

THE GLAVEN VALLEY NEWSLETTER



*'No crabbers, but still busy in Winter on Blakeney Quay'
Photo taken by Tom Green*

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

Treasurer's Report

The Newsletter depends on voluntary donations from our readers in order to remain free to all those who live in the Glaven Valley. Please consider if you can join those who do donate – all donations are gratefully received regardless of their size.

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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Have Your Say

The Glaven Valley Newsletter is intended to inform local people and friends and visitors to the area about events and activities in the beautiful Glaven Valley. We believe that we can make the GVN a more valued publication by adding reminiscences, snippets of local history and amusing or entertaining articles sent in by readers. Some suggestions:

- Do you have an ancestor or friend about whom you would like to write a piece for the GVN to publish?
- Is there a local issue which you think could be raised and discussed in the Newsletter?
- Do you have an event in mind which our readers might be interested in?
- Have you a good story you would like to share with our readers?

We would particularly welcome contributions from people familiar with local wildlife and flora – if anyone feels able to let us have articles about local birds, animals or even insects we would be most grateful. Please do not be shy and let our editor have a look at your draft. She will be glad to help you to ensure that anything you write is suitable for the GVN to publish.

GVN VOLUNTEERS

Each month a small army of people voluntarily give generously of their time to help get the GVN to your letter boxes and to the churches throughout the Valley. Over 50 people are involved each month with the editing, printing, collating, assembly, stapling and distribution of around 1500 copies of the magazine.

I would like to give a huge Thank You to all of these folk without whom we would not have a hard copy of the Newsletter. With the possible increase of Covid restrictions, we may be forced to only produce the electronic copy in the coming months but, rest assured, if we can, we will carry on as now.

Once again, many, many thanks to all involved: I hope you all had a very Happy Christmas and best wishes for the New Year.

Oscar Haynes

BLAKENEY PARISH COUNCIL

VACANCY

**For the seasonal part time position of
CARNSER CAR PARK
ATTENDANT X 2
FOR THE PERIOD**

**Friday 1st April 2022 –
31st October 2022**

**£12.00 per hour, average 7 hours per day.
4 or 5 day rota.**

FOR AN APPLICATION FORM, PLEASE CONTACT:-

**Mrs Tracey Bayfield
Clerk to Blakeney Parish Council,
The Parish Office, Langham Road,
Blakeney, Holt,
Norfolk, NR25 7PG.**

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**CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS
Friday 11th February 2022**

INTERVIEWS TO BE HELD - w/c 21st February 2022

Blakeney

Coastal Rowing Association of Blakeney

Bluejacket, the club's Barton Turf based skiff, continues to be well used during these winter months with two or three outings a week from Cox's Boatyard. The weather has been generally kind and, on many days, ideal for some great photographs which you can view on social media and on the club website at crablakeney.wordpress.com. Log in to see smiling rowers, great Norfolk Broads scenery with iconic landmarks and stunning wildlife. All these features characterise the social rows.

On the commemorative and competitive front, a recent club proposal has been the introduction of The Robin Combe Challenge Trophy. This is, of course, in memory of a true gentleman and a fine cox who was a club member for many years. The prize will be awarded to the fastest crew, over a Broads based course, between the Gumboot Tree at Wayford Bridge and the turning into Cox's Boatyard – a route of 1.8 miles. Timed rows will take place in February. Indeed, some crews have already started preparing!

Why not get in touch with the club to try skiff rowing for yourselves? There is no obligation to compete. The social rows provide great exercise; they are also great fun. If you want to know more, contact club captain Humphrey at hborgnis@icloud.com to arrange a trial row. There will be three dates, over the course of the year, which will be given over entirely to the induction of beginners and returning rowers. You can keep up with the club's activities on Instagram and on Facebook.

Treat yourself in 2022 by joining your local rowing club. Become involved in a great winter activity.

*Best wishes and stay safe
Barry Howes*

BLAKENEY CONSERVATION DUCK POND

A VERY BIG Thank You to everyone who purchased cards/gave donations re. my 2021 Christmas Cards venture for the Blakeney Conservation Duck Pond. Together, we have been able to raise £800 to help keep the ducks well fed (with their specialised food) - and happy!

Thank you all for your amazing support.

Sincere thanks too, to Blakeney Garage, Buoy Coffee House - and the Crabpot Bookshop in Cley, for so generously hosting the sale of the cards through the Christmas 2021 period. I also very much appreciated having the opportunity to launch the Christmas cards at the Blakeney Festive Fair in November last year.

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Gardening & Maintenance

- Grass Cutting
- Hedge Cutting
- General garden maintenance

For more information,
please contact:

07943 258828

Blakeney Duck Pond Cards and postcards, which can be used for a variety of occasions, will continue to be on sale at Buoy Coffee House and the Crabpot Bookshop during the year.

Enjoy relaxing down at the Duck Pond, watching - AND listening to the ducks - very therapeutic for our well-being!

Patricia Alexander

Blakeney Bridge Club

Blakeney Bridge club has merged with
Weybourne Bridge club.

The club will now meet in Weybourne Village
Hall, every Tuesday at 1.45 pm for 2pm start.

For further information please contact:
Barbara Bent 01263 741508.

We look forward to seeing all our members. New
members and visitors are welcome.

BLAKENEY FILM NIGHT

VILLAGE HALL

"Little Women"(PG)

Friday 18th February

£5 on the door

This highly-acclaimed and wonderfully fresh literary adaptation from writer & director, Greta Gerwig, injects new life into Louisa May Alcott's novel set in 19th century America. Gerwig has cleverly used the dialogue as it was written but has the cast deliver the lines with enhanced emphasis and vitality in order to create another hugely warm and heartfelt version of the coming-of-age classic.

It features Jo March (now living as a writer in NY City after the Civil War) reflecting back & forth on her life and telling the beloved story of the four March sisters in two different time-frames, intercutting their early childhood experiences with their later lives as young women. Keeping their essence very much intact, this version of "Little Women" proves that some stories truly are timeless.

Saoirse Ronan and Florence Pugh shine in lead roles amongst a star-studded cast including Meryl Streep, James Norton, Emma Watson, Laura Dern & Timothee Chalamet. A beautiful and sumptuous film with outstanding cinematography, production design and costumes.

Doors open at 6.30 for a 7pm start.

Refreshments available.

All profits for BVH refurbishment.

Please observe any current COVID guidelines.

News from the Methodist Church

In what seems like the blink of an eye we have arrived in February! The winter seems to be speeding along in a great hurry to give way to an impatient spring. In the Community Garden we saw Narcissi flowering in the first week of January, hurried along by the unseasonably mild weather. There is a lot of colour in the garden at the moment, thanks to a very generous donation of bulbs and winter flowering pansies and primroses. We've got some lovely things planned for the garden this year, be sure to keep your eyes peeled for our upcoming events and projects!!

