

The Glaven Valley Newsletter



Thursdays@Three in Cley Church was launched in 2021 to use the new piano for the benefit of our local community. Please come to join us on Thursday January 18th and pick up a leaflet for the whole season ahead.

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January 2024

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Winter Fest

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THURSDAY 1 FEBRUARY 3.00 - 3.45pm

'A Wintry fireside'

The regular Thursday@3 series presents
a celebration of Winter in words and music by Adrian Taunton
Julian Godlee (bass) Brenda Blewett (piano)
Wyatt Earp, Sarah de Bats (flute)
Harriet Cooper & John Glasspool (narrators)

FRIDAY 2 FEBRUARY 6.00 - 8.30PM

'A Winter Warmer'

Pie, Mash & Sticky Toffee Pudding Night at 'THE THREE SWALLOWS'
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£20
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SATURDAY 3 FEBRUARY 7.00 - 8.15pm

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****CHECK OUT FOR EXTRA ITEMS****

Treasurer's Report

Happy New Year to all our readers and financial supporters.

We now have over 100 people who make regular donations to the Newsletter by Standing Order – either on a monthly or an annual basis – would you consider joining them? It gives us greater certainty over our future income - either use the form below or if you use online banking, you should be able to do it that way.

Other ways to donate are:

- Cash or cheque to the Treasurer, Stonebridge House, Bridgefoot Lane, Wiveton, Holt NR25 7TP (cheques payable to Glaven Valley Newsletter);
- Online bank transfer to us (Sort Code 30-94-34 Account 00897099);
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Martin Tyler
Treasurer, Glaven Valley Newsletter

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Each month, 1500 copies of the GVN are delivered throughout the Valley. Numerous people are involved in this, all volunteers, and a big thank you to all of you.

We are looking for additional help with the 'bulk deliveries': i.e., taking the first 'tier' of the magazines to a small number of people, who then pass them on to the door-to-door deliverers. If you think you could help with this (1/2 day every two months or so) please get in touch, and I can take you through what's involved.

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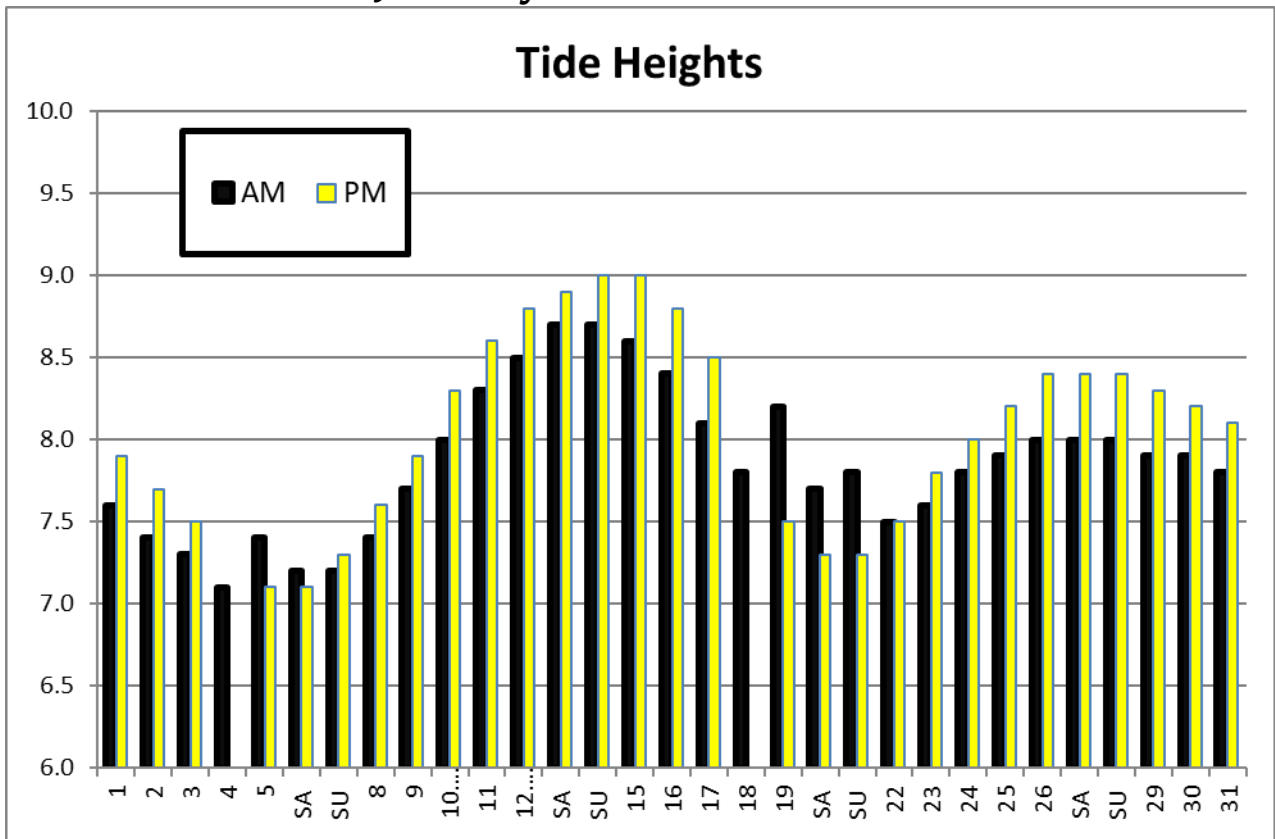
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January 2024 - Tide Details



