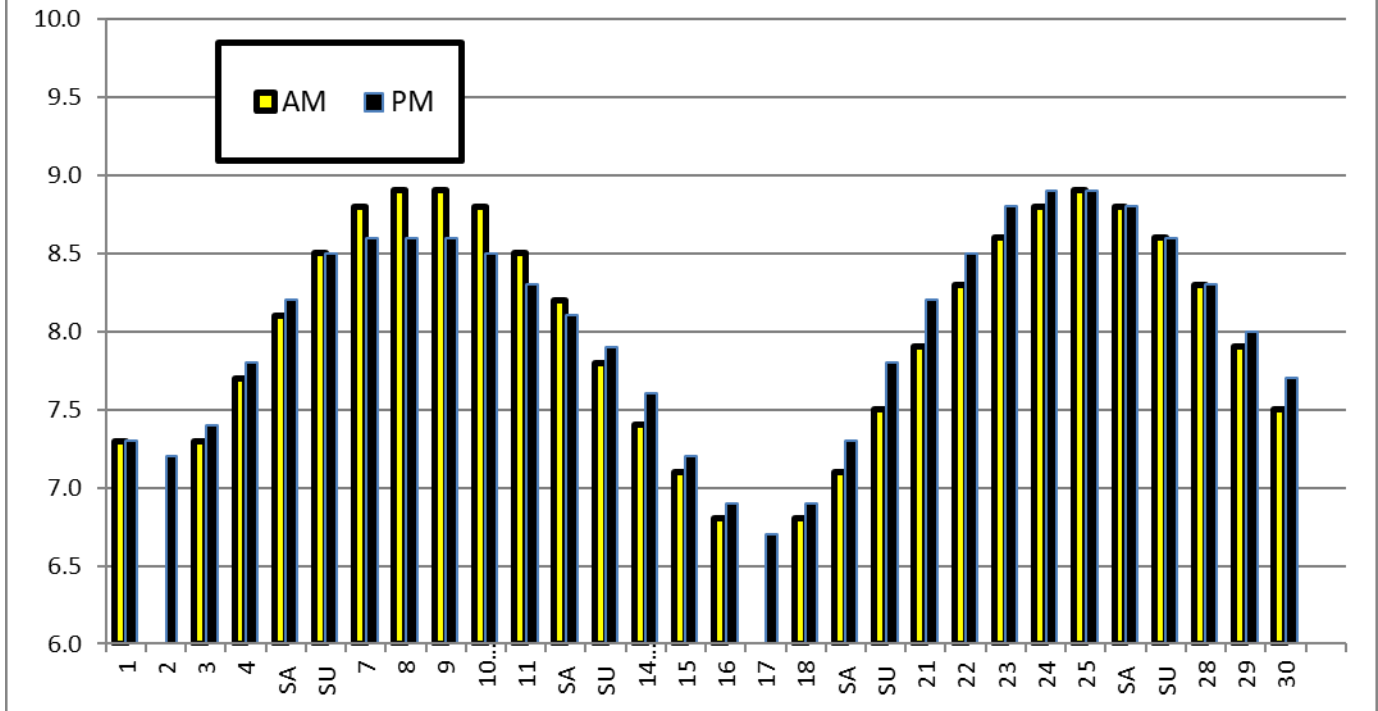


**Blakeney Freshes
Linocut by Jeremy Bevan**

info@jeremybevanartist.co.uk
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November 2022 - Tide Details by Martin Tyler

Tide Heights



Tide Times

	AM	PM		AM	PM
Tue 01 November	11:47	23:59			
Wed 02 November		13:31			
Thu 03 November	01:35	14:51			
Fri 04 November	02:48	15:54			
Sat 05 November	03:47	16:46			
Sun 06 November	04:37	17:29			
Mon 07 November	05:23	18:06	Mon 21 November	04:14	16:50
Tue 08 November	06:06	18:40	Tue 22 November	04:58	17:31
Wed 09 November	06:47	19:12	Wed 23 November	05:41	18:11
Thu 10 November	07:26	19:43	Thu 24 November	06:25	18:51
Fri 11 November	08:02	20:13	Fri 25 November	07:10	19:31
Sat 12 November	08:37	20:42	Sat 26 November	07:56	20:12
Sun 13 November	09:12	21:12	Sun 27 November	08:44	20:55
Mon 14 November	09:49	21:46	Mon 28 November	09:34	21:41
Tue 15 November	10:32	22:29	Tue 29 November	10:32	22:34
Wed 16 November	11:31	23:28	Wed 30 November	11:44	23:43
Thu 17 November		12:56			
Fri 18 November	00:58	14:15			
Sat 19 November	02:30	15:16			
Sun 20 November	03:27	16:06			

ALL TIMES ARE GMT

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USEFUL CONTACTS PAGE

Organisation

Badminton
 Blakeney Area Historical Society
 Blakeney Bridge Club
 Blakeney Channel Coastal Community Team
 Blakeney Carpet Bowls
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Blakeney Neighbourhood Housing Soc.
 Blakeney Parish Council
 Blakeney Pre-School
 Blakeney Primary School
 Blakeney Royal British Legion
 Blakeney Players
 Blakeney Sports Club (inc Tennis)
 Blakeney Sailing Club
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 Cley Village Hall
 Cley Parish Council
 Cley WI
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DENTISTS

VETS

HOPPER BUS

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

Blakeney



MARJORIE would like you all to join her at **The Kings Arms** on **Saturday 19th November 2022** for an anniversary drink and light refreshments.
11am-8pm

St. Nicholas Community Support Fund

Blakeney Church has created a fund to support people in the Benefice who might need some help as a consequence of rising household bills. Spar vouchers for £50.00 are currently being delivered to households in the Blakeney, Cley, Glandford, Wiveton and Letheringsett areas and for some other closely connected individuals. The intention is to offer this support again after Christmas.

If any one wishes to donate to add to the fund to help others, please contact **Malcolm Jardine** on malcolm.jardine@icloud.com

You may have seen our appeal on the inside cover of October's and November's Glaven Valley Newsletter.

Grateful thanks to all at Spar who have enabled the voucher scheme to take place and to those individuals who have already donated to the fund.

Alison Jewell

Blakeney School and Our Community

A message from Tom Snowdon, Executive Headteacher of the Pilgrim Federation, about Blakeney CE VA Primary School.....

It has been a brilliant, fun-filled start back to school this term, and we all feel incredibly supported by our fantastic local community. After discussing all of the support we have had this term from members of our community with our PTFA, I felt it was important to issue a public note of thanks.

Thank you to the Blakeney PC Community Fund for their generous donation towards our playground area, and to David and Carrie Bailey for donating the play tower.