Last month we were very pleased to finally have the chapel roof fixed after some months of it leaking. We are slowly drying the ceiling out and then some decorating work will be taking place. In January we also donated our largest donation yet to the Cromer and District Foodbank - huge thanks to everyone that brings us donations. We're a registered donation point and you can donate every Thursday and Sunday morning or call me on 07725 077810 to arrange a time.

Our small community continues to meet every Sunday to share a time of worship and fellowship, we are very relaxed and friendly - we welcome everyone to join us, regardless of faith or background experience. Our pattern for February is as follows:

Sunday 6th February 10am - Traditional Worship

Sunday 13th February 10am - Cafe Church

Sunday 20th February 10am - Garden Church

Sunday 27th February 11.15am - Big Sunday (live streamed circuit service)

We continue to meet for prayer on Thursday mornings at 9.30am followed by coffee afterwards. In the next edition I hope to bring news of some new groups starting at the chapel. We're in the final stages of planning our cycle of activities for the year, which is promising to be very exciting!

Sam Parfitt

Lay Pioneer

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Richard Long - The Moorings Funeral details

With great sadness, we announce that our darling Richard passed away peacefully in hospital on 5th January. His funeral will be at St. Nicholas' Church Blakeney on Tuesday 1st February at 1.30pm. We welcome you all to say goodbye.

Due to the current COVID situation, please wear a mask if you are able, respect social distancing and, if possible, take a L.F.T. so we can all be safe.

Angela, Charlotte and Ellioté

February 2022 Cabaret Event Postponement

Because of continuing pandemic uncertainty, and after extensive consultation and careful consideration, it has been decided to postpone the Friends Cabaret event advertised in the January edition of the GVN. While kept under constant review normal church services are still able to continue in a Covid-safe context, but it has been concluded that the close proximity and duration of a winter cabaret evening would not be possible. We are hoping to re-schedule this popular event for July, so do keep an eye on the GVN and church website, glavenvalleychurches.org.uk

Although some concerts will hopefully to take place, the next Friends event will be the eagerly anticipated presentation on May 6th by Blakeney film writer director, Barney Broom about the fascinating history of Hollywood.

The Blakeney Church Flagpole and Flag Flying Customs

The original heavy 35-foot wooden flag-pole on the church tower has suffered from the ravages of age and our harsh coastal location, but has now been recently replaced. Despite its renewal in 1986 as part of the John Wallace Bequest, and later essential repair and renovation work in 1998 generously carried out by Charlie Ward, it was becoming increasingly unsafe. The 1998 refurbishment and new flags were provided in memory of David Reid.

The Friends have recently contributed towards the considerable cost of replacement of the flagpole. Made of fiberglass, and installed by a specialist national firm, the pole incorporates the essential lightning conductor and is topped by a shiny gold finial. It should provide years of service as a prominent and much appreciated feature of this popular and proud landmark, which provides an unrivalled viewpoint of Blakeney Harbour, the Point and panorama between Wells and Sheringham for the hundreds of visitors to the church.

It is interesting to note the many customs and traditions around flag flying on churches in England, but there is, in fact, no Flag Act in the UK, and therefore no legal restriction on the flags that may be flown from a church. There is an historic tradition of churches flying a plain St George Cross. We have both The Cross of St. George and the Union Flag, which will be flown when appropriate. For anyone interested, there is a lot of information on the subject to be found on-line.

Many thanks to a generous parishioner who already adjusts the clock when needed, and has offered to hoist and lower flags when required, but unless we have someone currently in training to climb Mt Everest, the church does not plan to adopt one ancient custom which is ascend the tower to raise flags at dawn and lower them at dusk. In the course of a year this would amount to a climb of roughly 48,800 feet ...and most would probably require oxygen!

BLAKENEY PARISH COUNCIL COMMUNITY FUND

£££££ Would your Local Community Group like some funding? Does your group help and support the people of Blakeney? If so, then read on...

Many of you will know by now, that each year we give out grants to local groups, charities and organisations by way of our

COMMUNITY FUND.

If you would like to apply for a grant or simply wish to find out more, then please contact The Parish Clerk, who will be happy to email you a form, or you can call into the Parish Office and collect, or download one from our website.

Deadline by which applications must be received is

Friday 18th February 2022

Applications will be considered at the March Parish Council Meeting and the funds are then presented to the groups at the Annual Parish Meeting, in the Village Hall on the evening of Thursday 24th March 2022. All successful applicants must attend this meeting in order to receive their funding and give a brief update to the community, about their group and what the funding will be used for.

The application form is very simple, just two sides of A4 and in addition to this all we ask for is a copy of the most recent set of accounts (preferably audited), this must show the current funds held, one A4 summary sheet is sufficient, no more please!

Blakeney Cley & District Royal British Legion and The Harbour Room

Happy New Year to you! What a terrific Christmas we had at the Harbour Room!

We started off with a nice quiet evening in the bar on Christmas Eve with a few regulars dropping in to wish us a Merry Christmas. We opened again for our Post Christmas Quiz on December 29th and that was great fun. Lots of visitors and locals joined in. There was a lot of 'discussion' being had at a lot of tables and the question of the night was 'Who hosted the 2018 Summer Olympics?' Well, those of you sports fans will know the Summer Olympics took place during 2016 and

2020 NOT 2018! Jacquie (our quiz master of the night) said she threw that question in to see how many would get it right, but the jury is out on that one! After the prize giving, sandwiches and refreshments were had by all.

Our New Year's Eve was another great night with lots of regulars and many visitors dropping by to wish everyone a Happy New Year. Carl was on hand serving his delicious burgers and sausage & onion baps – just the thing after days of turkey and stuffing.

We are getting more bands signed up to play at the Harbour Rooms for 2022. The first band to play is Double Barrel Reggae & Ska Band. They play on 26 Feb so get your tickets booked from Jacquie on 07557 056958. We'll be posting more dates in our Newsletters, so watch this space!

Must give a big thank you to Fakenham Skips for supplying us with an extremely large skip for free! One of their 2022 charities is the Royal British Legion and we just happened to call them to order a skip. So, thank you!

Sunday 9th January was good fun at our Folk Afternoon. Lots of players, singers and friends just coming to listen. All that singing is thirsty work and playing gets the appetite going so it was lovely to have a feast of bacon butties and fries served up halfway through, thanks to Carl.

So pleased to say the bar is now open every Friday and Saturday from 7pm and every Sunday from 12pm with Carl serving food until 6pm. These hours will be extended once the Spring comes and we can all look forward to some sunshine!

Carl is busy organising a lot of gastro events starting with Game Night on 12th Feb. No, not that type of game.... Pheasant and Partridge!! He's planning to follow that up with a Mussels Night on March 5th so you can see tasty things are happening here at the Harbour Room!