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| Mon 01 January | 09:51 | 21:49 | Mon 15 January | 09:31 | 21:30 |
| Tue 02 January | 00:28 | 22:27 | Tue 16 January | 10:17 | 22:17 |
| Wed 03 January | 11:11 | 23:11 | Wed 17 January | 11:06 | 23:07 |
| Thu 04 January | 12:00 | | Thu 18 January | 12:00 | |
| Fri 05 January | 00:02 | 12:58 | Fri 19 January | 00:04 | 13:01 |
| Sat 06 January | 01:00 | 14:07 | Sat 20 January | 01:10 | 14:09 |
| Sun 07 January | 02:13 | 14:46 | Sun 21 January | 02:27 | 15:16 |
| Mon 08 January | 03:32 | 16:15 | Mon 22 January | 03:39 | 16:17 |
| Tue 09 January | 04:35 | 17:06 | Tue 23 January | 04:44 | 17:11 |
| Wed 10 January | 05:30 | 17:53 | Wed 24 January | 05:41 | 17:59 |
| Thu 11 January | 06:22 | 18:37 | Thu 25 January | 06:31 | 18:42 |
| Fri 12 January | 07:11 | 19:20 | Fri 26 January | 07:15 | 19:20 |
| Sat 13 January | 07:59 | 20:03 | Sat 27 January | 07:52 | 19:54 |
| Sun 14 January | 08:45 | 20:46 | Sun 28 January | 08:24 | 20:25 |
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| | | | Tue 30 January | 09:25 | 21:27 |
| | | | Wed 31 January | 09:58 | 22:00 |

By Martin Tyler

Blakeney

BLAKENEY REGATTA 2024

****Dates for your diary****

Saturday 27th July - Aquatic sports - kicking off about 9am with Tug of war, Swimming races, Greasy pole, Gillie catching and Sandcastle competition.

Sunday 28th July - Rural sports - 1.30pm start with Long Jump, High Jump, Races and Tilt the Bucket.

Spread the word!!

Blakeney Area Historical Society

The future of the Blakeney Area Historical Society is in doubt due to upcoming retirements of key members of the committee.

The Society itself is solvent, and generally well regarded in its field: we hold seven lectures a year, produce an excellent Journal in the Glaven Historian every other year, and above all we have the amazing resource that is the History Centre, a full-blown village archive.

