

The Glaven Valley Newsletter



Taken by a Wiveton Resident

FEBRUARY 2021

Coronavirus

Community Support Here For You

So here we all are again, a national lockdown... This time however there is a bright ray of light on the horizon, the vaccine and as this reaches us all, we hope it will also bring a gradual return to normality.

There has been a great sense of community spirit over the last eleven months, and this will stand us in good stead for this current lockdown.

This is a reminder for those within our community who may continue to need help and support during this challenging time, that that your local community is still here to try and support those in need of non-emergency help. If you need non-medical support please contact the Blakeney Twelve—Steven Hall 01263 741748, Trevor Preston 01263 740906, Dave Buckey 01263 740103

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

Treasurer's Report

We're very grateful to all those donors with annual standing orders whose payments came through at the start of January this year. While we are unable to produce hard copy of GVN and while the content is a bit less than it would normally be, we are conscious that you may not be receiving as much for your donation as you have previously, but your continued support is important to us.

We'll be back to normal as soon as possible within the guidelines.

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Martin Tyler, Treasurer, Glaven Valley Newsletter*

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if you're looking for something in particular, and we'll send you photographs of specific items.



*Blakeney Antiques
& Collectors Fair*

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Every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month,
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For further information
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or call Mandy Allen - 07876254173.

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Directory is annually based.

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Blakeney

Coastal Rowing Association of Blakeney

The current period of lockdown means that members of your local rowing club look fondly back at the outings experienced towards the end of last year at Blakeney and at Barton Turf. A resumption of activities, when all is safe, is keenly anticipated. In the meantime, "Crabbers" have a wide range of photographs on crabblakeney.wordpress.com as a reminder of those times. See for yourself the type of adventure which the club will offer when times return to normal.

Whilst away from the water, the rowing committee is striving hard to ensure that all aspects of the club will function enjoyably and efficiently when the sport becomes fully operational. For example, there has been boat maintenance and detailed discussion of how the club can be made even better for all members when a more active lifestyle returns.

If you are interested in joining or supporting Blakeney Rowing Club, or perhaps you wish to try a new sport in the future, then phone club captain Humphrey on 07542371469 for further information. There are vacancies on the club committee. Phone for more information on how you can be a part of assisting with the important community activity of rowing. All types of experience will be welcome. Join in, meet some interesting people and help prepare for times on the water.

Best wishes and stay safe.

Barry Howes



Blakeney Sailing Club

Happy New Year 2021 from Blakeney Sailing Club!

Although we are not on the water at the moment, we are still planning to make our return to sailing the best that we possibly can. We are putting together the calendar of Racing and Flotilla events as well as the Year Book.

All members can go on a Flotilla Trip whether it be in a kayak, motor boat, sailing boat, windsurfer or paddle board. Flotilla Trips are for anybody in the club interested in exploring the harbour in a group. You can have refreshments in company and sometimes even a swim in company! So, during the long, dark Winter why not plan your Spring and Summer with Blakeney Sailing Club?

Check our updates on the Blakeney Sailing Club website, Facebook and Instagram.

Stay Safe!

Amy Howes

May Stevens - passed away
9 December. A loving mother,
grandmother and great
grandmother.

Pat Webster (daughter)

Obituary Sylvia Claxton 1920 – 2020

Sylvia was a Blakeney resident for all but 20 years of her life during the time when she worked and lived away from home in her early career. She was born in a cottage behind what was then the Anchor Pub, and two years later her parents moved to Beachstone House, a short distance up Blakeney High Street, which became the family home for the next fifty years. After attending Blakeney Primary School Sylvia's secondary education was as a boarder at East Dereham High School for Girls. In Blakeney she began a close connection with St Nicholas' Church that lasted throughout her life, with her many roles there including a stint on the PCC, and selling cards to raise funds as well as being a regular attendee at

services and more recently joining zoom services from the church.

Another lifetime passion which began at an early age was gardening. At Beachstone House in her youth she helped her father Ernest to run a market garden, and would have been seen around the village delivering flowers, fruit and vegetables to the locals.

Sylvia's initial career was centred around caring for children, firstly as a nurse in Nottingham, High Kelling and Woking, and then acting as a governess for several families in Lincolnshire, Somerset, Norwich, and closer to home in Wiveton. Moving back to live with her own family she then helped to care for her own father up to 1956 in the last years of his life, which was a role she repeated for her mother, Ethel, twenty years later.

Throughout the 1960's and 70's up to 1976 Sylvia worked at the Anchor Shop in Blakeney High Street, with her final job then being at Home Place Convalescent Home, High Kelling until she took early retirement aged 59. In 1976 she also moved to a new house in Saxlingham Road where she remained for the rest of her life with the help in later years of her neighbours and live-in carers.

Sylvia helped at the Glaven Centre in its early days as a bath assistant then as a lunchtime helper and in later life enjoyed attending the lunches and having her weekly bath there. Last September she was able to celebrate her 100th birthday in her garden with friends and family where she proudly showed everyone her card from the Queen, and enthusiastically tucked into a piece of the celebratory cake.

Sylvia is remembered fondly by her nieces Michelle and Paula, her great-niece Emma, and her nephews David and Peter who spent many happy holidays in their youth with Sylvia in Blakeney.



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has asked us to share these details with you, and he will pick up messages as and when he is on duty. Please do remember to use 999 in an emergency and that the Police 101 number is still in operation.

For any Covid related breaches, please report via the Norfolk Constabulary website page, under the tab headed, 'Report It', and not directly to Jason.