Our community activities are moving forward too. Dealing with isolation and loneliness in the armed forces through poetry workshops is now a regular event; the Wheelyboat has a timetable starting in April; our new community room will be finished very soon now; and we are supporting armed forces veterans through RBL Branch Community Support. So, lots going on there too!

Hope you can pop in for a drink, a bite or to one of our events. Don't forget any surplus cash we generate goes to our community causes

Until next time.....

Tom Harrison

Residents Car Park Permits – 2022/23

Those of you eligible for the Carnser Residents Permits, and the Coronation Car Park Residents Permits, are advised that they will be ready for distribution from **Thursday 17th March 2022**. The current permits will expire on 31st March 2022, and it is your responsibility to ensure that you display a current permit at all times.

In order to determine genuine permanent residents, you must produce a copy of your most recent Council Tax Bill from North Norfolk District Council. The information provided on this, will determine whether or not you are eligible for a free permit.

Due to COVID, I would ask that you apply by email or a note through the door in the first instance, just to simply try and keep the footfall out of the office. So, please do drop the required information through the letterbox or in an email, ie. name, address and copy of Council Tax bill, and vehicle registration details. All Council Tax bills, will be shredded/deleted unless you ask for them to be returned. Please ensure that you leave your contact email, or phone number, just in case I require further information.

Annual Parish Meeting

Thursday 24th March 2022 – 7pm (Doors open at 6.30pm)

In Blakeney Village Hall

There will be an update on the production of **The Blakeney Neighbourhood Plan** along with other items of community interest. The agenda will displayed in due course and can be viewed at www.blakeneyparishcouncil.org.uk

The doors will open at 6.30pm for you to browse the displays and grab a quick cuppa. The meeting itself will commence at 7.00pm. Please do come and join us.

This is the meeting of the village. It is not a Parish Council Meeting. We offer this opportunity to local groups to produce a display, showcase what they do and use this event to gather more interest. *If you are interested, in setting up a stand or display, do get in touch.* Those receiving the Parish Council Community Fund grants are invited to say a few words about their organisation. In the past this event has attracted anywhere between 45 people and just over 100.

We look forward to seeing you there..., but if we have to change the plans due to Covid, then we will, so do keep an eye out nearer the time...

Events for February and March 2022 Call to book!

February:

Saturday 12th – 7.30pm Game Night £25.00 per person

Three course menu which includes, game terrine, or butternut squash & ginger soup, followed by roasted breast of pheasant and leg of partridge, or oven baked aubergine with a choice of desserts: dark chocolate & hazelnut tart or sticky toffee pudding.

Sunday 13th – From 9.30 Special Valentine's Day Brunch

Fine traditional English Breakfast
Smoked Salmon and choice of eggs
Pastries and Croissants
Champagne, Orange Juice, choice of teas and coffee

Thurs 24th – 7.30pm Regular Monthly Quiz Night £2.00 per person

Come and join in with groups of six or just come along and either join up with another person and play along, your choice!
Bar open and food being served halfway through.

Saturday 26th 7.30pm Double Barrel Reggae & Ska Band £15.00 each

Come and enjoy this a 5-piece reggae and ska band covering a wide range of reggae.
Food

March:

Saturday 5th – 7.30pm Mussels & Chips Night £15.00 per person

Fresh local mussels with a white wine, garlic & cream sauce, served with fresh crusty bread and a portion of chips.

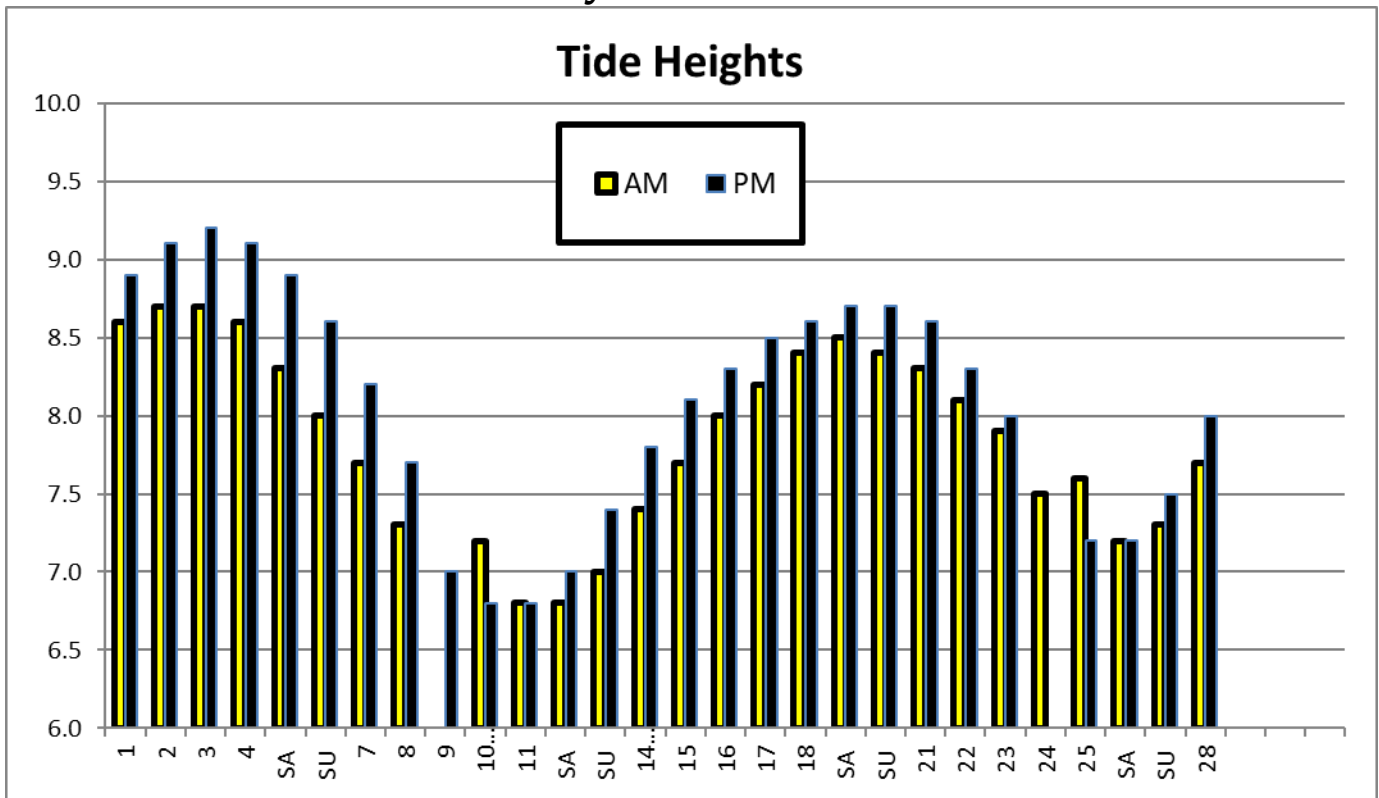
Thursday 17th St Patrick's Night

Always a great craic! Guinness and ale pie on the menu – what else?!