We have a particularly urgent need for a secretary, for someone to manage the technical side of running our lectures, and to invite and liaise with the speakers, someone to manage the History Centre, someone to produce the online Newsletter, a Webmaster, a Chairman and a scrutineer for the accounts.

Our goal is to achieve an orderly handover before existing committee members retire. Some of these tasks could be doubled up but without volunteers to fill these positions the Society may have to close at the end of this membership year in August.

The time commitment is not great and the work is both interesting and fun.

If you feel you could help, please contact Diana Cooke at secretary-bahs@bahs.uk.

BAHS Chair

Blakeney Area Historical Society

Tuesday 30th January at 2:30pm

Cley Village Hall

Talks By Members

Two interesting finds from Blakeney and Salthouse by *Roger Bland*

Five Cley Men Went to War and Died by *Richard Jefferson*

Tuesday 27th February at 2:30pm

Cley Village Hall

Whaling from Norfolk

Charles Lewis

HELP NEEDED NOW

Please see letter in GVN
www.bahs.uk/help-needed-now

Free Entry

Donations welcome

If any talks may be held on Zoom you may receive invites by joining the BAHS or by signing up for information emails.

Further Information & Updates

www.bahs.uk

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2024



The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2023

On behalf of Blakeney Cley and District Royal British Legion; a huge thank you for those churches, shops, schools, pubs and businesses who supported the poppy appeal and all those persons who donated. This year we raised £2,880.00.

I would like to thank those persons who helped me organise the appeal: Mark and Angie Holman, Mick Welch, Graham and Marilyn Lubbock and Darren Bishop.

*Jane Peploe, Poppy Appeal Organiser
Blakeney Cley and district Branch Royal British Legion.*

Coastal Rowing Association of Blakeney

Happy New Year to everyone!

It has been an excellent few weeks for Blakeney Rowing Club. There have been some stunning rows across Barton Broad in all sorts of weather. The waterways and riverbanks have provided an ever-changing backdrop for all types of wildlife such as otters, herons and kingfishers. One alert crew spotted a swimming squirrel at high water! View a selection of some wonderful photographs of idyllic scenes on the club website at crabblakeney.wordpress.com. "Crabbers" love the rowing, but there is always time to stop during outings and take time to appreciate the beauty of the surroundings.

There is time for competition too. Saturday 9th December was another high point of the winter rowing season. This was the annual Carrow Cup Race on the River Wensum in Norwich. Imagine the city waterway full of different types of oared craft. Pulls Ferry was the starting point for the race involving Blakeney's *Bluejacket*. All rowers will forever remember the torrential rain which was present throughout the event. As each boat set off at intervals, it was clear that the rivalry between the three participating St Ayles Skiffs was going to be a highlight. Andrew Riley, the Blakeney stroke, set a competitive pace and the rest of the crew – John Rawlinson, Neil Lawrence and Barry Howes – responded. Adrian Marfleet's coxing expertise ensured that the rate was lifted at just the right moment. *Bluejacket* was right behind the Wells and King's Lynn skiff as the finishing line loomed, but your local crew had to be satisfied with a very close second place. But what a race in the teeming rain!

Many thanks to Adrian Hodge for his organisation on the day and to Humphrey Borgnis for towing *Bluejacket* to and from Norwich.

You too could share in such experiences – social and competitive. If you enjoy being active on the water, or simply messing about with boats, contact Humphrey at hborgnis@icloud.com. When you are part of a crew, out for a gentle and sociable row, coaching and friendly advice will always be available. You will be made very welcome. There is no obligation to participate in any competitive event.

See you on the water in 2024 ...

Barry Howes

Angel Voices

St Nicholas church, Blakeney, played host to a wonderful service in December. It was prompted by an idea from the Glaven Valley curate-Sarah de Bats, and saw the first performance of a children's choir, to be known as Angel Voices. There is not an existing children's choir and about 17 children were keen to be involved. They are drawn from Blakeney and Kelling schools both of whom are enthusiastic about the experience.