Extracts from the virtual meeting of Blakeney Parish Council which was held on Tuesday 12th January 2021

PC Jason Pegden had forwarded the following report from Wells Police (Safer Neighbourhood Team) – Since the 3rd December 2020 onwards there have been 12 calls to the Police, Crimes recorded are 1 x Assault and 1 x Criminal Damage. A reminder that any breach of health orders (Covid), must be reported via the 'report it pages' on the Norfolk Constabulary website as they need to be recorded.

The Parish Council wished to put on record, a note of thanks to our local Police team who are doing a great job policing Covid breaches locally. They have been seen around the village, in particular the Quay on a number of occasions.

County Councillor - Dr. Marie Strong's full report will be within the pages of this newsletter; hence I have not repeated it here. She did however, wish to express the 'Support for Families and the Free School Meals', referred to in the report.

District Councillor – Currently on extended leave, however we do have a direct contact in her absence.

Open Public Session – 3 people spoke.

Jamie Bird – (Land & Planning Director for 'Fleur Developments'). We have circulated the revised proposals to the Parish Council and the neighbouring properties of the Kimberley development, and we think that we have addressed most of the concerns of the Parish Council. By allowing us to use the verge, will save us time and money, meaning that we can increase the donation we give to the Primary School towards the library project. Prior to this evening meeting I have been in touch with Simon Case (Landscape Officer NNDC) regarding the proposed removal of the trees on the verge and await his reply. We hope that you can see that we have really worked on our proposal to you.

Joff Brooker (Fleur Developments) – We have been contacted by two families that have expressed an interest in moving in to live here permanently and school their children locally. We are keen to start the build. We thank you for being patient and listening to us and our proposals. I can only apologise again for the way in which this has happened.

Whiteways resident – As per the email I sent to the Parish Council, I am happy with the proposal put forward by Fleur, the highways vision splay adequate is safe. I appreciate that Fleur are continuing to talk to the neighbours of their site. Local residents wish to speed up this development.

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

Members were in receipt of revised compound proposals for site development works at, **Kimberley, New Road, Blakeney**. Much discussion was had on this item and questions were put to the developer. The majority of members were still extremely disappointed by the way in which this had played out, and the fact that out of 7 units of housing, there was not one element of affordable housing for local people. However, it was noted that there were no outstanding objections from the immediate neighbours.

It was **agreed** that; *We reluctantly accept the *proposal by Fleur, with the caveat that; Fleur produce and provide us with an expanded/detailed Vehicle Management Plan, which would, in particular, ensure that no vehicles are parked on the main A149 and that the road is not used as a waiting bay for vehicles wishing to enter the site. Safety of pedestrians using the footpath must be ensured and the entrance/exit to the site must be kept clean at least daily. In addition, the developers are required to advise their opening hours which must not unduly inconvenience residents.*

**(As per the Revised Compound Proposals, Kimberley, New Road, Blakeney, January 2021, which were received by BPC on 6th January 2021 which are shown as item no. 4 of said document. Summary of Revised Proposals, main points being; a) Area for compound reduced, c) hoarding printed with digital photo of hoarding*, d) Cabins coloured green, e) Trees planted, f) Fully*

compliant proposals, g) Vision sprints for Saxlingham Road and Whiteways unaffected, which equates to their proposed preferred resolution no. 1 which is as follows; The proposals are acceptable as defined in this document with photo printed hoarding).

Application no. **PF/20/2515** – *Proposal; Change of use from Church Hall to retail bakery and café at, St. Nicholas Church Hall, The Quay, Blakeney.*

There was interest in the idea of a village bakery, but a concern about the loss of rooms which, up to now, have provided opportunities for local charities etc. to operate. There has been one objection and, because the yellow planning sign has only just been erected, we are unclear whether the application is truly in the public domain. This is important as there are other village outlets where beverages are available.

The position and history of the church rooms make this a very important site. The objector and some members of the Parish Council, believe that the rooms were left to the men of the village after the war (for community benefit) and this needs to be resolved before we can consider an application which would involve a business interest.

Turning to the plans, we are surprised to be consulted on change of use only rather than building plans as well. The position of the rooms on The Quay makes them very visible. The proposals seem to reflect a revamp to the exterior which would seem not to be in keeping with other buildings on The Quay. Furthermore, the application suggests a bakery but the plans submitted suggest that the kitchen is likely to be too small to allow baking on site. So, we are unclear quite what is proposed. Also, one toilet for customers and staff seems insufficient.

Object; The unanswered questions around the terms of any legacy and the lack of transparency around building plans mean that we object to the application.

Members were in receipt of the draft of **The Blakeney Neighbourhood Plan**. Members expressed huge thanks to the members of the group (majority non-Councillors) who have undertaken a vast amount of work in order to produce this excellent document. We formally give our approval, in order for the Steering Group to submit to North Norfolk District Council.

Accounts totalling £7,521.89 are approved.

BPC accepted the recommendation from the Finance Committee that we request a **2021/22 Precept** figure of £43,000. (This amounts to a ‘Band D’ increase of 76p per month over 10 months.)

Quote accepted for **Tree Inspection Work** during the year.

New Developments/Affordable Housing/Charities; is there an overlap?

Sites for housing/development have been thrown into the pot in dribs and drabs of late. Perhaps now is the time to stand back and assess them all side by side, before we proceed any further, as the goal posts keep on moving and we have to be sure that the benefits to the village are still there, i.e., the best land use, mixed developments, ownership etc.

Whilst no decisions were made, the members agreed that it was right to consider the collective pot; BLA04 (land behind Kingsway), War Memorial Cottages Site, the Former School Field on Langham Road. No detailed full planning applications have been agreed for any of these sites at the moment.