Friday 18th 8pm Chris Wood Concert
Advance purchase - £7, on the door - £10

Songwriter, composer, instrumentalist, and outstanding singer.
Winner of six BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards.

February 2022 - Tide Details



Tide Times

	AM	PM		AM	PM
			Mon 14 February	05:18	17:35
Tue 01 February	06:43	18:49	Tue 15 February	06:03	18:14
Wed 02 February	07:34	19:35	Wed 16 February	06:43	18:51
Thu 03 February	08:19	20:18	Thu 17 February	07:21	19:26
Fri 04 February	09:01	20:59	Fri 18 February	07:58	20:00
Sat 05 February	09:38	21:38	Sat 19 February	08:33	20:34
Sun 06 February	10:12	22:16	Sun 20 February	09:09	21:10
Mon 07 February	10:46	22:55	Mon 21 February	09:45	21:48
Tue 08 February	11:23	23:38	Tue 22 February	10:23	22:31
Wed 09 February		12:08	Wed 23 February	11:06	23:20
Thu 10 February	00:30	13:13	Thu 24 February	11:58	
Fri 11 February	01:50	14:47	Fri 25 February	00:20	13:07
Sat 12 February	03:21	15:56	Sat 26 February	01:44	14:37
Sun 13 February	04:26	16:51	Sun 27 February	03:29	15:54
			Mon 28 February	04:46	16:56

By Martin Tyler



Extracts from the meeting of **Blakeney Parish Council** which was held on **Tuesday 11th January 2022** in **The Scout Hut**.

Chairman's Announcements –

It was with much sadness, that we learnt of the passing of our former Parish Council Chairman, **Ann Wootten**, whom served on this Parish Council for nearly 35 years. Ann worked tirelessly for the community during her time here and enjoyed serving the village. She will be missed by many. The Clerk has formally passed on our sincere condolences to the family.

The family have advised that a 'Thanksgiving Service for Ann, will be held in St. Nicholas Church, Blakeney, on Friday 18th February at 2.00pm'.

The **Blakeney Neighbourhood Plan** has now been submitted to NNDC and we are now in their hands with regard the date of a referendum.

Reports from Police, County & District Councillors

Wells Safer Neighbourhood Police Team – PC Jason Pegden will be retiring from Norfolk Constabulary on the 18th January after 25 years' service. The Parish Council wish to note their thanks to him, for his work on behalf of this community over the years. (PC Simon Blakeley will continue.)

County Councillor – Michael Dalby has circulated a generic report in advance and had also advised that he may have a sum of money left in his county Cllr budget, that could go towards one of our parish partnership projects if successful. He will determine the detail via Steve White.

District Councillor – Victoria Holliday had circulated her report in advance, which she also submits to the Glaven Valley Newsletter. The specific item of interest to BPC was the meeting with CEO of NNDC and stakeholders to discuss campervan tourism in one of the coastal parishes (being aware that it affects many of the coastal parishes), with a hope of getting some strategic direction as to how best to accommodate this growing trend.

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

PF/21/3243 – *Proposal; Detached domestic outbuilding (garden shed) to rear of dwelling at, Sanderlings, Morston Road, Blakeney. Resolved* – No objection, subject to; i) suitable lighting conditions being applied in line with our adopted 'Dark Skies Policy' and ii) Not for habitable accommodation.

PF/21/3265 – *Proposal; Provision of outdoor swimming pool with associated ground works at, Three Owls Farm, Saxlingham Road, Blakeney. Resolved* - Object; this proposal sits within the AONB and does nothing to enhance the qualities of this protected area, namely the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, Conservation Area, Countryside, Undeveloped Coast, Landscape Character and Mineral Safeguarding Area. Such a proposal would bring additional lighting, which goes against our adopted 'Dark Skies Policy' and we would refer to the comments lodged by the Norfolk Coast Partnership.

PF/21/3273 – *Proposal; Erection of 1.8m high flint wall on boundary between no. 3 and no. 4 Whitefriars to replace timber fence at, 3 Whitefriars, Back Lane, Blakeney. Resolved* – No objection.

PF/21/2977 – *Proposal; Change of use of agricultural land to a dog walking field with associated car parking area; erection of 1.8 metre security fence around perimeter of the dog walking area; erection of storage shed for maintenance equipment at, Land East of The Acreage, Coast Road (Cley Road), Wiveton. Resolved* - Object. We fully support the objections raised by Wiveton Parish Council and District Cllr Victoria Holliday. This proposal does nothing to enhance the protected area, namely the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, Conservation Area, Countryside, Undeveloped Coast and would be detrimental to the boundary gap between the village of Blakeney and Wiveton. We would urge NNDC to consider all the points as detailed by the other objectors, with which we concur.

PF/21/1657 – **Extended use of Overflow Car Park on Langham Road** – Does BPC have any further comments to add, with regard any potential landscaping ideas, before this is considered by the NNDC Development Committee? **Resolved** – No, we are happy for our chairman to attend the Development Committee and restate our reasons for this application. The application was deliberately submitted with no landscaping scheme, so that when the field was not in use, it simply reverted back to as is, however we are willing to consider any conditions that may be imposed if the application were successful.

FINANCE

Accounts totalling £6,894.26 were paid.

Clerk/RFO Report – The NCC Highways Parish Partnership Award (2021/22) for the highway **Signage Review** of the village, was in hand with NCC, who had reported as following PLA674 Blakeney – Westgate Street Signs; HE and Local Designer advised. Site visit conducted 12th November 2021, initial sign designs and locations to be sent to the parish within a couple of weeks. Site visit needed. (Since the record noted above, there has however, been an unforeseen incident, which means that there is likely to be a delay of a few weeks.)

Agreed to order the replacement **Defibrillator for on Quay** from the Community Heartbeat Trust at a cost of £995 net plus carriage. *(The old one on this site is out of action; however, don't forget that there is one outside of the Parish Office, on Langham Road.)*

Instruct Denny's Construction Ltd, to undertake the repairs to the **Village Hall Car Park** at their earliest opportunity.

Reports from Representatives on Other Committees/Groups

Edward Hackford our representative on the **Blakeney Village Hall Committee**, gave an update on the hall. All works are now completed, bookings are healthy, and the BVHT Treasurer & Secretary will soon meet with BPC.

COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS – The following questions have been received from Cllr Jane Armstrong.

- Please could the meeting receive an update on how discussions are progressing in respect of **The National Trust/BPC Car Park Agreement**? And could the minutes of any meetings be circulated?