A posthumous thank you to Eddie Ray, for leaving Blakeney PTFA a significant sum in his will. One idea is that this may be used to fund annual 'experience days' that the pupils will all cherish and enjoy.

A huge thank you to Mick Welch and his team for donating all the profits from the recent Quiz Night to the school. This is a wonderful boost for our Library Project.

All of the support outlined above, really is hugely appreciated by all the pupils and staff here at the school, and serves to highlight what a supportive and collaborative community we are. Having everyone, working together to help our pupils thrive, is a very fortunate position to be in.

What We Have Been Doing in School!

We have had an amazing start to the new academic year. Our learning themes of the Great Fire of London (in Rainbows Class) and the Tudors and Exploration (in Smugglers Class) have really captured the children's imaginations. We have set fire to our Tudor houses and have tried several different ways of sinking our Mary Rose ships!

As always, the children are visiting St Nicholas' for Messy Church, Blakeney Big Breakfast, which every child attended, and what is sure to be a wonderful Harvest Festival performance of poetry and song. In the spirit of Harvest, we have made Bread using flour kindly donated by Letheringsett Mill who hosted a visit from Rainbows Class, and vegetable soup using local and seasonal vegetables. We are watching our food miles and making the most of our local produce.

All of the children recently submitted an entry to design a Christmas card, which will be sold by Glaven Caring Centre. We are very proud that two of the entries from the school will be available to buy so please keep a look out for those. They have a lovely local theme and any money raised goes to a very worthy cause.

One final note, please remember that there is a Blakeney PTFA Bingo Night at the Village Hall on Friday 2nd December, 6.00pm for a 6.30pm start.

Tom Snowdon

News from the Methodist Church

Hello everyone,

Is it me, or does November seem to have come round really quickly? It doesn't seem that long ago since we were all trying to find ways of coping with the extreme heat that the summer brought, now there's a distinct crispness in the air and the winter woollies are definitely back on!

Our mindful colouring session last month went well and it's lovely getting to know some new and familiar faces. At the time of submitting this article to the GVN we have decided to take a short break from activities during November but will have a few activities in December, which we'll share more about in the next edition of the GVN. Our regular activities continue as below. As usual a huge thank you to everyone who donates food to our collection point for the Foodbank, it is very much appreciated. Just a reminder that on Thursday mornings from 10-11am we have a regular coffee morning in our cosy lounge area, offering tea, coffee and biscuits (occasionally homemade cake!) you're very welcome to bring a craft you're working on, enjoy a jigsaw puzzle or just pop along for a chat. There's no charge and everyone is welcome.

Our Foodbank donation point is open at the following times;
Thursdays 10am-11am
Sundays 9.30am - 11.30am

Our weekly Sunday services for November are as follows;

Sunday 6th November 10am - Traditional Service
Sunday 13th November 10am - Cafe Church
Sunday 20th November 10am - Celtic style service
Sunday 27th November 10am - Garden Church

Our mid-week prayer time; Thursdays 9.30am - 10am
Our weekly coffee morning takes place Thursdays 10am - 11am.

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*

Blakeney Village Hall

As you will see from the notice the Blakeney Village Hall AGM is to be held on 16th November at 5.00pm in the Wallace Room of the Village Hall. All are welcome to find out what has been happening over the last 12 months and to discuss future developments.

2022 is the first year that the Hall has been able to operate fully again, post Covid and I think I can say it has been a successful year. The Blakeney Players have put on 2 well attended and highly enjoyable plays and the Hall has continued to be used by small groups for Badminton, Carpet Bowls, Tai Chi, Pilates and Yoga. The popular Film Nights

have restarted and the Hall continues to be used by the U3A for large scale meetings and quizzes. There have been 'local' 2 wedding receptions and the feedback from these has been extremely positive. In addition, the Craft and Antique Fairs continue to be well attended. Attendees and organisers of all the events have commented extremely favourably on the improvements to the toilets and foyer undertaken during lockdown.

The Committee continue to maintain and improve the facilities, and like every household and business are seeking ways to mitigate the dramatic increase in energy costs. We are awaiting an Energy Efficiency Audit and have already received quotes to upgrade the loft insulation. We are also awaiting costs to double glaze the large window area in the main hall facing the playing fields and have also started to investigate the costs and benefits of installing solar panels on the large south-facing roof and looking at upgrading/changing our rather old and inefficient night storage heaters.

Jill Tibbetts, who has been an active and dedicated hands-on member, is retiring from the committee, though she will continue to be involved with the Film Nights and help with the bar. She will be sorely missed.

It's going to be a busy year and we would welcome new members to the committee who would like to be part of the ongoing running of this valuable community asset or who might wish to get involved in a particular area of interest.

*Richard Baughan
Hon Secretary*

Morston Boat Yard

Indoor and outdoor storage for boats and trailers
Marine Engineers - outboard and inboard engines
Yachts, motor cruisers, day boats, ribs, tenders
Repairs, refits, service, launch and recovery

&

Land Rover Defender and Series vehicles
Repair, service, rebuild and restoration
Vehicle indoor storage
Workshop in Wiveton

Henry Archer - 07786 092405
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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

BLAKENEY VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Date and Time: 16th November 2022, 5.00pm

Where: Wallace Room, Blakeney Village Hall

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Come and find out what has been going
on over the last year and what's planned

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Make representations and suggestions,
join!

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All members of the public welcome.

Coastal Rowing Association of Blakeney

This is an enjoyable time of the year despite the onset of seasonal wind and rain. Social rowing outings have continued at Blakeney as shown in the range of exciting photographs on the club web site at crablakeney.wordpress.com. At the time of writing, preparations are being made to transport one of the club's skiffs to Cox's Boatyard near Barton Broad. From 18th October, all will be ready for a winter season of rowing on The Norfolk Broads. The other skiff will remain for use at Blakeney for a while longer. What a great choice of rowing venues – Blakeney or The Broads!!

An important event in the competition schedule is the Norwich based race for the Carrow Cup on 3rd December 2022. This is the oldest race on the competition calendar and involves many types of oared craft. It's always a great day on the water.

The date and time for this year's club AGM will be Tuesday 22nd November at 7pm. The meeting will take place at The Harbour Rooms. All "Crabbers" will be welcome to discuss rowing matters and to socialise in the bar. Many thanks to The Harbour Room staff for hosting.

This has been a year in which many new members have been welcomed to your local rowing club. If you want to know more about the club, or try skiff rowing for yourselves, contact Humphrey at hborgnis@icloud.com. Beginners and returning rowers are always welcome. Coaching and helpful advice will be available. Remember, you can keep up with the club's activities on Instagram, on Facebook and on the club notice board on the Carnser.