Given the parties involved, Charities, NNDC, NCC, Housing Associations etc, appropriate meetings for further discussion with relevant parties will be called, with the aim of delivering the best outcome for the village, i.e., affordable social housing but not at a huge detrimental effect to the village.

Resumption of BPC Meetings – As things stand our next Full Council meeting is due to take place on Tuesday 2nd February 2021 via zoom commencing at 7pm.

New noticeboard on The Pastures – The new replacement noticeboard has now been erected on The Pastures and was purchased via a donation kindly gifted some time back by a previous resident, who after many years, moved away from the village. This was a very kind gesture, and we hope that this will prove a useful replacement for many years to come.

Covid Response Team and Fund – If you know of someone that is in need of assistance in the village with either practical tasks or financial hardship, then please do get in touch. We are holding a grant on behalf of the small local response team which we obtained in order to help those in need, subject to certain criteria in the village. All enquiries will be in the strictest of confidence and in addition there are many other sources of help out there, which the team may be able to direct you to. If in any doubt please do ask.

YOUR SERVING PARISH COUNCILLORS ARE: -

Rosemary Thew – (Chairman) – 740555 – Moonraker, Back Lane

Jenny Girling (Vice-Chairman) – 740792 – 11 Queens Close

Samantha Arlow – 741297 – 40 Langham Road
Jane Armstrong – 741355 – 39 New Road
Alban Donohoe – 741741 – Ivy House, Back Lane
Shirley Everett – 740819 – Southside, 87 Morston Road
Barry Girling – 740792 – 11 Queens Close
Edward Hackford – 740616 – Spring Cottage, Langham Road
Nigel Sutcliffe – 741714 – Dallinga, 71 Morston Road
Jess Tutt – 01328 830973 – 37 The Cornfield, Langham
Iain Wolfe [REDACTED]

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.

News from County Cllr Dr Marie Strong
Marie.strong@norfolk.gov.uk- 07920 286 597

Dear Readers

Were we surprised being moved into Tier 4 let alone joining the entire country in lockdown? I leave that question for you to ponder. For now, I have copied below Norfolk's Director of Public Health earlier statement. Also copied are the usual websites which I am assured are updated regularly – this means that whatever changes come into play you can check out the latest and what is happening including where your family and friends live.

Louise Smith, Director of Public Health in Norfolk said 'What is really clear, over the last six or seven days the numbers have really taken off and are now rising very quickly. "It may be the new variant and we think now just after half of the cases are the new variant but it's also worth remembering that all our predictions and scenarios did predict we were in for a tough winter and unfortunately this does look the direction in which we are heading. When we look at the data by district area, we are seeing the numbers rise in every district.'

COVID-19 Information:

Information is available at: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/local-restriction-tiers-what-you-need-to-know>. The main site for all national information is www.gov.uk/coronavirus. Although linked to the government site if you wish the separate NHS site: www.nhs.uk/coronavirus.

Help to Access Help: I have previously shared, particularly with parish councils, information on support

which is available to members of our communities. Now I have received information to help parents and carers access such support. A free webinar is taking place for parents and carers and fortunately the information will be circulated to all schools. Information on accessing schemes such as from Early Help services, Just One Norfolk and other community support available to help families through tricky times. Further sessions are being planned for the coming weeks which will be informed by feedback from parents & carers. Parents or carers will be able to book a free place ring: 0344 800 820. www.nccparentsinformationevent.eventbrite.co.uk

Support for Families: A short reminder that NCC has developed a package of support to help families over the winter months. For information and advice go to: Norfolk.gov.uk/coronavirus or call 0344 800 8020.

Power Cuts - Call 105 free of charge to report power cuts and damage to the electricity network, or 0800 3163 105 (from a corded landline phone or mobile phone). Also for latest updates: www.ukpowernetworks.co.uk. To view live power cut map type your postcode into www.ukpowernetworks.co.uk/powercut.

Roadworks: Up-to-date information about roadworks in Norfolk is available on the County Council website at: www.norfolk.gov.uk/roadworks

Avian Influenza: Measures regarding Avian Influenza have changed several times over the past weeks so however few birds you have please check the latest update: www.gov.uk/guidance/avian-influenza-bird-flu#latest-situation.

Good works: Whilst I have copied above various forms of official assistance yet again, I would like to applaud the immense amount of valuable work being carried out by volunteers, neighbours and simply good people.

Warm wishes to you all.

Marie

**BLAKENEY PARISH COUNCIL
NOTICE TO TENDER**

TRADING SITES ON CARNSER

Blakeney Parish Council is inviting submission of tenders for the provision of the following three trading sites: -

Teas & Refreshments

Shellfish & Seafood

Arts & Crafts

**This will cover the period 1st April
2022 to 31st October 2025 inclusive.**

Further details are available from Mrs Tracey Bayfield, Parish Clerk, Blakeney Parish Council, The Parish Office, Langham Road, Blakeney, Nr Holt, Norfolk, NR25 7RB. Tel: 01263 741106, alternatively you may request a pack via email:

clerk@blakeneyparishcouncil.org.uk

The closing date for receipt of completed tenders is 5pm on Friday 12th February 2021.

Detailed information and application packs can be obtained via the Parish Clerk. In making a decision the Parish Council will not necessarily accept the highest tender.

Food from The Pews by Mary Norwak

The Art of the Quiche

Sadly, like many other foreign dishes, this one has been debased by mean cooks (pizza is another example) who don't want to spend time or money on making something simple but special. The original Quiche Lorraine, whose name is so often taken in vain, was a casing of puff pastry or rich shortcrust filled with cubes of mild ham topped with a seasoned mixture of cream and eggs and this is mouth-wateringly delicious. Note well that there is no cheese, no bits of fried bacon, no onions and certainly no tomato slices, sweetcorn or other fillers. Pizza has also suffered from the curious additions of pineapple, baked beans and the like.