A = The Working Group (WG) meets with the N/T next week, and the N/T intend to bring this draft document for discussion at said meeting. Being a WG any item needing a decision is then tabled for the Parish Council to consider, there are no formal minutes of the WG.

- It's good to see that some of the **hedges** within the village were flailed a few weeks ago, but the work doesn't appear to me to be finished. E.g., there are some patches within the hedges on both sides of New Road and on Sheila's Way side of the hedge which look as though they need further work. Do we know whether this is work that they are planning to come back and do shortly?

A = CGM have tasked a team to come and cut and clear away the debris at Sheila's Way next week and we will mention the bottom of the hedge on New Road to them also.

CORRESPONDENCE –

Members did not to support the request from Cllr Jane Armstrong to disband the **Traffic Matters Working Group** & instead create a Traffic Matters Committee. The TMWG will continue as it is.

We noted the contents of the response from Holt Medical Practice to our letter of the 24th November 2021 concerning the level of medical services provided from **Blakeney Surgery**. This response does not address all the issues raised in our letter and we should ask them for clarification on our unanswered points. It was further resolved that we should contact our neighbouring parishes - Cley, Morston, Salthouse, Stiffkey, Wiveton, Letheringsett, Binham and Field Dalling - along with NNDC and NCC and ask them to consider joiningii) us either by send their own letter or supporting our letter foriii) Blakeney Surgery to return to its full potential in terms ofiv) services offered and opening times. It was further resolvedv) that our letter to Holt Medical Practice and their responsevi) should be published in the GVN. In the future considerationvii) will be given to raising a petition with our neighbouringviii) parishes and using the local media (EDP, local radio, etc) for

maximum publicity. We thank our MP Duncan Baker, for offering his full support and also our District Cllr.

Norfolk/Suffolk Resilience Fund Programme, entitled; 'Reclaim the Rain'. We have brought this to the public attention, through the Glaven Valley News, last month and welcomed involvement. At the moment, we have no sound ideas or suggestions for this. The County Council and team undertaking this, may like to approach the Blakeney Village Hall Trust, to consider say harvesting rainwater of the hall roof for the flushing of the toilets, however, this is not something we have even sounded BVHT out on... BPC really are uncertain as to how we even made the list for consideration, given the detail of the programme, as we had not been contacted in advance.

Further to the request from Cllr Jane Armstrong to consider what steps need to be taken to ensure that the BPC website complies with **NALC Website Accessibility and Publishing Guidelines** we remain satisfied with the way things are. A vote of thanks was recorded for our current web designer Richard Daley, who does a superb job for us on behalf of the community. (Jane offered to find what she felt were the gaps.)

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

PF/21/2631 – Stable Cottage, 6A High Street, Blakeney – WITHDRAWN

PF/21/2307 – Cranford, High Street, Blakeney – Granted

PF/21/1425 – Southdown Cottage, The Downs, Blakeney – Granted

RV/21/1876 – Hilltop Retreats, Langham Road, Blakeney – REFUSED

PF/21/0337 – 73 Morston Road, Blakeney - Granted

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, the venue is only permitted to allow a certain number of people inside due to Covid restrictions we will have to manage accordingly, and so for now, 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.*

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
Iain Wolfe

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

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 1st February 2022.

We need you! Join the Blakeney Community Speed Watch Group today...

Could you spare 1 hour a week to help reduce speeding in Blakeney?

The Community Speedwatch Team, at Norfolk Police, have advised that a group should have a minimum of 6 volunteers, each willing to contribute a minimum of one hour per week.

Volunteers have to be over 18. Training for the volunteers will include use of the equipment and health and safety issues. Every Community Speed Watch location will have been chosen by the community and risk assessed, which will include the safe positioning for the signs used during monitoring sessions. The personal safety of volunteers is a primary consideration.

If you are interested, then please contact the Parish Clerk by email:
clerk@blakeneyparishcouncil.org.uk or call 01263 741106 for further information and to be included.

Please help us, to help your community.

Future WI Meetings

**Cley Village Hall - NR25 7RJ
2.30pm**

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| 3 Feb | Kantha Quilting
<i>Quilts made from Bangladesh and West Bengal from recycled cotton saris</i> |
| 3 Mar | Cley Harbour Regeneration Project
<i>The resurrection of the harbour since 2015</i> |
| 7 Apr | Putting on her Parts
<i>Favourite readings performed by Three's Company</i> |
| 5 May | Holkham Hall Conservation
<i>Visit to The Lookout and talk on current conservation practices</i> |

Visitors Welcome - £5

(Includes afternoon tea)

Further information from 01263 740225

Cley

. Thursdays At Three

(Half an hour of relaxing music in Cley church at 3.00pm.)

Thursday February 3rd: Cello Miniatures

Michael Price (cello) Angela Dugdale (piano)

Thursday February 10th: German Salon Music

Wyatt Earp (flute) Angela Dugdale (piano)

Thursday February 17th: English Salon Music

Wyatt Earp (flute) Angela Dugdale (piano)

Thursday February 24th: Songs from British Musicals

Wyatt Earp (flute) Gill Mellor (piano)

Thursday March 3rd: Violin salon music from the Hudson collection

Wyatt Earp (flute) Kathleen Wyatt (piano)

Wyatt Earp



does mount up! It's straightforward to get started, just visit www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofcleychurch.

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

Cley Parish Council's Chairman's Report January 2022

It may seem a long time ago but the candle lit Christmas Eve Carol Service was absolutely fantastic. The audience of about 250 was treated to the most glorious organ and trumpet music and, despite the masks, the carols sounded amazing. The church with porches ablaze, fabulous flower arrangements and candles on every available surface looked wonderful. I hope this will be the start of a new tradition.

Our 'Music in the Afternoons' every Thursday at Three, continues to delight, and we have concerts planned till Easter. We hope that by the time you read this we will be serving teas again. Please check the 'What's On' tab on the benefice website for the most up to date information, www.glavenvalleychurches.org.uk.

We're hoping that in March we will be hosting Songs of Sea and Sky, a concert and poetry evening with Peter Peggall, who runs the very successful monthly poetry evenings at the Belfry Centre, Overstrand, and music from two extremely talented lifeboat crew from Sheringham.

On April 2nd, 'Horizon' - an ensemble of professional musicians based in Norfolk - will give an evening concert 'Beautifully Baroque', featuring cantatas by Bach and Handel as well as baroque works for flute, cello and piano. The performers will be: Susannah Self - mezzo soprano, Anna Hopkins - flute, Michael Christie - cello and Brenda Blewett - piano. The concert starts at 7pm. Free admission, with a retiring collection supporting Cley Church's Regenerate project. Interval drinks.

You'll want to put July 16th in your diary for St Margaret's Fair, first granted to the village in 1253, so this year will be the 769th!