Come along and enjoy a row at Blakeney or on The Norfolk Broads. Until then, stay safe.

Barry Howes

Blakeney Cley and District RBL Remembrance and Armistice

Armistice day falls on a Friday this year, the 11th of December.

It is customary for people to gather at the War Memorial to observe the two-minute silence and wreath laying at 11am

On Sunday the 13th Blakeney Branch of the Royal British Legion will lower their standard when the village and visitors will again have the opportunity to observe the two-minute silence.

The Remembrance Sunday service will be held at St. Nicholas at 11.15 am led by Rev. Richard Lawry following which lunch will be provided in the Harbour Room.

This will comprise a free buffet or a roast Sunday lunch at a concessionary price hosted by the Blakeney Cley and District Royal British Legion Branch and provided by the Club. The concessionary price ends at 1pm.

We hope as many of you as possible will join us.

At a time of ever-increasing international tensions and, sadly, a potential need to increase the man and woman power in our Armed Forces it is possibly no more apt a time to show respect for, and to honour, those who have paid the ultimate price for the freedoms we all enjoy.

*Blakeney Cley and District Royal British Legion Branch and
Club Teams.*

BLAKENEY FILM NIGHT

VILLAGE HALL

"Top Gun: Maverick" (12A)

Friday 18th November

£5 on the door

Unquestionably the best studio action film in years, with appeal regardless of age/gender. Gloriously thrilling fun with exhilarating flight sequences and a surprisingly moving plot: the cockpit performances & dogfight aeronautics have a nail-biting authenticity with the emotional beats as finely choreographed as the stunts....

"Maverick" (Tom Cruise), previously a top naval aviator, must confront the ghosts of his past when his final posting has him training fighter jet graduates for a specialist mission - demanding the ultimate sacrifice from those chosen to fly their extraordinary F-18 aircraft. Full of genuine suspense, adrenaline, and breath-taking moments... if you only ever see one action movie, make sure it's this one.

Doors open at 6.30 for a 7pm start.

Refreshments available.

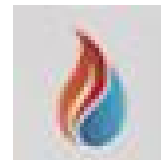
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Blakeney Sailing Club

We have come to the end of the season, 2022.

We have had some fabulous flotilla outings, some exhilarating races and a lot of fun. Thank you to everybody involved for making it so brilliant.

Some members of the sailing club are going winter sailing in different locations. Some will be doing boat maintenance and planning to come back and win next year's races.

We hope to see you all again on the water in 2023.

Keep checking the website www.blakeney sailing.co.uk, Blakeney Sailing Club Facebook and Instagram. Happy sailing! It has been a pleasure.

Amy Howes



Glaven Valley

Bereavement Support Group

will meet on Monday 14th November
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

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



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 eye out for further information in the coming months. This process requires all existing Parish 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.

Extracts from the 4th October 2022 Full Parish Council Meeting...

Chairman's Announcements –

Our Chairman and Vice-Chairman are now both fully trained for the Community Speedwatch programme and are assisting with the Langham scheme, in the hope that a visit will be reciprocated by the team, in Blakeney. If you are reading this, and think that you may be interested in joining the team, then please do get in touch.

Reports from County & District Councillors –

County Councillor – Michael Dalby had circulated his report in advance which focused on the 'NCC Cabinet' to consider further savings to address the budget gap.

District Councillor – Victoria Holliday had circulated her report in advance and it will be included elsewhere in the pages of the GVN.

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

PF/22/2245 – Proposal; Conversion of dwelling into two separate dwellings with associated external alterations

and new boundary treatment at, Bliss Blakeney, Morston Road, Blakeney. **Resolved** – No objection.

FINANCE

Resolved that the **Accounts** totalling £14,435.40 are to be paid.

Parish Partnership Funding; having received information from NCC ahead of the December 2022 deadline; **Resolved** to apply for the following in addition to any items previously agreed;

Bournes Corner Parking Spaces

Village Gateways

Ask Morston PC & NCC what the outcome was with regard the request for a trod at the top of the **Morston Hill** a few years ago, ie. it is in the parish of Morston. We recall that there were land ownership issues.

Any possible applications to the **Coast Resilience Grant Scheme** – extremely tight deadlines; **Resolved** could it help with the corner of The Carnser if time permits.

Resolved to ask 'Secret Gardens' to add the mowing the **Langham Road Verge** (site of intended new Trod) ahead of the PP Trod Scheme being implemented this winter.

Cllr Jane Armstrong left the meeting for item no. 8.6.

Resolved that having considered the reply from the owners of 39 New Road, with regard the chestnut paling fencing & associated costs along **Sheila's Way Footpath** that we offer £500 as a full and final settlement.

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

Blakeney Village Hall Trust – Cllr Jane Armstrong – The BVHT noted that they were awaiting to hear further from the Parish Council, once BPC have received legal advice. They are also looking into possible energy savings, having received an 'Energy Audit'.

COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS –

The following question was received from Cllr Jane Armstrong.

Further to the survey of Blakeney's **Public Benches** last October/November, please could you outline what cleaning and maintenance has been carried out since then and also if any work is planned over the next few months.

ANSWER – Other than broken seats replaced, there has been no cleaning or maintenance work. A local contractor had been appointed, but sadly due to his extremely busy work schedule, did not manage to fit in this work before going off long term sick a couple of months or so ago.

Another local contractor has recently confirmed that he may be able to help us again, hence I will share the details with him as soon as I am able.

CORRESPONDENCE –

Level of service at Blakeney Surgery - Resolved to i) Send the letter as drafted by Cllr Sutcliffe to the GVN etc, encouraging residents to write to Holt Medical Practice, ii) accept the offer of a follow up meeting by our MP Duncan Baker, iii) Ask what the full/proper report says, in relation to the state of the Blakeney Surgery & iv) Share this with our neighbouring parishes/newsletters as before.

Cllr. Jane Armstrong in relation to **Street Lighting** – In the light of the current energy situation and the increasing cost of electricity, would Blakeney Parish Council consider turning off the streetlights which are under the Council's control for part of the night. (The lights are currently on from dusk til dawn.) This would reduce electricity consumption and would also be in line with Blakeney's Dark Skies Policy. **Resolved** that we obtain costs of changing the street lights to run from 'Dusk til Midnight and from 6am til 8am'.

Street Lighting clean and visual inspection 2022 and defect list and quotes for replacement items were received ahead of forthcoming budget consideration. **Resolved** that we get the light at the junction of Coronation Lane/Back Lane fixed, to run from 'Dusk til Midnight and from 6am til 8am' subject to cost, and that we apply for a quote to change the whole street lighting stock to LED, with the reduced timing, and apply for grants for this work, and simultaneously, via the pages of the GVN, ask our residents if they feel any of the current street lighting stock should be removed for good and not replaced.