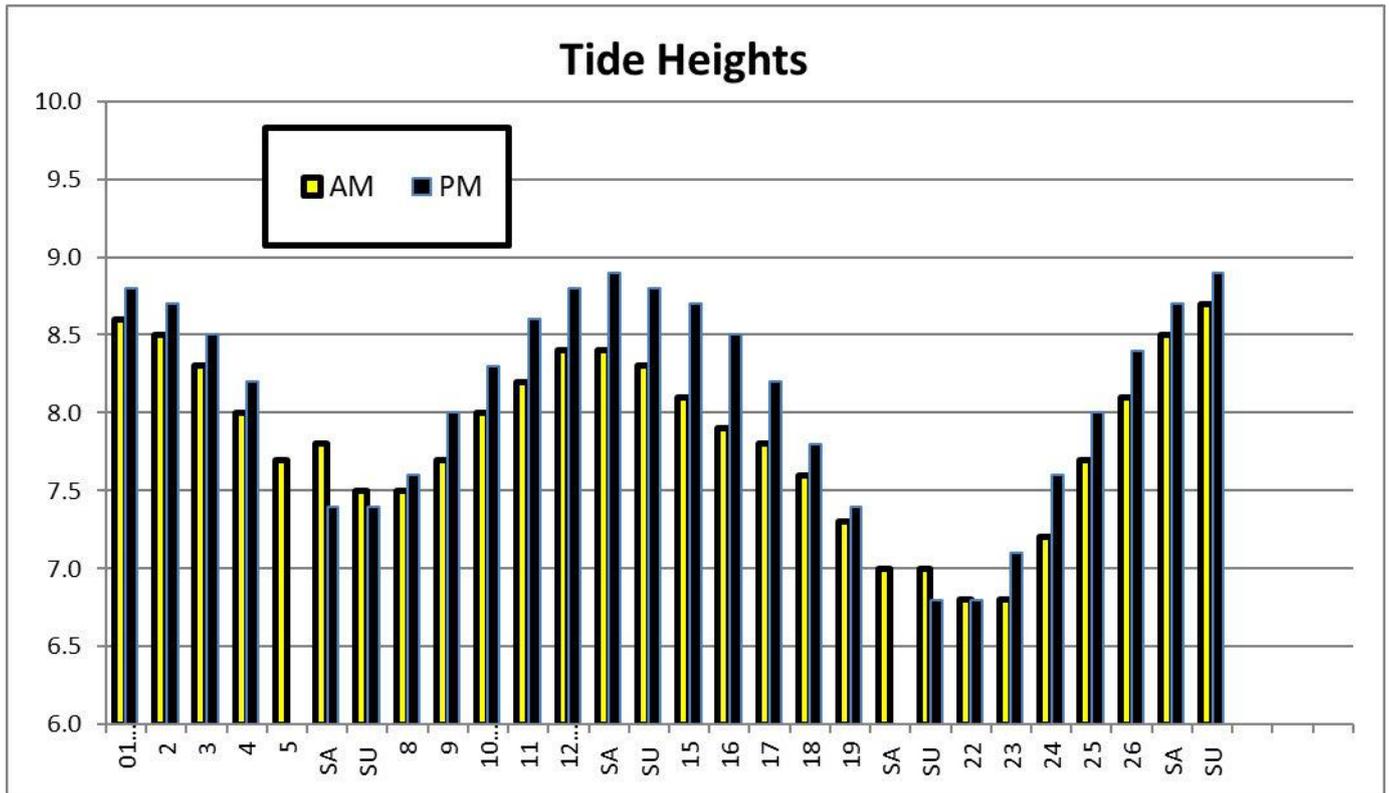
A real quiche is a revelation when you buy one still gently warm from a shop in France to eat on a picnic. The French make all sorts of variations, but the fillings are simple and pure, rather than strange mixtures, for this is not just a way of using up odd bits of food. There may be tomato, spinach or mushrooms flans (the British name) or flans filled with seafood, or with sausage meat and bacon, or cheese and onions. The following recipe is for a French favourite made with crab, so it seemed suitable for Norfolk too. It is simple and elegant and makes a beautiful first course, or a good light lunch with green salad. As usual, follow the instructions carefully and don't substitute ingredients and you will be very happy with the result.

Crab Quiche

12oz (350g) made shortcrust pastry
8oz (225g) crabmeat
2oz (50g) grated Parmesan cheese
1 ½ tablespoons dry sherry
2 eggs and 1 egg yolk
½ pint (300ml) single cream
Pepper

Either make your own pastry or use the frozen variety. If you have a choice with the crabmeat, use about two-thirds white meat to one-third brown. If possible, use freshly grated Parmesan and large eggs. Line a 9inch (22.5cm) metal flan tin with the pastry. Don't use a china flan dish as this does not conduct the heat properly to give a crisp finish to the pastry. Chill for 15 minutes. Prick the pastry well and put on a piece of greaseproof paper and some dried beans or rice, or proper baking beans to weigh down the pastry. Bake at 400F/200C/Gas 6 for 15 minutes. Remove paper and beans and leave the pastry case to cool. Spread the crabmeat lightly in the case. Reserve half the cheese and sprinkle the rest on the crab. Season with pepper and sprinkle on the sherry. Beat together the eggs, egg yolk and cream and pour over the crab. Sprinkle with remaining cheese. Bake at 375/190C/Gas 5 for 30 minutes. This will taste best served just warm. Serves 4-6.