Charlie Ward will be telling us Tales from a Barge Skipper in August, followed by fish and chips and a glass of wine. He is a fantastic speaker and everyone loves to hear about sailing barge Juno, so look out for that.

Very many thanks to Annabel Lea for sourcing some lovely new merchandise, lavender bags, carrier bags and candles. 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.

Please think about shopping online year-round via easy fundraising 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 the money

Many thanks to all those who made Cley so bright and festive over Christmas and the New Year. Special thanks to Cllrs Allen, High and Williamson for the magnificently lit tree on the Green, Cley Harbour Committee for the advent windows and the Friends of Cley Church for the blazing porches.

The Parish Council does have plenty of money left from our Covid grant for hardship support: we are able to offer supermarket vouchers or food parcels for those in isolation. Please contact the clerk on clerk.cley@gmail.com or 01263513269 for either of these. We also have enough to make a significant donation to the Holt Food Bank.

Don't forget we also have community volunteers to collect prescriptions or groceries if you are stuck at home; again, please get in touch with the clerk.

If you would like to have your email address added to the village list, please do let the clerk know. It's a really useful way for her to inform you of and seek your views on what is happening around the village.

The Openreach works in the High Street which will close the road will be from 21-25th February.

Does anyone else have large items such as old appliances of which they would like to get rid? We can arrange a pick up from Serco for you - they do a large item pickup weekly. If you are interested, please get in touch with the clerk.

The Queen's Jubilee picnic on Sunday June 4th on Newgate Green from 2-5pm is taking shape with food, drink and entertainment. More details to come. We hope our Heritage Walk will be ready by then and that the church will also be offering some festivities that weekend.

NNDC have agreed our designation of the parish boundary as the basis for our targeted Neighbourhood Plan. The next step is to set up a community group to manage the process. If you're interested in getting involved, please do get in touch with us.

The Directors of Planning at NNDC have agreed to join us by zoom at 5.30pm on Thursday 10th February so come along to the Village Hall or join us via the link on the agenda if you have any questions about planning matters in the parish.

The next Council meeting is Thursday, February 10th at 6.30pm in the Village Hall. The agenda will be published on the Notice Board and on the website www.cleypc.info.

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
victoria.holliday@north-norfolk.gov.uk, 07557054629

WE NEED YOUR HELP

Are you interested in joining a lovely team, who decorate St. Margaret's Church, Cley with flowers?? The flower arrangers are always in need of new members.

If you would like to find out more information, please contact me on 01263 740987 or email "kayeread7603@btinternet.com"

I am looking forward to hearing from you
Kaye Read

Thoughts from the Rectory for February 2022

Dear Friends,

I was reading an article in January about the discovery of an ichthyosaur fossil at Rutland Water – “the largest ichthyosaur found in the UK, and one of the greatest finds in the history of British palaeontology”. This fossil is calculated to be 180 million years old, and it's very well preserved. It's 10m in length, and the creature had a skull weighing about a tonne. Evidently, ichthyosaurs are also known as sea dragons, because of their large teeth and eyes. They first appeared about 250 million years ago, and became extinct about 90 million years ago. I can well understand the excitement of the person who found it, and of the experts who were called in.

It's amazing how things change over time: how things develop, evolve, and indeed sometimes die out.

I was given a fascinating book at Christmas with the snappy title “This Was Formerly a Port Called Blakeney and Cley”, and subtitled “Important Dates in the Maritime History of the Glaven Ports”. I'm sure many of you will have seen this book. It tells the story – in text, maps, charts and photographs – of how the landscape and seascape around the Glaven Valley have changed over the centuries from the Middle Ages onwards. When the Glaven River was much larger than now, and the villages separated by water, there was more of a sense of competition between the ports. Now they're no longer separated, of course, there's more of a sense of togetherness, and the Glaven Valley Benefice is just one example of that. There is a collaboration and cooperation between our villages along the Glaven Valley, at many levels, which is more than symbolic, and of great value. There's a wonderful Franciscan theologian called Richard Rohr, who writes a daily blog from his community in New Mexico.

His theme for this year is “Nothing Stands Alone”. And he's right. We are designed for connectedness, relationship, mutuality, which is what love is, and what God is. Things change and move on – over millions of years, and in the course of a single year. And we have the great privilege of helping each other along the way, standing together, through the “chances and changes of this life” – in the Glaven Valley, and far, far beyond.

God bless, Richard

GLAVEN SINGS GOSPEL – RELAUNCH POSTPONED!

Many of you will have picked this up already, but we've had to postpone the re-launch of our popular Glaven Sings Gospel Service. This will now be at Easter, rather than on 30th January. Current restrictions mean that we'd have to do a watered-down version, which would be a shame first time out! Look out for this in April!

NB: Please do be aware that, under present circumstances, there may have to be changes to some services, events and activities for Covid reasons. It's always worth checking our Benefice website: www.glavenvalleychurches.org.uk

The What's On page will give you up-to-date information, and other details. You may find you need to click “refresh” when returning to the website, to be sure of the latest information. Or please contact me on revrichardlawry@gmail.com or by phone on 740686, if you need information, advice or help. Other contact details are also on the website, and the contacts page of this magazine.

Funerals:

Funeral services will be held this month, sadly, for a number of much-loved people in our villages:

- Richard Long, on Tuesday 1st Feb at 1.30, at Blakeney Church.
- Tina Loder, on Friday 11th Feb at 2.00, at Wiveton Church.
- and a Thanksgiving Service for the life of Ann Wootten, on Friday 18th Feb at 2.00, at Blakeney Church.

Please do remember their families in your prayers.

Baptisms:

Georgie Wolfe will be baptised on Sunday 6th February at Blakeney Church, in the main 9.30 service.

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

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

www.catholicparishofwalsingham.org



FEBRUARY 2022 SERVICE SCHEDULE

Wed 2nd	Holy Communion (BCP) 10.00am	Cley
SUNDAY 6th	<i>4 Lent</i>	
8.00	Holy Communion (BCP)	Wiveton
9.30	HC & Baptism (CW) [<i>& live-streamed</i>]	Blakeney
11.15	Holy Communion (BCP)	Letheringsett
4.00	Sacred Space	Cley
SUNDAY 13th	<i>3 Lent</i>	
9.30	Praise & Worship [<i>& live-streamed</i>]	Blakeney
11.15	Holy Communion (BCP)	Glandford
6.00	Service of Meditation	Wiveton
Wed 16th	Holy Communion (BCP) 10.00am	Cley
SUNDAY 20th	<i>2 Lent</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>Sunday before Lent</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

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

CLEY WI

Thursday 3rd February

Kantha Quilting

Quilts made in Bangladesh and West Bengal
from recycled cotton saris

An illustrated talk by Dorothy Tucker

Cley Village Hall, 2.30pm

Members Free

Visitors Welcome - £5.00 (includes afternoon tea)

Further details 01263 740225

Wiveton

Wiveton Church

Dates for your diary:

Friday, 4th March

BY POPULAR DEMAND!