Based on this...

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 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. If you respond, please kindly tell us which road you are referring to.

Review of all signage in the village in line with the **NNDC Conservation Area Appraisal & Management Plan document. Resolved;** i) Produce a 'You are Here' map, which details the village, ii) Produce a business map/sign, which lists the businesses in the village, iii) Steve Soanes to produce a 'mock up', iv) Something cohesive on railings, v) Fingerpost sign, formalised, may need planning permission, vi) Revisit the NNDC Conservation Area Appraisal & Management Plan.

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

YOUR SERVING PARISH COUNCILLORS ARE: -

Rosemary Thew – (Chairman) – 740555 – Moonraker, Back Lane
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Alban Donohoe – 741741 – Ivy House, Back Lane
Shirley Everett – 740819 – Southside, 87 Morston Road
Barry Girling – 740792 – 11 Queens Close
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Nigel Sutcliffe – 741714 – Dallinga, 71 Morston Road
Willie Weston – 740910 – 27 Queens Close
Iain Wolfe

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

Note amended date: Next Full Council meeting; Monday 31st October 2022.

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Thoughts from the Rectory for November 2022

Dear Friends,

During the lockdowns of the last couple of years, some people described themselves as getting “stir-crazy”, finding it difficult to be cooped up against their will. The origin of the expression, of course, comes from prisons (“stir” was another name for prison, that started in the US, although even the OED doesn’t claim to know why).

“Stir” and “stir up” are words with multiple meanings. They can refer to porridge, to emotion, to political activism, and much more.

To call someone a “stirrer” is not usually a complement. People generally don’t like “stirrers” – the types who tend to stir up trouble for others, by highlighting differences of opinion, or inflaming tensions, or just gossiping. But there are constructive “stirrers” as well – those we might in some contexts call “prophets”, the people who are prepared to raise uncomfortable questions and important ethical matters. There are all sorts of issues in our day which some people would like to brush under the carpet – climate change, economic injustice, unfair trade, etc – but which the prophetic voice will call attention to and thus try to stir people into recognition and action. Often at the expense of their wellbeing or popularity.

There’s also a quite different sort of stirring that’s traditionally associated with this month of November. “Stir Up Sunday” was the name given to the last Sunday before Advent, because the Collect (or special prayer) for that day, in the old Prayer Book, began with the words: “Stir up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people.”

And “Stir Up Sunday” – given the images it conjures up – then also became the traditional day to make the Christmas pudding, an activity with which all the family would join in. In our contemporary Common Worship prayer book, a similar prayer is used after Communion on that day.

Maybe when Stir Up Sunday comes along this year (20th November), we can use it not just as a reminder to make the Christmas pudding (if we’re not buying one from the supermarket!), but also as a reminder of its origin, and as a spur to preparing ourselves for the real, wonderful meaning of the seasons of Advent and Christmas coming up. And perhaps too, we could use it as an opportunity to stir ourselves and others into a greater awareness of the crises that confront us. And, following the old prayer, to make ourselves not just willing, but faithful.

*Happy Advent when it comes!
Richard.*

NB: Do check our benefice website for any last-minute changes: www.glavenvalleychurches.org.uk. The What’s On page will give you up-to-date information, and other details. You may find you need to click “refresh” when returning to the website, to be sure of the latest information.

Or please contact me on: revrichardlawry@gmail.com or by phone on 740686, if you need information, advice or help.

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Wedding:

Haydn Walker & Ellie Smith were married on Saturday 22nd October in St Margaret’s, Cley.

Our congratulations to them!

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

Mass Sunday - 11am

Wednesday - 9.30am

Holyday of Obligation 9.30am

www.catholicparishofwalsingham.org

Services – news & information

The November schedule for services in our churches in the Glaven Valley Benefice is as follows:



NOVEMBER 2022 SERVICE SCHEDULE

Wed 2nd	Holy Communion (BCP) 10.00am	Cley
SUNDAY 6th	<i>3rd before Advent</i>	
8.00	Holy Communion (BCP)	Wiveton
9.30	Holy Communion (CW) [<i>& live-streamed</i>]	Blakeney
11.15	Holy Communion (BCP)	Letheringsett
4.00	Taize	Cley
SUNDAY 13th	<i>Remembrance / 2nd before Advent</i>	
11.15 (after 10.50 at War Memorial)	Remembrance Service	Blakeney
10.45	Remembrance Service	Cley
10.45	Remembrance Service	Letheringsett
10.45	Remembrance Service	Wiveton
11.15	Holy Communion & Remembrance	Glandford
6.00	Service of Meditation	Wiveton
Wed 16th	Holy Communion (BCP) 10.00am	Cley
SUNDAY 20th	<i>Christ the King</i>	
9.30	Celtic HC with Healing [<i>& live-streamed</i>]	Blakeney
9.30	Morning Prayer (CW)	Letheringsett
11.15	Café Church	Cley
6.30	Evensong (BCP)	Wiveton
SUNDAY 27th	<i>Advent Sunday</i>	
8.00	Holy Communion (BCP)	Cley
9.30	Holy Communion (CW) [<i>& live-streamed</i>]	Blakeney
11.15	Family Service (All-Age)	Wiveton
3.30	Evensong (BCP)	Glandford
4.00	Gresham's Advent Carol Service	Cley

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

Cley

Thursdays @ Three

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

Thursday November 3rd

Music with Robert FitzGerald (recorder), Wyatt Earp (flute), Ian Summers (bassoon) and Angela Dugdale (harpsichord) featuring works by Bach, Telemann, Handel and Sammartini.

Thursday November 10th

Words and Music on the subject of Autumn with Jayne Jones (soprano), Brenda Blewett (piano), Wyatt Earp (flute), Paul Hands (narrator) featuring poetry by Keats, DH Lawrence, Houseman and Shakespeare, with music by Weil, Chaminade, Kosma, Strauss, Tournier, Webber and Wesley.

Thursday November 17th

A eclectic mix of music for both organ and piano played by father and son with Neil Brown (organ) and Alex Brown (piano)

Thursday November 24th

Singer/songwriter/guitarist Mark Fawcett will be performing bittersweet songs from his repertoire of original music, which is reminiscent of the late 60s/70s and influenced by Joni Mitchell, John Martin, Neil Young and others.