February 2021 Tide Details



Tide Times

	AM	PM		AM	PM
Mon 01 February	09:12	21:13	Mon 15 February	09:04	21:06
Tue 02 February	09:54	21:54	Tue 16 February	09:31	21:38
Wed 03 February	10:37	22:40	Wed 17 February	10:00	22:11
Thu 04 February	11:25	23:31	Thu 18 February	10:33	22:48
Fri 05 February	12:21	00:00	Fri 19 February	11:12	23:30
Sat 06 February	00:31	13:30	Sat 20 February	11:58	00:00
Sun 07 February	01:54	14:47	Sun 21 February	00:02	13:01
Mon 08 February	11:43	15:55	Mon 22 February	01:35	14:42
Tue 09 February	04:36	16:54	Tue 23 February	03:18	15:58
Wed 10 February	05:38	17:46	Wed 24 February	04:28	16:53
Thu 11 February	06:33	18:34	Thu 25 February	05:21	17:38
Fri 12 February	07:20	19:17	Fri 26 February	06:08	18:18
Sat 13 February	08:00	19:56	Sat 27 February	06:52	18:58
Sun 14 February	08:35	20:32	Sun 28 February	07:33	19:36

Glaven Valley Benefice

Blakeney Church
will be hosting a **Benefice Service**
every Sunday@11am on
St Nicholas Church Blakeney
YouTube Channel with the link:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC136-AnLk8jNoBAw3b9kV_g/videos?view=57

Blakeney Church
Open for Private Prayer Wednesdays & Sundays 12noon-3pm
Cley Church
Open for Private Prayer Tuesdays & Saturdays 12noon - 3pm
Wiveton Church
Open for Private Prayer Mondays & Thursdays 12noon - 3pm
Glandford Church
Open for Private Prayer Tuesdays & Fridays 12noon - 3pm
Letheringsett Church
Open for Private Prayer Saturdays 12noon - 3pm

Unfortunately, the churches are not yet open for general visitors.
All details on our website: glavenvalleychurches.org.uk



Thoughts from the Rectory for February 2021

Dear all,

Are you a fast learner?

A crossword clue I was confronted with recently was “Period when one learns fast (4,4)”. The solution was “Lent term”. Which was quite neat - education and theology interwoven! And it got me thinking.

Fasting is an ancient discipline, of course, still practised in one form or another by most of the great world religions. In the Christian tradition, fasting is still associated especially with the period of Lent, which begins this month (Ash Wednesday, 17th February). Often these days, rather than, say, going without food for a period or cutting out one meal a day, fasting is broadened to other things like going without chocolate, or avoiding alcohol, or shutting off social media! The idea is that by denying ourselves some luxuries, our vision is sharpened: we appreciate the essentials, and become more aware of the essence of things – for Christians, our loving and providential God, who can sometimes get side-lined in our busy-ness. And of course, when we forgo the luxuries for a while, we also then appreciate them more!

In this difficult pandemic period, we are being denied things, but not of our own volition. We are being forced to fast, as it were. We are being deprived of human touch, and face-to-face meeting, and social celebration. And it's not enjoyable for any of us. But I wonder whether – to return to the crossword clue – we can use this imposed fast to learn. We are being reminded of what's of real value – human company and contact, friendship, love, and care. Not the material things, but the personal, emotional and spiritual things. For me and for many of us, the most important thing of all is the reassurance that God is with us, in this as in everything, and remains closer to us than we can imagine.

We're all desperate, I'm sure, for this Covid trial to come to an end. But maybe we can at least use it to reflect on what's vital and what we want to take with us,

when we come out the other side. This Lent, more than ever before, could be something to help us. To help us “learn fast”!

New cameras for live-streaming services

During this latest lockdown, we've had to return to online services only (with no congregation physically present), and to restrict ourselves to the one Benefice Service a week – at 11.00, streamed from Blakeney Church.

As mentioned last month, a wonderful donation has enabled us to install new cameras in the church, and thus for the online worshipper to be able to enjoy different views of different parts of the church, according to what's happening in the service. So, our services are now being streamed live on Youtube.

The link for the “St Nicholas Church Blakeney” youtube channel is:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC136-AnLk8jNoBAw3b9kV_g/videos?view=57

and you then just scroll down to the relevant day's service.

Do join us on any Sunday – or of course you can watch any service later at a time to suit you.

We will generally go live from 10.45 for the 11.00 service.

We will also be holding a short Morning Prayer on Wednesdays during Lent at 11.00. These will go out via Zoom, with the link varying according to the person leading. If you'd like to know more, please contact me, and I can put you on my general email list to receive further information.

As ever, please do contact us, if we can help in any way.

You can contact me on revrichardlawry@gmail.com or by phone on 740686.

Other information is available on our benefice website: www.glavenvalleychurches.org.uk

Cley

Cley Parish Council's Chairman's Report January 2021

Thank you all for keeping at home as much as possible. The Cley volunteers are here to fetch your shopping from Spar Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and collect your prescriptions Tuesdays and Thursdays (call the clerk on 01263513269). It'll be a couple of months at least before we are all vaccinated so we need to keep safe and protect the NHS till then.

We're hoping to get the Newgate Green verge improvements done in March -April and again thank you so much for your support.

Because of Covid, we've had to defer the site visit to Hilltop to review the placing of the proposed bench.

By the time you read this, the environment agency should have finished resurfacing the steps at the end of the coastal path down to Artemis so hopefully they're safer.

With respect to our traffic management consultation, we are including the school bus stop at the Swallows as we've had a couple of complaints about the bus not being able to manoeuvre at that corner.