The celebrated Organist **Edmund Aldhouse** of Ely Cathedral returns to St Mary's Church, Wiveton on **Friday, 4th March 2022** for a candlelit Recital on the wonderful Holdich Organ. Doors open 6.00pm, Recital starts 6.30pm. Minimum suggested donation £12 on the door, in aid of the Church restoration fund. Generously sponsored by the family of Hugh Cecil, who died at Wiveton in 2020.

Please check the website: www.wivetonchurch.co.uk for updates.

The Wiveton Bell will be running its 'Three Courses for £28 inc coffee' Meal Deal, and if you mention that you are going to the Organ Recital when you book a table, they will give a proportion of their takings to the Church Restoration fund.

Thursday, 26th May

Cley Village Hall

Lord Somerleyton will give a Talk on the wilding of his Somerleyton Estate. Further details to follow.

Tuesday 26th and Wednesday 27th July

Music in Country Churches

We are absolutely delighted that Music in Country Churches has chosen Wiveton Church as the beneficiary of their 2022 concerts, which will be held in Cley Church on 26th and 27th July.

Watch this space for further details of this exciting event.

Wiveton Church 200 Club

Barbara Veitch is January's 1st Prize winner in the 200 Club Draw. The 1st prize stands at £65.

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

Anthea de Loynes
Chair of Friends of Wiveton Church

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Glandford

There is no news from Glandford this month

Letheringsett

There is no news from Letheringsett this month

Community News

District Councillor's report January 2022

From NNDC:

Coastal - The Environment Agency is planning a refurbishment of the tidal gates at Cley, refurbishment of the west Wells Sea defences and a flood risk management project for Weybourne (exact dates to be decided).

Housing - As of mid-Dec, 35 households were in temporary accommodation in North Norfolk, including 7 rough sleepers. NNDC now has 16 homes as temporary accommodation. 165 new affordable homes are planned for 21/22. There are 2596 households in the housing list.

Well-being - Social prescribing referrals (for any well-being issues) are up. There is also a new North Norfolk Help Hub to access benefits, housing and domestic abuse support. The number to call for support is 01263516353.

Leisure - The new leisure centre in Sheringham, The Reef, opened the end of November, and has been very well received.

Sustainable growth - The Omicron Hospitality and Leisure Grant is open for applications. Grants of up to £6,000 are available for those affected by the latest wave. More information on the NNDC website though eligible businesses should have been contacted directly. The North Norfolk Care Academy can help you into a career in social care with free training, introductions and a £250 job start bonus. Contact info@norfolkandsuffolksupport.co.uk or 01603629211.

Environment and climate change - The taxi business in North Norfolk have asked for a review of fares due to the fuel price increase. This will go out to consultation. The civil contingencies team has arranged training for volunteer Flood

Wardens. Continued issues with waste collection are under close scrutiny with Serco.

Estates - The new public toilets for Wells and Sheringham will be open May 22.

Planning - The local plan comes out for the second round of consultation in January. You will be able to give your views - your Parish Clerk will have more details. The planning department have introduced a new online enforcement reporting form.

Transport - NNDC continues to support a wheelchair accessible transport for trips to medical appointments throughout the patch and DialaRide minibus routes to your closest town for shopping etc. Find out more by calling 01692500840. Not all parishes are served by DialaRide but routes can be changed if you would like, just let me know.'

We should have outcomes of the trial of the additional rapid response vehicle based in Fakenham by February.

I'm meeting with the NNDC CEO and stakeholders to discuss campervan tourism in another parish, so hopefully we'll get some strategic direction as to how best to accommodate this growing trend.

*Dr Victoria Holliday
Elected Member, Coastal Ward
07557054629*

Letters & Articles

Blakeney 1947

One of the odder predictions thrown up by quantum physics is the idea that multiple universes are constantly springing up as a consequence of chance events; the toss of a coin creating two, one for heads another for tails. My particular coin was tossed into London by Hitler, the appalling carnage of the Blitz resulting in my father, who was in the police force suffering a breakdown. Insignificant against the wider consequences of the war but of profound importance for me.

A divergence that sent him into an institution and a later life of solitude and introspection and sent my mother, my baby sister and me from Kingston-upon-Thames to North Norfolk. Just before their marriage broke-up, my mother brought me to visit my grandmother in Blakeney, the purpose of the trip I think to see if she could accommodate us in the event of a permanent separation. All I saw in Blakeney was the inverse of the urban neatness of Kingston-upon-Thames. But it was not just what I saw, equally powerful was what I could smell.

The washing strung across my grandmother's yard, the wallflowers that grew on the tops of the walls surrounding it, her outhouse leaking traces of ash and soap, and her cottage. Inside it was a rich, almost indecipherable mix of scents, a blend of substances that had had ages to soak into the fabric of that little place, few of them in general use today. Coal, candles, paraffin, fuels for softer warmer lights, lights only

then going out in favour of brighter, instant electricity. During the days of my childhood, I discovered that all the cottages I went into smelled the same. It was a composite smell, like flower shops and tobacconists.

The most exciting mix of scents was to come a little later when I wandered down to the bottom of West Gate Street and looked on the quay for the first time. The breath of the sea, the mud, the marsh and the last 'Spring's' tide line, and, lingering still as part of an older alchemy, tar. The ships and smacks that had been sealed with it were gone, but enough tar-encrusted detritus remained rotting into the mud of Low Quay to offer my keen four-year-old's senses the chance, just once, to touch directly a world that had gone. Like seeing that elusive green flash as the limb of the sun drops below the horizon. I am in no doubt that it was that brief touch that gave me my fascination with Blakeney's history.

I have remembered that visit often, usually when returning from extended periods away. But extended by months rather than weeks. It is only after those longer stretches of cold turkey that the smells come back with that old familiar potency, although usually only for a day or so. After that the background scents of marsh and mud are only there when you look for them. A little later we arrived to stay, I don't know the details but I suspect my grandmother's resistance to our staying with her was responsible for our ending up in a small converted railway carriage on the Greens by the quay at Morston. This was to be the first home in Norfolk of which I have a clear memory. The contrast between it and the large three-storied house we had had in Kingston could not have been more extreme. It was only the kindness of Doris Temple an old school friend of my mother's that gave us that small shabby roof; but for that we would have been on the street.