Wyatt Earp

CLEY WI

Thursday 3rd November
2.30pm

Suffragettes & Suffragists of Norfolk

Who they were, including the
1st Lady Mayor of Norwich
An illustrated talk

By
Debbie Bradley

Cley Village Hall – NR25 7RJ

Members Free

Visitors Welcome - £5.00 (includes afternoon tea)

For further information on Cley WI please
phone 01263 740225

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GENESIS, JOB, JOSHUA
JUDGES, KINGS, LEVITICUS
NEHEMIAH, NUMBERS, RUTH, SAMUEL

CLEY WI

Cley Parish Council's Chairman's Report October 2022

We were fortunate to have Dulcie Walsh, NNDC Energy Officer, talk to us about the Warm Homes Grant. This provides insulation and low carbon heating to those on incomes below £30,000. There are other grants available for those ineligible for a Warm Homes Grant; the NNDC Energy Officer on 01263516177 will be happy to help you.

We're delighted so many of you are now attending Parish Council meetings. We will try the PA system again next meeting to make it easier for you to hear.

It has been pointed out that there are about 100 refuse and recycling bins out and about the village not where they should be. They can be hazardous when they blow over on a road, and cumulatively detract from our beautiful village. This has been ongoing a while.

The instructions from NNDC are that bins should be put out on a property's curtilage no earlier than 7pm the evening before collection day, and no later than 7 am on the day of. NNDC has the power to enforce this. The Parish Council asks that parishioners put their bins out only overnight at most. This applies to second homes and holiday lets: now collection day is Friday it should be easier to manage as that is a popular handover day.

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. If you're still having issues with missed bins, wrong day collections etc, please get in touch with me, not Serco customer service.

Some of our beautiful lye walls are looking slightly the worse for wear. Given these are part of our rich heritage, it would be wonderful if they received a little TLC. Maintenance is far preferable to rebuilding. We will look to see if any grants are available.

High Street residents have requested to meet with the Parish Council to discuss the traffic management plan from Highways which we shared with you on our website. As before, there are various points of view. A wider consultation with village residents will follow.

A new bench will be installed on the West Bank by NWT. We know this is a favourite spot for many of you, so I hope it gives great pleasure.

Wild camping is not allowed in North Norfolk. Most campervan users are very responsible, but campervan overnight parking can lead to degradation of our most sensitive landscapes. We will be putting up NNDC sponsored signs along the Beach Road which say campervan overnight parking is not permitted.

NNDC are undertaking a Planning Service Improvement Review and are asking for feedback on customer experience via a questionnaire. The public consultation starts 1st November and

will be advertised through social media, the Outlook Magazine and NNDC's website. Paper copies can be obtained by visiting the Council offices or calling customer services who will post one out. This your opportunity to let the Planning Department know your views on their performance.

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 clerk.cley@gmail.com. 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)

We're delighted that 9 Old Womans' Lane will remain in the existing housing stock of Flagship homes and will be relet.

During the hot dry summer when we had some nearby wildfires, we discussed the need for fire awareness with the Fire Service. They suggested we put together a resilience plan with important numbers and a list of 'neighbourhood doorknockers' who could ensure nearby houses were ok in any emergency situation. We're putting together a glow in the dark list of emergency numbers for residents, and were wondering if anyone would be prepared to come forward as a neighbourhood door knocker. If you would like to do this, please give your details to the clerk (clerk.cley@gmail.com).

We have experienced a lot of unplanned power cuts recently. To limit the number going forward, UKPowerNetworks will be undertaking a tree trimming programme to clear the extensive backlog of tree branches which are interfering with our power cables. This requires planned power cuts as they do this work, which I appreciate is an inconvenience, but you will be informed by a letter which at least gives you the chance to fill a thermos and dig out your gas camping stove. I am told this will reduce unplanned outages; let's hope this is the case.

There has been a great deal of discussion about late night events at Barn Drift. We have asked that events end at midnight as there have been some occasions of noise disturbance way into the early hours.

The next meeting is Thursday November 10th in the Village Hall at 6.30pm. The agenda will be published on the Notice Board, on the website (www.cleypc.info) and we'll mail it out to those on the Parish email list (if you want to be included in this please email the clerk). 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
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**NWT North Norfolk
Group and
Cley Bird Club**



**November meeting
Birds of Bardsey Island**

Steve Stansfield, Director of Operations and Warden of Bardsey Bird Observatory, will talk about the birds of this unique island, famous as a place to study migration and for the rare and unusual birds that turn up there. Islands are famous for not only providing windows into the progress of migration, but also attracting vagrant birds.

This joint event between the North Norfolk Group of the Norfolk Wildlife Trust and Cley Bird Club is on Thursday 17th November 2022 at 7.30 p.m. in Cley Village Hall. Entry is free but donations welcome.

The meeting is kindly sponsored by Cley Spy.

Forthcoming meetings – dates for your diary:

Secrets from a hidden world revisited – Holkham NNR
– Andy Bloomfield, 12th December
The wonders of raptor migration – Richard Porter -
19th January 2023.

Angela Batten



Our popular Thursdays @ 3 Music in the Afternoons run though till Christmas. 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 – the tea time goodies get more and more scrumptious.

Our Cheese and Wine tasting was a huge success. Mrs Temple's description of how their dairy farm and cheese making had become sustainable was absolutely riveting. Her handmade Wighton farmhouses cheese was delicious, as was the artisan sourdough. Mark Lynton's well-chosen wines showed very well and paired perfectly with the cheese. Their boundless enthusiasm came through strongly! We are enormously grateful to both of them for their tremendous generosity.

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.

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

Thank you very much indeed.

Victoria Holliday, Chair, Friends of Cley Church

Cley Warm Space

Life is becoming very hard for us all in the Glaven Valley in different ways - it's excruciatingly expensive just for the privilege of staying warm at home. Here is a possible solution:

Grants are now available to communities to pay for heating, a fabulous coffee machine and board games etc to create a safe warm space- in Cley Village Hall for example - to visit where we wouldn't have to worry about if we can afford to turn our heating on at home.

We thought this might be a fantastic idea for us in Cley and surrounding villages - filling in boring paperwork whilst drinking a coffee / tea amongst others, reading, researching on your lap top, playing cards or board games, hearing a fellow villager play the piano. If people wanted, we could have a few hours within the time allocated to quiet so people could read or work but other times we might be sociable - we could actually discover who lives in our villages, exchange stories, learn from one another, maybe even have the odd sing song whilst staying WARM.

In order to get grant funding for this, we need to know how many of the residents of Cley and surrounding villages would use this warm space.

It would be great if you would let us know the following:

- Would you like a warm space in Cley?
- If so, what would your preference be for time and day or days of the week?
- What would you like the warm space to provide?
- Would you be willing to come along and help?

We would love to hear from you. Please text Frances Kearney on 07798867994 with "Yes Warm Space and preferable day" or call Victoria Holliday on 07557054629 with your thoughts/suggestions by November 30th.