The children had only limited time to prepare and rehearse, but sang brilliantly. There were two songs-complete with accompanying actions! and the choir was watched by proud parents and many others. The plan is that Angel Voices will sing in Blakeney and Wiveton churches on a regular basis, and if invited, at other community events too. Their next performance is at Wiveton on 28th January. Go along and enjoy a really wonderful experience.

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News from Blakeney Church of England Primary School

Happy New Year from all of the team at Blakeney CEVA Primary School!

We had an incredibly busy December and as a result, need to extend a number of Thank You's. The pre- Christmas bingo was an amazing evening organised by the PTFA. We would like to thank Derek Dewson (a former parent) for giving up his time to act as compere. I know that the evening would not have been the same without his kindness and humour. Another thank you goes to all of the local businesses who donated prizes and always support our school. We are more than grateful for their generosity and they contributed so much to make the evening a real community event. Remember to keep your diary free for next Year!

The children have returned to school and our first event was the whole Pilgrim Federation Pantomime in the village hall. We got to start the New Year seeing friends from other schools which is always noisy and fun!

We are already deep into our new learning themes. Hedeghogs' learning is based around the topic of *Holes* and Samphire Class are studying *The Mayans*. In Maths, Key Stage 1 are counting and making amounts of money while the older children use formal multiplication methods and will take a first look at ratio. We have some amazing Design and Technology lessons planned and our music teacher, Mrs Furnell, is back to take the recorder ensemble.

The learning in school progresses at such a pace that sometimes it is difficult for the grown-ups at home to keep up! For this reason, we are holding a *Bring your grown up to school day*. This will be a wonderful chance for adults to come into school and experience exactly what their children do on a daily basis. Stay posted for an update next month-we are hoping for lots of well-behaved children and parents!

The new community choir, Angel Voices (which is based at our school and is organised by Reverend Sarah) has been a huge success. The children have been performing at school and Federation events as well as singing in the service at St Nicholas'. This month they will be singing at St Mary the Virgin Church, Wiveton. We have had so many compliments about their performances and they are really enjoying learning the new songs. Blakeney children are always in fine voice and our carol singing at Budgens in Holt last month was another triumph.

January is a time for new beginnings. I can't help but hope that at our school those new beginnings are as successful and exciting as the old ones. We hope that your new year holds the promise of exciting things to come too.

Blakeney CEVA Primary School

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HAPPY NEW YEAR! or Here we go again!!! 😊

Whichever it is, the last 12 months have simply flown by and as a community we have achieved and celebrated so much. Hard work and fun, have to go hand in hand at times and so whilst it may be winter outside, let's plan for things to come... and pop a couple of events in the diary and on the calendars now.

Party on The Pastures: - Sunday 18th August 2024

End of Season Bonfire & Fireworks: - Saturday 26th October 2024. (Plan B is Sunday 27th October)

If you are interested in helping at either event or joining us in some capacity, then do get in touch and we will keep your details on file, until we start planning in earnest.

A reminder: VISITORS/GUESTS/HOLIDAYMAKERS please be aware...

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

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

EXTRACTS FROM THE DECEMBER FULL COUNCIL MEETING...

Planning: RV/23/2332 – *Proposal; Installation of two dormer windows (front and side), enlargement of first floor rear windows and rendering of property without complying with condition 2 (approved plans) of planning permission PF/23/1577 to allow for amendments to approved design at; 8 Langham Road, Blakeney. Resolved – No objection.*

Members had no response to the Inspectors Questions to NNDC on the **New Local Plan**.

Accounts totalling £8044.38 were approved.