All my mother's aspirations had collapsed with her marriage. In a small village in North Norfolk, the idea that to improve oneself and have a decent life one had to leave was as real then as it is today. To return to no proper home or work with a small child clutching each hand must have seemed a bitter defeat. During the years before she left for London, she had known Billy Long, a fisherman's son. Both looking to the promises of a bigger world, they had gone their separate ways before realising how they felt about each other. He to the Navy and eventually the war in the Mediterranean; she to a London job and then marriage. An accident with a punt gun that caused his father to lose an arm brought Billy home, returning him to the life of a fisherman. So, both he and my mother were transported back to lives they'd tried to escape. During those first years I know that my mother felt very cheated and wanted only to find some way to get back to London. But as time passed her love for Billy slowly eased her regret and I know that in later life she felt it had all been for the best. She and Billy did have many happy years together. Making a good life here from scratch is not easy, however, so their happy years of retirement were hard won.

Billy would call in on his way on or off the marsh, either wild fowling or working on the mussel lays. With my sister on one knee and me on the other, he would tell us stories woven around the life of the saltings and the sea. The characters would be geese, ducks, seals or gulls, and always, somewhere

thinly disguised in the plot, us. This makes them sound simplistic, but Billy was not a simple man. His 'Garnsey' and boots camouflaged one of the sharpest minds I have known. In the years ahead when I worked with him, I watched many a patronising wag sail smugly up to founder on it. So those stories were well crafted, doubtless put together during the lonely hours on the mussel lays. They held us spellbound. As they grew, particularly those that became serials, I would wish the day away and watch the door as the light faded listening for his footfalls. We loved those stories and we loved him. He was a profound influence in my later life but never more than at that time.

I think we must have come to Morston at the beginning of the summer holidays as there seemed to have been so many warm summer days spent playing around the railway carriage and greens before I had to go to school. The house we had left in Kingston was large, with several bedrooms and bathrooms all with flushing toilets. In the railway carriage we slept all three of us in a bed that was almost as wide as the bedroom. We undressed by the flickering light of an oil lamp and went outside to a toilet of the bucket variety, installed in a small structure tacked onto the end of the carriage. But why would you want to live in a house when you could live in a train? How many children ever got to play with a real railway carriage? My child's imagination soon had the little lavvy converted into a steam engine and the carriage into one of many stretching back toward Blakeney, the next station going east. The doors were still then original, heavy with big locks and brass handles that made that very distinctive *ker-lunk* when slammed. I would open them all. There were actually only three (in fact when I looked recently, I could find only two), which I would slam in sequence before jumping into the engine. It was from there, bouncing on that primitive lavvy seat, that I set out on my first excursions into the lands of my imagination. So far, I have to say I have resisted the temptation to use it to explore the life I might be having in the universe where the coin came down the other way up.

'Extract from Godfrey Sayers Book 'Once Upon a Tide'

Godfrey Sayers

Quotable Quotes on the theme of Food...

One cannot think well, love well, sleep well, if
one has not dined well

Virginia Woolf

Once, during Prohibition, I was forced to live
for days on nothing but food and water

W.C. Fields

You better cut the pizza in four pieces, because
I'm not hungry enough to eat six

Yogi Berra

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Re-launch Easter

*Looking forward to seeing you
then!*

St Nicholas' Church, Blakeney

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Open from 10 – 4pm

We are opening the garden in a different way this year. It will be open for one day every month - dates to be announced in the GVN as the year progresses. Proceeds will be shared between Glaven Caring and St Nicholas Church.

Entry will be £5.00 for the first visit and £3.00 thereafter. This will not be policed so it is up to you and your conscience! The more you come the more you will notice the changes in the garden as the seasons progress. Opening it in this way though will mean that it will not be 100% perfect every time!

There will be no refreshments! -
the focus is the garden.

Blakeney Area Historical Society

Tuesday 22nd February 2:30pm

Cley Village Hall & Zoom

**Octavia Hill, Co-Founder of
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Rob Knee

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Advance booking is essential to avoid disappointment - you can get your tickets now by 'phoning Carol on 01263 860844, and you can even pay by credit or debit card if you wish; tickets are just £8 each, and profits from our excellent refreshments and raffle are ploughed back into

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The Canada Boys. Touring February/March 2022

A Ticket to the New World

April 1912 Norwich. The world-famous Colman's mustard factory in Norwich, concerned by rising unemployment in the city, offers its workers a once-in-a life-time opportunity to start a new life on the other side of the Atlantic. The British Dominion of Canada is desperate for workers to help farm the vast plains of Ontario and those Norwich men brave enough to sign on will receive a new pair of boots, a travelling suitcase, two complete sets of underwear and a ticket to the new world. Based on true events, Rob John's *The Canada Boys* tells the story of Jack and Eddie Craske, two brothers who'd never ventured further west than Wymondham who are now tempted to step into the unknown. In April 1912 eighteen Colman's workers actually took up the offer from the company and made that life changing voyage to Quebec. Will Jack and Eddie Craske be among them?

fEAST's Artistic Director Dawn Finnerty said *'It was heartbreaking. We had a great cast and a wonderful production ready to go on the road and suddenly it was all gone. At the time we thought we might be able to tour later that summer but of course that wasn't to be.'* But now in February 2022, nearly two years later than was originally planned, fEAST's production of *The Canada Boys* will finally take to the road once again. The show will return with its original cast - including Nimmo Twins star Owen Evans- for a sixteen-show tour of the region. This 'sad comedy', set in Norwich in 1912, resonates with Norfolk voices and locations and is based on a powerful, true, Norfolk story. *'It's been a tough eighteen months,'* says Dawn Finnerty, *'but we're still here and the shows keep coming. If you live in Norfolk or Suffolk, we'll soon be performing The Canada Boys at avenue near you. Please come and see us!'* See www.feasttheatre.com for further information about the company and full details of *The Canada Boys* tour.

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**Saturday 5th Feb: St Georges, Great Yarmouth 7:30pm
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**Thursday 10th & Friday 11th Feb: Aylsham Town Hall
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**Sunday 20th Feb: Westacre Theatre 15.00pm Box Office
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**Wednesday 23rd Feb: Beccles Public Hall 7:30pm Box
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**Saturday 26th Feb: Southwold Arts Centre 7:30pm Box
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**Friday 4th March: The Cut, Halesworth 7:30pm Box
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**Saturday 5th March: Sheringham Little Theatre 7:30pm
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**For further information or arrangement for
photographs/interviews please contact Dawn Finnerty:
07713 153124 /dawn @ [feasttheatre.com](http://www.feasttheatre.com)**

The Red Poppy

The great thing is not having a mind.
Feelings: oh, I have those; they
govern me.

I have a lord in heaven
called the sun, and open
for him, showing him
the fire of my own heart, fire
like his presence.

What could such glory be
if not a heart? Oh, my brothers and sisters,
were you like me once, long ago,
before you were human? Did you
permit yourselves
to open once, who would never
open again? Because in truth
I am speaking now
the way you do. I speak
because I am shattered.

*Louise Glück 1943-
(Nobel Laureate 2020)*

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