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

Wiveton

Cyril Ramaphosa

Watching and listening intently to the Queens Funeral Service in Westminster Abbey with my brother Tony, I caught a quick glimpse of one familiar face in the great congregation. It was Cyril, Ramaphosa, now President of South Africa. For me it was a breath-holding jolt of poignant memories of the special connection between us since 1974. This is an extremely condensed story of that connection:

In 1974, inspired by Father Trevor Huddleston (an English priest working in Soweto Township a few miles outside Johannesburg) we established a Rugby School Amnesty Group and asked to adopt a black 'prisoner-of-conscience' in South Africa, imprisoned under the terrible Apartheid regime of that time.

Cyril Ramaphosa, aged 23, living with his family in the vast, sprawling, half derelict Township of Soweto became our first adopted Prisoner of Conscience, - imprisoned under the vicious, all- white Apartheid government. Amnesty gave us names and contact details of Cyril's family and details of his arrest. He was in his third year as a law student at Turfloop University, the only university for 'blacks', built high up in the parched and unfertile hills, miles from the nearest town of Pietersburg. Cyril was already prominent in the campaign for black students' rights and chairman of the Turfloop branch of the *South African Students Association* and the *National Students Christian Movement*. He was arrested, interrogated, and held in solitary confinement in Pietersburg prison and, as I found out later when I met him, was being threatened and tortured on a daily basis and told that he would be transferred indefinitely to Robben Island in Table Bay for forced labour in the infamous lime quarries. (Mandela had already been incarcerated on Robben Island for many years).

The growing Amnesty Group at Rugby – mainly six formers – doggedly wrote, over the next few years more than 450 courteous, well-informed letters of appeal for Cyril's release. We wrote to members Parliament, to every member of the infamous *Bureau of State Security*, (BOSS) to lawyers, reporters and anyone else in a position of influence in South Africa. We were, encouraged and supported superbly and continuously by Mandy Moross. With two sons at Rugby School, the family lived in Johannesburg where Mandy worked for a huge, mining corporation. He was able to feed us continuously with the names and addresses of potentially valuable contacts, check the accuracy of details in the letters we wrote and open a separate bank account for the Ramaphosa family for us, so that we could get money to the them, making it possible for Samuel, his father, to travel all the way to see Cyril in prison. He became a completely invaluable, dedicated supporter. He and his knew everything and everyone and his generosity to us grew and grew. Finally, after Cyril was released, he insisting on flying Jim and myself to South Africa, lending us his official chauffeur and car for four days to see enough of black, dawn- to- dark working lives, the places they worked and to meet some key political

figures, powerful businessmen and some of the remarkable and courageous men and women working for change in South Africa.

When Cyril had been finally released and was at home in Soweto with his family, we could not write to him because BOSS were watching him continuously and, blocking all mail to his address so it was impossible to arrange a secret meeting with him somewhere in Johannesburg and plan how we could now help him to complete his law degree by correspondence course. No 'whites' allowed into Soweto without a permit.

Our application was refused immediately. Our only hope was to find and gain the trust of a black man, working in Johannesburg and living in Soweto, with his own car and, willing to take the risk of driving me, undercover into the Township to find Cyril. It seemed a completely impossible task. The only 'black' we were seeing and talking to each day was Mandy's chauffeur, Hosia Mogano, on loan to us for four whole days. He was impeccably trained not to look directly at his passengers, (invariably sitting behind the driver) and only to give standard answers, briefly and simply to any questions and to keep his eyes always on the road! We started to break down this rigid formality by one of us always sitting beside him on every journey, asking him questions, telling him about our family, about things that mattered to us and light-hearted descriptions of our life in England – and about Mike Wood the first Flying Doctor in Africa whose wife Sue was a cousin of my mother's and how we loved them both. On the third day Hosia began to turn and look at us, also slowly to tell us something of his own life in the East Transvaal where he was an "Elder" of the Christian community there.

"Hosia would you be able to take us and be with us for the Evensong Service in Johannesburg Cathedral on Sunday? It is the only church in the whole of South Africa where black and white people are allowed to worship together!" A first big smile from Hosia. 'Oh yes Missy, oh yes! I will be very glad for us to go together!' We went, hours before the service started, so walked – one on each side of Hosia – talking and asking questions all the while he showed us around nearby streets. The long service ended. We walked out –Hosia between us – into the instant African darkness. He suddenly stopped, gave a great bellow of laughter into the sky and two huge hands descended on our shoulders. 'This is very wonderful! My heart feels very full! This is first time of my life that I have two white friends!'

I took the deepest breath of my life, told him about Cyril Ramaphosa's release from prison and asked him if he would smuggle me into Soweto to see him in two days' time – before we had to fly back to England. I showed him part of the letter that Cyril had written to me on the day of his release; *I bear no bitterness towards anybody who has been responsible for my hard times. These experiences have filled me with a profound sense of forgiveness . . . a person, a nation can only take so much suffering. One day I know we shall somehow free ourselves from this heavy burden . . . it will be*

like the sun rising through a long, cold, grey fog.' I showed him the pendant I had made for Cyril from the stone I had found on Cley beach near the Watch House on the same day that he had been released.

I take you Missy. I keep you safe. We find him together'. That journey, under a rug on the floor of his car and how I met the whole Ramaphosa family is another story, only to be told face-to-face to anyone who would like to hear it but never in print.

At the end of this November, the first State Visit to Britain in the reign of King Charles will be by Cyril Ramaphosa – at the Queens invitation, before she died.

Sarah Woodhouse

Amnesty Stone

North Norfolk Amnesty International group decided a while back that they would like a place in Norfolk to commemorate prisoners of conscience, and thus the idea for the Amnesty stone was born. After searching for a suitable site, we were fortunate enough that Wiveton Parish Council agreed to its being placed on Wiveton Green in front of the church.

Paul Veitch, who worked for many years for Amnesty lived in Wiveton and we were pleased to have a personal reason for its position here. Local letter cutter Teucer Wilson, an Amnesty supporter, carved the words 'It is better to light a candle than to curse the darkness' a motto Amnesty has adopted, in Forest of Dean Sandstone. It was unveiled by Barbara Veitch, Paul's widow, on June 11th, a warm summer's day when North Norfolk group, and a number of people who had sponsored the stone gathered for a short ceremony including a poem by Jonathan Ward commissioned for the event.

It was the culmination of a germ of an idea coming to fruition, a monolith for those who pass to reflect on and to be inspired and touched by the simple truth of the words. The North Norfolk group are grateful to all who contributed and made it possible.

Frances Emeleus

Stop Press!

**Don't miss the wonderful ICENI
CHOIR CANDLELIT CAROL
SERVICE in Wiveton Church on
Monday, 19th December.
Further details in December's
GVN.**

Glandford

There is no news from Glandford this month

Letheringsett

A Big **THANK YOU** to everyone who has helped and supported myself and the Church since I have been out of action. Too many of you to mention but you know who you all are.