We're still trying to persuade Highways to grit Holt Hill. We know there regularly are accidents down there in bad weather, but these need to be reported to the police, as they only have a record of one accident in the last five years. Highways will only act on reported accidents.

The Glandford Road treatment works was trucking sewage out all day and night over the holidays. We continue to find that an unacceptable method of dealing with under capacity and excess demand and are writing to Anglian Water to express our disquiet.

UK Power Networks have visited to give us an estimate to put in the requisite capacity for the Electric Vehicle charging points which will be a substantial part of the costs. These charging points should pay for themselves but we will have to find all the funding for the installation.

The Arcady appeal will be held virtually the 8th February and details are awaited as to how to access this if you're interested. The Hangs footpath inquiry will be in the next few months. For those without access to computers there will be the opportunity to give evidence in person - the venue is still to be decided but we'll let you know as soon as we can.

Don't forget our new website! Check out www.cleypc.info for PC and village matters. If you Google CPC the old site comes up (which is decommissioned) but not the new, so you need to remember the new address! Cley Parish Council Facebook page is also a place to check for new events.

Our next Parish Council meeting is Tuesday, February 2nd 2021 at 6.30pm. We're not sure what platform we shall use as we're having technical problems with calling into zoom. Whatever we decide will be on the Agenda which will be published on the Notice Board and on the website, and you are very welcome to join us – you can still phone in. Details will be on the Agenda. Otherwise, please comment on or ask general questions about Agenda items before the meeting by getting in touch with the clerk or myself. Minutes are posted as usual on the website.

Dr Victoria Holliday, Chair
avictoriaholliday@icloud.com
07557054629

Friends of Cley Church

Very sadly, we couldn't hold the inaugural Reindeer Trail planned for Boxing Day because of lockdown but we will plan it again this December.

Our Blazing Porches were breathtaking, a huge success! For seven days the three porches were brilliantly decorated with angels, shepherds and kings and stunningly lit, providing a beacon of hope in these dark times.

The Friends of Cley Church has a new gofundme site to capture donations during this period of Covid restrictions and for those who no longer carry cash, [https://gofund me./3e5d1450](https://gofund.me./3e5d1450). Thank you all so very much for your extremely generous support of the Friends so far.

We're planning a couple of exciting events around Easter in the church and village which will be Covid proof – watch this space or check into our newly updated website <https://glavenvalleychurches.org.uk/friends-of-cley/>.

Please think about shopping online via easyfundraising to make money for the Friends. The retailer makes a donation on your behalf each time you buy something so it doesn't cost you a penny more and it does mount up! It really is straightforward to get started, just visit www.Easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofcleychurch.

Thank you very much indeed.
Victoria Holliday, Chair, Friends of Cley Church

Wiveton

There is no news from Wiveton this month.

Glandford

There is no news from Glandford this month.

Letheringsett

There is no news from Letheringsett this month.

Blakeney Area Historical Society

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Tuesday 30th March 2021
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Victoria Draper, Norfolk Record Office

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The Index

In the beginning there was darkness,
then a bunch of other stuff—and lots of people.
Some things were said and loosely interpreted,

or maybe things were not communicated clearly.
Regardless—there has always been an index.
That thing about the meek—how we

shall inherit the earth; that was a promise
made in a treaty at the dawn of time
agreed upon in primordial darkness

and documented in the spiritual record.
The nature of the agreement was thus:
The world will seemingly be pushed past capacity.

A new planet will be “discovered” 31 light-years
away.

Space travel will advance rapidly,
making the journey feasible. The ice sheets will melt.

Things will get ugly. The only way to leave
will be to buy a ticket. Tickets will be priced at
exactly the amount that can be accrued

by abandoning basic humanity.
The index will show how you came by your fortune:
If you murdered, trafficked or exploited the
vulnerable,

stole, embezzled, poisoned, cheated, swindled,
or otherwise subdued nature to come by wealth
great enough to afford passage to the new earth;

if your ancestors did these things and you’ve done
nothing to benefit from their crimes yet do nothing to
atone through returning inherited wealth to the
greater good

you shall be granted passage. It was agreed.
The meek shall stay, the powerful shall leave.
And it all shall start again.

The meek shall inherit the earth,
and what shall we do with it,
but set about putting aside our meekness?

Rena Priest

Community News

Norfolk Coast AONB and Broads Dark Skies Festival 2021

We are very lucky to enjoy splendid night skies and dark landscapes where we live on the Norfolk Coast. These contribute to the rural character and that feeling of remoteness and tranquillity – some of the reasons why people like to come here. The lack of light pollution and resulting dark skies contribute to our health and well-being by allowing us to philosophise about our place in the universe, enjoy astronomy activities and gain a sense of nostalgia, peace and romance. In addition, scientific studies show that we need the dark to help us sleep properly which in turn boosts our immune system and lowers stress levels. Darkness not only brings us numerous benefits, but is necessary for wildlife to navigate during migration, hunt prey or avoid predators, pollinate night flowering plants, or simply to sleep as part of the 24-hour day/night cycle which humans also need.