Clerk/RFO updated as follows;

Congratulations and thanks received from a member of the public, on the new 'trod' footpath up Langham Road. It is much used and makes an excellent link to the paths around Kettle Hill and New Barn Farm. Well done BPC. *(The number of enquiries we have received from people, asking how we managed this, is amazing & those eligible of course, have been pointed to NCC and the superb Parish Partnership Funding Scheme.)*

Two direct debits to be added to the BPC DD list for British Gas for street lighting.

Quotes were accepted and we shall look to obtain grant funding to proceed with the replacement of **Football Goals** (LincSprint) & a new **Petanque/French Boules** area (Glaven Landscaping) the latter, is firmly subject to grant funding.

We will look to undertake the repairs to the **Play equipment** ie. the basket swing as soon as possible.

Our Clerk has been instructed to obtain us the best price possible for a 1-year fixed term contract for our **Street Lighting Electricity**.

We will undertake a review of **Assets** and potential income and would ask the 'Finance Committee to also consider this', of particular note is; 1) Village Hall Car Park (ongoing), 2) Our collective buildings, 3) Dinghy Park and we will ask the DP committee to consider this asset for the greater benefit of the parish and the electorate in term of potential going forward.

Reports from Representatives on Other Committees/Groups.

Blakeney Surgery – Cllr Rosemary Thew advised that we are now awaiting the outcome of the process currently being followed including any outstanding complaints.

Dinghy Park Committee – Cllr Rosemary Thew advised, that as per the recent meeting, a number of kayaks were stolen from the dinghy park early October, our understanding is that the Police have now recovered these, and reunited them with their owners.

Personnel Committee - Cllr Rosemary Thew; David Long & David Fincham have both been reappointed for the 2024 season.

Scout Hut - Resolved that i) BPC arrange for a 'Deed of Surrender' to be signed by both parties, as of 1st January 2024, ii) BPC make a list of works needed whilst funding is available, iii) Water and electricity costs to be transferred to BPC, iv) BPC to actively market the building for hire at a fee of £12 per hour and to review in 6 months' time, v) Building to be known as 'The Parish Room' going forward, vi) In parallel look into how the BPC buildings could best be used going forward, if the lettings route is not successful.

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

PF/23/1825 – Hilltop Retreats, Langham Road, Blakeney – Erection of single storey holiday lodge - **Refused**.

PF/23/1791 – Hill House, New Road, Blakeney – Installation of replacement oil tank – **Approve**.

PF/23/1952 – Doelen House, Back Lane, Blakeney – Two storey front extension replacing existing porch and bay window; detached garage; external alterations including new external finishes and alterations to some window openings; installation of air source heat pump – **Withdrawn**.


YOUR SERVING PARISH COUNCILLORS ARE: -

Rosemary Thew – 740555 – Moonraker, Back Lane
Nigel Sutcliffe – 741714 – Dallinga, 71 Morston Road
Jenny Girling – 741048 – 11 Queens Close
Samantha Arlow – 741297 – 40 Langham Road
Alban Donohoe – 741741 – Ivy House, Back Lane
Shirley Everett – 740819 – Southside, 87 Morston Road
Barry Girling – 740792 – 11 Queens Close
Willie Weston – 740910 – 27 Queens Close
Iain Wolfe – via Parish Office
Judy Pegden – 741497 – 8 Wilsons Way
Mike Reed – 07760 162344 – 2 Memorial Cottages, New Road

Next Full Council meeting; Tuesday 9th January 2024.

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"The Great Escaper" (12A)

**Friday 19th January
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Michael Caine stars in this amazing true story with Glenda Jackson as his no-nonsense wife - also a "Pines" resident, she encouraged his expedition & kept it secret from the staff. Their performances underpin a film which is deeply affecting but also has grit & energy - reflecting the indefatigable spirit of that WWII generation & highlighting the enduring love of the couple's 60-year marriage.

Doors open at 6.30 for a 7pm start
Bar/Refreshments
All profits to the Village Hall
www.blakeneyvillagehall.org.uk

BLAKENEY PLAYERS PRESENT...