Ann Tomson

Dahn the Plug'ole

A muvver was barfin' 'er baby one night
The youngest of ten and a pore little mite
The muvver was pore, and the baby was thin
Twas naught but an skeleton covered in skin

The muvver turned rahnd for the soap oft the rack
She was only a moment, but when she turned back
'Er baby was gorn, and in anguish she cried
"My baby 'as gorn", and the Angels replied...

"Yor baby 'as gorn dahn the plug'ole
Yor baby 'as gorn dahn the plug
The poor little thing was so skinny and thin
'E should 'ave been washed in a jug

In a jug....

Yor baby is perfickly 'appy
'E won't need a barf anymore
'E's a-mucking abaht
Wiv' the angels above
Not lorst, but gorne before...

Anon

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St Nicholas' Church, Blakeney New mini-food bank

We are hoping to organise 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 for many in the months ahead.

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

And 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.

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

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let's do
lunch

**in St Nicholas' Church,
Blakeney**

**The Blakeney Lunch will be
held on**

**Wednesday 16th November
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.

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Further details 01263 740225

**THE GREAT
BLAKENEY BREAKFAST!**

**in St Nicholas' Church,
Blakeney will be held on
Wednesday 2nd November
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.



Friday 2nd December



Blakeney Village Hall

Doors open 6pm (6:30 start)

CHRISTMAS

BINGO

Proceeds towards
Blakeney Primary School.

Refreshments and bar open.

By Libby H. Massingham.

Letters & Articles

£5.00 note found near the bus stop in Blakeney. Please contact Alison Jewell on 01263 740754 if you have lost it and I can get it back to you.

Letter to the Editor

I write to inform readers of a proposal by telecoms company Cornerstone to install a thirty-metre telecoms mast and base station on Hunworth common with no viable alternatives offered to the community or open consultation with the residents of the area.

Barely 7 acres, but packed with a diverse range of plants, trees and wildlife, many species indicating the ancient nature of the land this tiny area of common land has not been affected by farming, industry or the modern world is designated a County Wildlife Site and is within the Hunworth conservation area.

Visited by villagers and countless people from the surrounding area Hunworth common remains one of only a few sites in the area where people can freely access nature with no restrictions ~ to wander and linger, to picnic, to pick fruit or play and build dens as has been the way for centuries.

The imposition of this mast and its associated ground works would devastate the site, ecologically and visually. Straddling an area where this spring a conservation group planted three hundred trees, provided by North Norfolk District Council, as a small mammal, reptile and insect refuge the mast structure would be starkly and unavoidably visible to anyone walking on the common from any direction.

This plan sets a worrying precedent introducing industrial structures here and other areas of common land, especially as there is a stated likelihood of expansion and mast sharing by the company.

Better telecoms connectivity is of course in the interests of all in the area, but should not be at the expense of such a rare natural resource especially when there are many other more suitable sites that have not been properly considered by the telecoms company and others involved.

Our common land must be protected from such exploitation and I urge you to contact the local MP (Duncan Baker) and councillor (Andrew Brown) to express your concern over this ill-conceived proposal, press for it to be rejected and a proper and open and inclusive process take place to establish a more suitable site.

*Angus Beaton
Hunworth Resident
For Friends of Hunworth Common*

Blakeney Area Historical Society

**Tuesday 29th November
7:30pm**

Cley Village Hall & Zoom

**Norfolk Born: the development
of the tank and the
outstanding role of Elliot
Hotblack in WW1**

*Caroline Holland & Eric
Hotblack*

No Meeting in December

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

**From Tuesday 1st
November the
Blakeney Spar and
Post Office will be
changing back to
Winter opening hours
of 7am to 8pm**

A SEAWEED INDUSTRY FOR NORFOLK?

On 20/Sept a meeting was held at Morston Village Hall to discuss a proposal submitted by James and Willie Athill to undertake a pilot project to grow seaweed in the sea just under three miles North of the mouth of Blakeney Harbour. It was explained that seaweed is harvested in the UK and Ireland now, but this is almost all dredged wild material. Dredging wild stock devastates the sea bed and is not sustainable long term as the market for seaweed is growing rapidly. Experiments have shown that seaweed can be cultivated using ropes or nets suspended in the sea. The market for the product is quite diverse:

Added to cattle feed it reduces the production of carbon dioxide produced as well as being a nutritious food.

When added to fertiliser it enhances the effectiveness of the fertiliser.

The process of growing it absorbs carbon dioxide.

There are many other potential markets including as human food and pharmaceuticals.

It was stated that a number of Norfolk farms were interested in testing the product.

The vision of the proposers of the project is that it should be a North Norfolk enterprise, with the product grown, harvested, processed and used locally. They have evolved designs for the structures needed to support the ropes or nets which they consider to be robust enough to withstand heavy weather. At this stage they are proposing a small 25HA area of seabed is allocated to test and develop the growing and harvesting process. This area is currently used by local fishermen for potting etc. and would be lost to them if the experiment goes ahead. The proposers suggest that the seaweed growing operation would in the long term be beneficial to marine life, creating greater biodiversity and increasing stocks of crabs and lobsters in the area.

Representatives of local fishing interests objected strongly to the proposal as it would reduce the area of seabed available to them and which they have fished for many years and are officially licenced to use. They feared that if the experiment was successful much more seabed would be allocated to seaweed growing with serious consequences to their livelihood.

There was some suggestion that seaweed could be grown within the area potentially allocated to the new wind turbine extension projects. This requires further research.

The meeting concluded without reaching a consensus. The proposers will continue with their application for permission to proceed with the project.

Willie Athill

WHAT'S ON

Blakeney Craft Group

BLAKENEY VILLAGE HALL
Langham Rd, Blakeney
NR25 7PG

Grand Festive Craft Fair

**Saturday and Sunday 19th &
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LAYSON SINGS CHANSON has been on the road since the beginning of 2011 to tie-in with the most recent edition of my Jacques Brel biography, *La Vie Bohème* - and it will be coming at last to the Maltings, Wells-Next-The-Sea on **Friday 11th of November 2022**.

See <https://www.wellsmaltings.org.uk/events/clayson-sings-chanson/>.