The Norfolk Coast Partnership are therefore working with various organisations and businesses, including the Norfolk Broads National Park, to celebrate our night skies, and preserve them by reducing the impact of light pollution on our rural landscapes. We will be holding our 3rd Dark Skies Festival this year between Saturday 25th September – Sunday 10th October 2021 and we hope you will enjoy taking part. Events will consist of a mix of online and face-to-face activities throughout the festival fortnight. Put the dates in your diary and find out more on our Norfolk Coast Dark Skies Facebook page @norfolkcoastaonb or follow us via Twitter @NorfolkAONB. Is your community interested in preserving the night skies where you live? We are interested to work with town and parish councils and local businesses in and close to the Norfolk Coast AONB. For further information contact Kate in the Norfolk Coast Partnership staff team on kate.dougan@norfolk.gov.uk

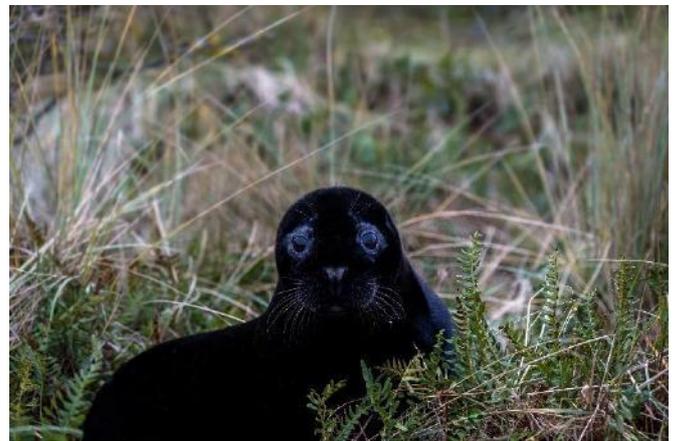
Melanistic seal pups caught on camera at England's largest grey seal colony

Grey seals are born white but their coat changes colour when they shed their fur at about two to three weeks old. Normally they are grey like their name suggests. It's only when they moult and the black velvety coat is revealed that rangers know it's a melanistic seal. Melanism is the increased development of the dark-coloured pigment melanin. Black seals are rare. Grey seals undergo an annual moult of their fur each spring.

Research varies, but approximately 1 in 400 grey seals are melanistic. Rangers at the National Trust's Blakeney Point in Norfolk have spotted 10 melanistic pups over the course of this winter's pupping season. This isn't the highest number they've seen, but the first year they've captured a number of them on camera thanks to volunteer Seal Warden and wildlife photographer Hanne Siebers.

If you ever come across a seal pup, please keep your distance and do not approach or disturb these wild animals in any way, as this may cause unnecessary stress.

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USEFUL CONTACTS PAGE

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NEWS RELEASE

05/01/2021

Postal Voting in 2021 Elections

On Thursday 6 May 2021 elections will be taking place in North Norfolk with electors voting in the Norfolk County Council elections and the Norfolk Police and Crime Commissioner Election. There are also several Parish Council by-elections also scheduled to be held on this day.

Given the ongoing situation with the Covid-19 pandemic we want to give electors as much time as possible to change voting arrangements if voting in a Polling Station during the pandemic is not desired.

If you wish to vote by post contact us by email at postalvotes@north-norfolk.gov.uk or by phone on 01263 516046 and we will send you a form.

Local Returning Officer and Chief Executive Steve Blatch said:

"Whilst we are making arrangements for the safe delivery of elections at Polling Stations within North Norfolk at the forthcoming elections we are aware that a higher number of our electorate may wish to conduct their vote by post on this occasion, given the ongoing Covid-19 situation.

The North Norfolk district has the oldest average age demographic in the UK, so by nature we will be seeing a larger number of our residents having a higher level of vulnerability from the virus, so applying for a Postal Vote is an effective way for our local electors to still have their say on Thursday 6 May"

Please note that any application for a postal vote must be completed by hand using 'wet ink' and we are unable to accept any digitally signed applications.

In order to apply for a postal vote, you must be a registered elector within North Norfolk. If you need to register the easiest way to do so is online at www.gov.uk/register-to-vote but again alternatively you can contact us by phone on 01263 516046 to do so.

Completed applications can either be returned by email to postalvotes@north-norfolk.gov.uk or posted to Electoral Services, North Norfolk District Council, Holt Road, Cromer, NR27 9EN

Given the anticipated high volume of applications for postal votes we advise you to make your applications as soon as possible.

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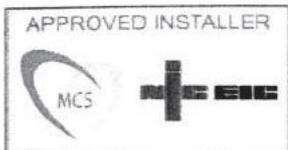
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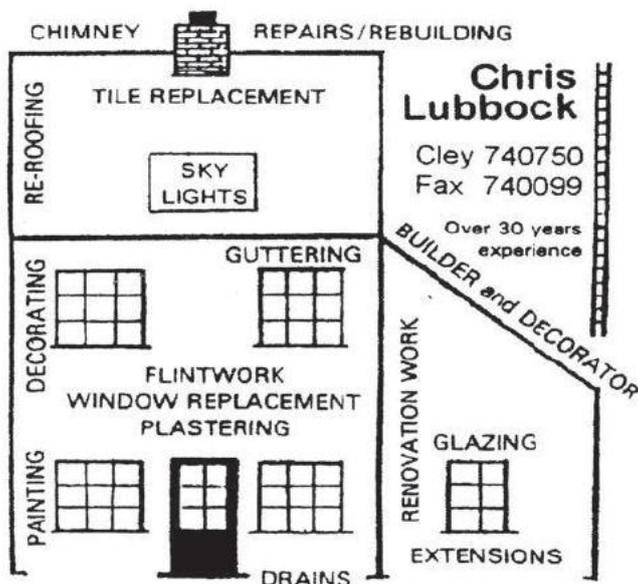