IT'S CHRISTMAS CAROL

At Blakeney Village Hall

Curtain 8pm * Licensed Bar from 7.15pm

Thursday 4th January with free glass of wine

Sunday 7th January Matinee 3pm

Thursday 11th January

Tickets: Adult £10 Child £4

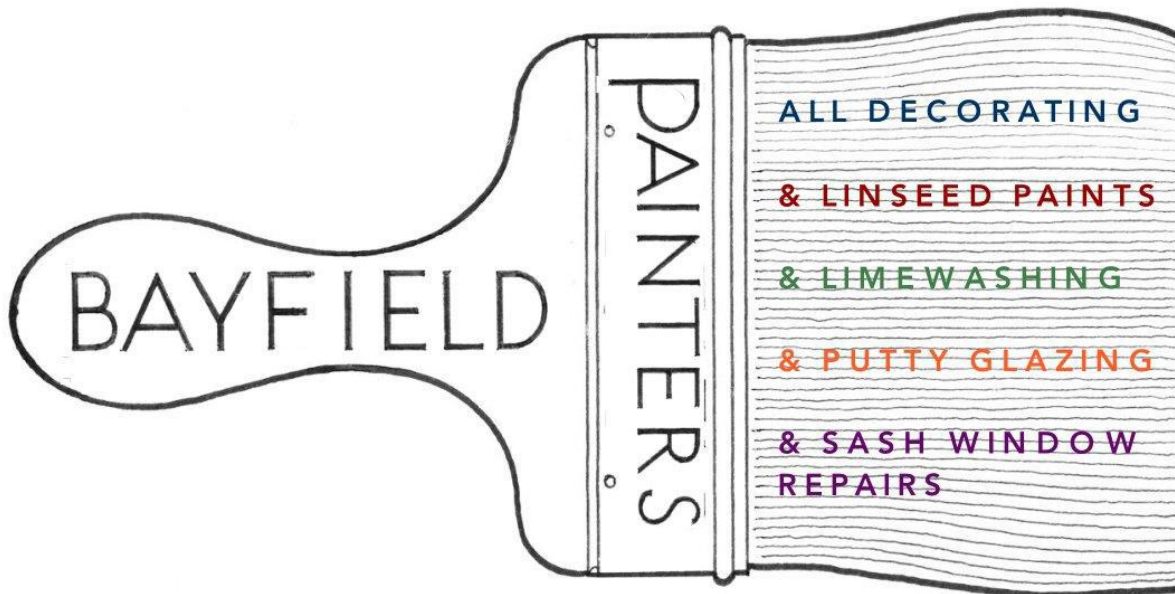
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Quotable Quotes on Peace ...

An eye for an eye only makes the whole world
blind
Mahatma Gandhi

You cannot shake hands with a clenched fist
Indira Gandhi

It is madness for sheep to talk peace with a wolf
Thomas Fuller

If there must be trouble, let it be in my day, that my
child may have peace
Thomas Paine

The River Village

The river makes a bend and encircles the
village with its current.

All the long Summer, the affairs and
occupations of the river village are quiet
and simple.

The swallows who nest in the beams go
and come as they please.

The gulls in the middle of the river enjoy
one another, they crowd together and
touch one another.

My old wife paints a chess-board on paper.
My little sons hammer needles to make
fish-hooks.

I have many illnesses, therefore my only
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Taizé Prayer

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Cley Church
Sunday 7th January 4 p.m.

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Thoughts from the Rectory for January 2024

Dear Friends,

January always has a sense of “a new chapter” about it. And it’s a new chapter in a particular way for the Glaven Valley Benefice this time round. Our wonderful Tricia is retiring from her role as Benefice Administrator on 31st December. And on behalf of everyone here, we want to say a massive “thank you” to Tricia for her incredible commitment and expertise shown over the last thirteen years! Happily, Tricia’s not disappearing from church, only from the desk in the office! We’ll be thanking her properly after the service at Blakeney on 31st. Do join us if you see this in time. But thank you, Tricia – you are amazing!