Recent media coverage has been fulsome with phrases like 'mesmerising', 'a man possessed', 'a wonderful evening by a master raconteur at the top of his game'. Here is further comment: -

'His delivery and performance style has led to a deserved cult status' (*Time Out*)

'Definitely more than a performance—an experience!' (New York *Village Voice*)

'Hugely entertaining. Jacques would have approved' (*Rock 'N' Reel* [R2])

'Everything here is equal to the doomed romanticism that was Brel's trademark' (*Record Collector*)

'A complex emotional landscape of understated dynamics and dark aesthetics' (*Folk on Tap*)

Response has been most encouraging - in that attendance has been impressive for weekday evenings, notably at Bristol's Thunderbolt, the Frome Festival, the Twelve Bar Club in central London, the Cellars-at-Eastney, the Bull-at-Barnes (famous jazz venue), the Arlington Arts Centre in Newbury, Ventnor Arts Club and Birmingham's Kitchen Garden Café. Consequences of a performance at the Rising Sun Arts Centre in Reading were a short-notice double-header with John Cooper Clarke (and a booking the following weekend for Berkshire's French Society).

As well as works by Jacques Brel, Charles Aznavour, Scott Walker and other chansonniers, Gallic and English, we - i.e. me and keyboard player Andy Lavery - venture into curious but connected realms, ranging from an arrangement of French symbolist poet Paul Verlaine's 'Un Grand Sommeil Noir' to Dave Dee, Dozy, Beaky, Mick and Tich's 'Last Night In Soho' - sung absolutely straight and, by contrast, 'Sweeney Todd The Barber' - which I used to do with my group Clayson and the Argonauts, but hadn't unveiled in public for a quarter of a century. Prefaced by an explanatory talk that is as entertaining as it is educational this show will appeal to both chanson devotees, those interested generally in Gallic culture and folk merely seeking fun.

A further point of interest is my 'other' career as an author - of around thirty books thus far. As well as *La Vie Bohème*, relevant output also includes *View from The Exterior*, a biography of Serge Gainsbourg. More conspicuously, there's been the best-selling *Backbeat* film tie-in, *Beat Merchants* (a definitive study of the British beat boom), authorised histories of The Yardbirds and The Troggs - and *Death Discs*, also the subject of a programme I scripted and presented on BBC Radio Two ('Clayson's show is as wacky as anything else you

will hear on BBC Radio Two' - *The Guardian*). Moreover, I not so much dipped a toe as plunged headfirst into many other - often unexpected - musical waters - such as a 2002 tome about Edgard Varèse, Frank Zappa's boyhood hero, and the missing link between Stravinsky and John Cage. This brought me to the attention of Gail Zappa, Frank's very late widow, who appointed me to pen a life of her husband - which is to be published in spring.

I hope you find all this gratuitous boasting intriguing. A more objective résumé of my career may be read on http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alan_Clayson and more fully in the *STORIES OF MY LIFE* section of www.alanclayson.com.



**NWT North Norfolk Group
and
Cley Bird Club**



**Birds of Bardsey Island
An illustrated talk by Steve Stansfield**

Thursday 17th November 2022

Cley Village Hall at 7.30pm

Entry is free but donations welcome.

Kindly sponsored by **Cley Spy**

'QUOTABLE QUOTES'

Some Q Q's on Ambition...

Most of the trouble in this world is caused by people wanting to be important

T.S. Eliot

I have found some of the best reasons I ever had for remaining at the bottom simply by looking at the men at the top

Frank Moore Colby

There never lived a mortal man who bent His appetite beyond his natural sphere But starved and died

John Keats



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BLAKENEY HARBOUR ROOM EVENTS

NOVEMBER 5th - REDEMPTION

A Norfolk based band make up of 5 ex. professional session musicians. Nigel Portas on Hammond Organ and Boogie Woogie piano! and John Wilmot on Saxophone have played with the likes of Van Morrison and Robert Plant respectively. Boogie Woogie, Rock n Roll, Soul and Funky Blues is what they deliver. Guaranteed to get you on the dance floor for only £10.00 on the door.

Chasing Mumford visited The Harbour Room in October all the way from Newcastle to perform their Mumford and Sons Experience Show. The 4-part harmonies and musical ability of these 5 young men was outstanding. If you missed it, they will be back again in 2023.

The **World Cup** is starting on November 21st and concluding on December 18th the Top Bar will be showing all the group matches that involve England and Wales and the knock out phases leading up to the final!

Dates for our regular free music events.

OCTOBER 30th FOLK CLUB OPEN STAGE NIGHT 7 - 10 pm

Our first amplified open stage night in the Harbour Room. Or you can perform from floor unplugged. What's Folk you ask? Well, if you can hear the words you're nearly there! Performers and audience welcome.

NOVEMBER 10th OPEN MIC NIGHT IN THE TOP BAR 7 - 10pm

Having missed 2 months, we will be back full of songs and energy for November. It's always a busy and fun evening which shows off the great array of musical talent we have here in North Norfolk. Piano accompaniment can be arranged with a bit of notice please. Performers and audience all welcome - no charge

NOVEMBER 13th HARBOUR ROOM FOLK CLUB 3-6pm

Traditional sing around session unplugged - all welcome as ever.

NOVEMBER 24th QUIZ NIGHT IN THE TOP BAR 7pm

Always a busy evening - so come and enjoy the fun or even win the pot!

NOVEMBER 27th 7-10 ANOTHER FOLK CLUB OPEN STAGE 7 - 10 pm

Sing around from the floor, or wired on stage.

Great for Folk/Rock - Folk/Jazz - endless opportunities for Folk fusions or great to give your new band an airing. All welcome

NEW MENU

The Harbour Room has now produced a great new menu which was launched on October 24th. Please check our Facebook page for the menu and opening times for the kitchen.

George Crawley

Coffee Morning

Every Thursday 10-11am
at The Pilgrim Methodist Church
Blakeney.

Join us for a 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

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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 Email: reflex@waitrose.com

SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY 3RD DECEMBER
LANGHAM CHRISTMAS FAIR
Village Hall 10-12noon NR25 7BX

You will find us diagonally opposite the church.

Please come and join us. There will be refreshments and stalls for cakes, plants, gifts, books and a bottle tombola. There will also be a large assorted raffle and a Christmas Hamper raffle. FREE entry, roadside parking. Proceeds will be for Langham Church General Fund.

We look forward to seeing you.

For further details contact:

Ann Sherriff: 01328 830 605

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Charity Supper Quiz Night at 7.00pm on Friday 11th November 2022 in St Nicholas' Church Blakeney.

Supper of homemade Shepherd's Pie
Teams of 6 or come along and join others to
make up a team - £10 per person.
Wine and soft drinks available.

Tickets: Please contact Geoff Alexander
01263 741366 or email gga1@aol.com

Or the Benefice Office 01263 740583

Please join us for a fun evening
raising funds for the fabric of the Church.

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(WEATHER PERMITTING)

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PLEASE CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR UPDATES IF THE WEATHER LOOKS BAD!

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In aid of Cley Harbour www.cleyharbour.co.uk



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