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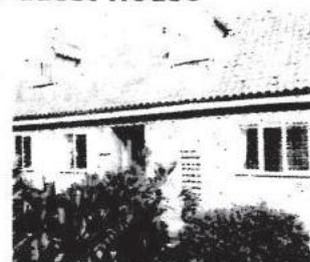
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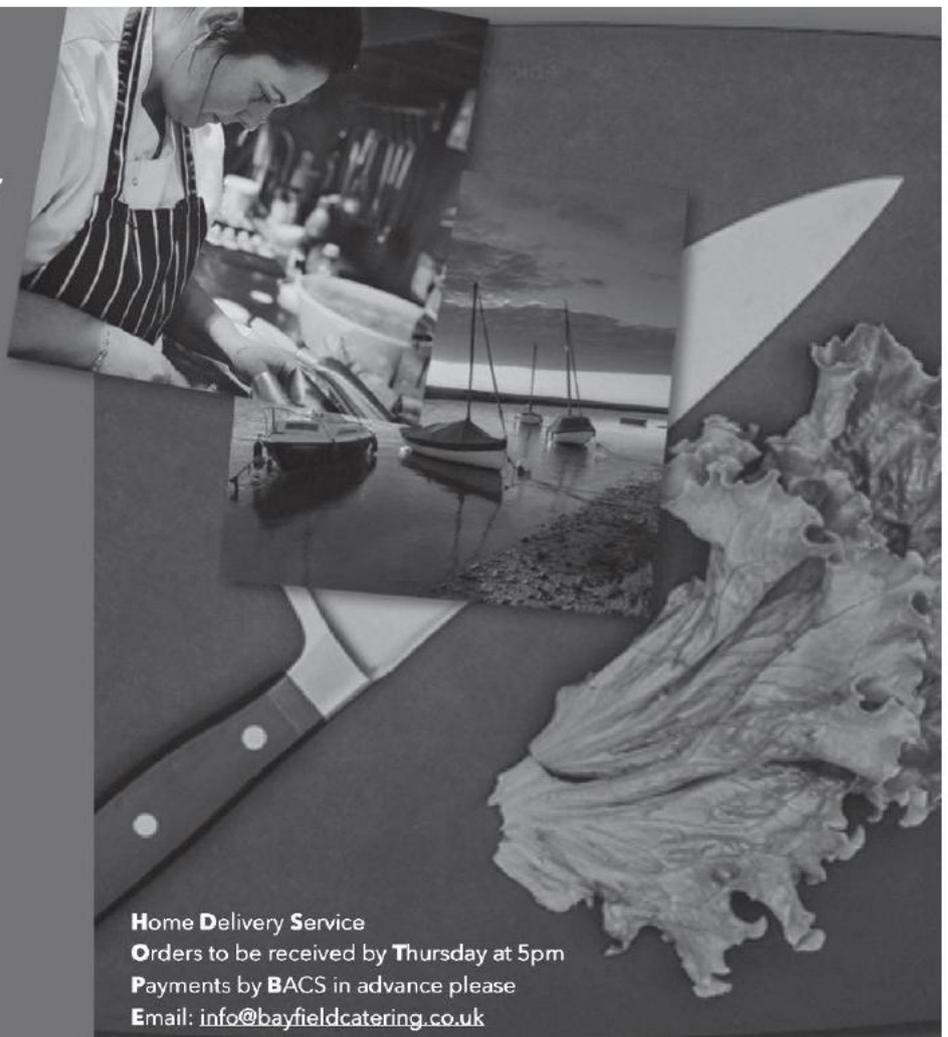
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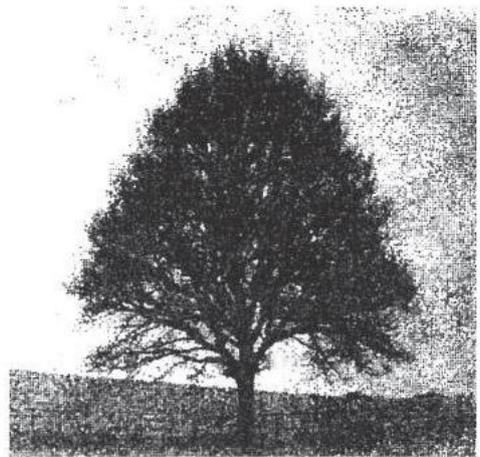
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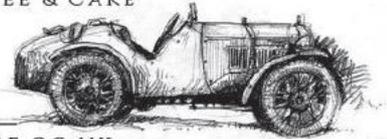
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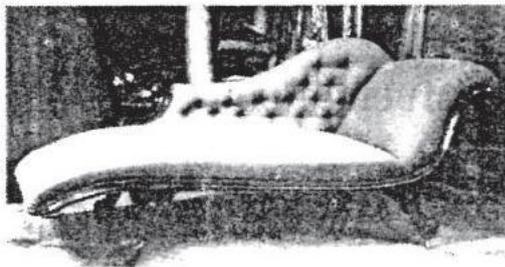
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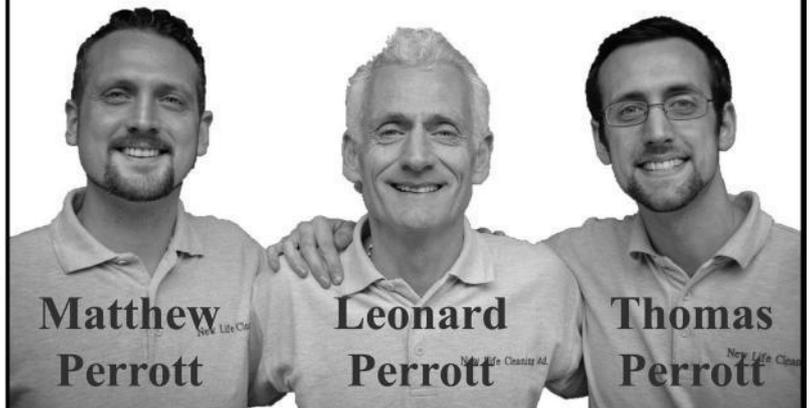
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