And at the same time, we extend a big warm welcome to Nicola Turner, her successor, who is moving to Norfolk with her family, and taking over the administrator role from 2nd January. Nicola is looking forward to being part of the set-up here, and I know she’ll be made very welcome.

If we look back on last year, I expect most of us could recall a mixture of highs and lows. And as we look ahead to the new year, I’m sure there are things we’re excited about, but perhaps also a few things that make us anxious.

I noted something striking that Willard White, the Jamaican opera singer, said in an interview: “Show me the human being who has not suffered in some way, and I will show you a person without life – life can be difficult.” Without exception, life has its ups and downs for everyone. For some perhaps more than others. Even if things are going well for us, we are always aware of the suffering of others. We have all been shaken to the core, I suspect, by the violence in Israel and Gaza, and deeply saddened by the level of destruction and suffering there.

For me, one of the things that gives hope is the way that God keeps doing new things. God keeps surprising us, and helping us to discover new things, travelling with us through the highs and lows. When asked what song would work as a soundtrack to his life, Willard White suggested “What a Wonderful World.” It really is a wonderful world, even if life is not always plain sailing.

As we stand on the brink of another year (with all of us asking where on earth the last one went!), I would encourage us all to embark on it with a real sense of thanksgiving for all the new experiences that come our way, as well as for God’s solidarity with us in suffering, and the way God brings good out of tough times, light out of darkness.

Willard White reckoned the best advice he had ever received from his father was “If you like it, see what you can make of it.” We’re about to launch into 2024. I hope we’re all going to like it! Let’s see what we can make of it!

*Wishing you all every blessing in the year to come,
Richard.*

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

Other contact details are:

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Please note the new email address for the Benefice Administrator Nicola Turner is as follows:

admin@glavenvalleybenefice.org.uk

From the 2nd January 2024, the Benefice Office is open Monday to Friday from 10am to 3pm.

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Weddings:

November 4th saw the wedding of James Miller and Katherine Guinez Vildosola, in Cley Church. Our congratulations to them!

Funerals:

Among the funerals which took place locally last month was that of Ann Tillett, in Cley Church, on 14th November. Please remember Ann’s family at this time.

St Peter's Catholic Church

Back Lane, Blakeney, NR25 7NP

Mass Sunday - 11am

Mass Wednesday - 9.30am

Holyday of Obligation 9.30am

www.catholicparishofwalsingham.org



**JANUARY 2024
SERVICE SCHEDULE**

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| Wed 3rd | Holy Communion (BCP) 10.00am | Cley |
| SUNDAY 7th | <i>Epiphany 1</i> | |
| 8.00 | Holy Communion (BCP) | Wiveton |
| 9.30 | Holy Communion (CW) [<i>& live-streamed</i>] | Blakeney |
| 11.15 | Holy Communion (BCP) | Letheringsett |
| 4.00 | Taize | Cley |
| SUNDAY 14th | <i>Epiphany 2</i> | |
| 9.30 | Praise & Worship [<i>& live-streamed</i>] | Blakeney |
| 11.15 | Holy Communion (BCP) | Glandford |
| 6.00 | Service of Meditation | Wiveton |
| Wed 17th | Holy Communion (BCP) 10.00am | Cley |
| SUNDAY 21st | <i>Epiphany 3 [Week of Prayer For Christian Unity]</i> | |
| 9.30 | Celtic HC with Healing [<i>& live-streamed</i>] | Blakeney |
| 9.30 | Morning Prayer (CW) | Letheringsett |
| 11.15 | Café Church | Cley |
| 3.00 | United Service | St Peter's RC |
| SUNDAY 28th | <i>Epiphany 4</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)

All welcome!

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**Glaven Valley
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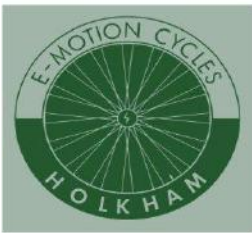
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Cley

Thursdays@Three January

Thursdays@Three will be celebrating its 100th concert next month with a special birthday programme for Thursday February 22nd when, with a large cast. We shall be featuring highlights from a number of the concerts we have staged since we began in October 2021. Please save the date to join us if you are able!

January

Thursday January 18th - No 95 *New Year Delights*:
Wyatt Earp (flute) Angela Dugdale (piano)

Thursday January 25th - No 96 *My Heart Is in The Highlands*: Robbie Burns in words and song
Campbell and Sheila Welsh (narrators)
Meg Starling (soprano)
Wyatt Earp (flute)
John Smart (script writer)

February

WinterFest Weekend!

Thursday February 1st - No 97 *A Wintry Fireside* - A celebration of Winter in words and music:
Harriet Cooper (narrator)
John Glasspool (narrator)
Julian Godlee (bass)
Brenda Blewett (piano)
Sarah De Bats (flute)
Adrian Taunton (script writer)

Saturday February 3rd 7pm – 8.15pm
A Winter's Journey:
Schubert's legendary song-cycle *Winterreise* in a special performance with projected images.
German sausages from 6pm. Hot chocolate, mulled wine and cake while you listen!
Julian Godlee (bass)
Brenda Blewett (piano)

Wyatt Earp (01263 740902 wejearp@gmail.com)



NWT North Norfolk
Group
and
Cley Bird Club



January meeting Changing my Perspective: Small is Beautiful

Local naturalist David North will explore what is revealed when we change our perspective. This includes the micro-world of mosses and lichens on a garden wall, the patterns of trees when we look at them from different angles, and the frost and dew on common plants. These all show how 'small is beautiful' and that there are intriguing worlds within worlds to discover. The meeting will be preceded by a short AGM of the Cley Bird Club.

This joint event between the North Norfolk Group of the Norfolk Wildlife Trust and Cley Bird Club is on Thursday January 18th 2024 at 7.30 p.m. in Cley Village Hall.

Entry £3 - refreshments included – no need to book.
The meeting is kindly sponsored by Spotted Tiger.

Forthcoming meetings – dates for your diary:

The work of the Rare Breeding Birds Panel – Dawn Balmer - 15th February 2024

Whale Detective: uncovering the Surprising History of whales and Dolphins in Norfolk – Carl Chapman - 21st March 2024

HAPPY MONDAYS At The Glaven Centre, Thistleton Court, Blakeney

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CLEY WI

Programme January–March 2024

Jan 11th **Craft Afternoon**
– preceded by discussion & vote on
WI Resolutions

Feb 1st **AGM – followed by**
A Nice Cup of Tea
The dark history of the world's
favourite drink
Terry Rollinson

Mar 7th **Scams & Fraudulent**
Doorstep Callers
Steps to take to avoid them
Angela Gifford

Cley Village Hall, NR25 7RJ, at 2.30pm

Members Free

Visitors Welcome – Recommended Donation £5.00
(includes afternoon tea)

Further details 01263 740225

Cley Parish Council's Chairman's Report

Cley Parish Council hopes you have all had a wonderful Christmas and wish you all the very best for a Happy New Year.

Data from the speed camera on Holt Hill showed that the average speed going down this stretch of road was 24 mph, 7.6% vehicles were going over the limit and the average speeder was going at 33mph. The maximum speed was far too high at 45mph. Most surprising was the volume of traffic, which was a up to 2000 vehicles a day. This does flag up issues of pedestrian safety which we are going to review.

Planning Consultant Tim Schofield showed the Parish Council and villagers future Arcady proposals. These were left out for comments so I hope you had a chance to share your views.

Anglian Water attended to answer questions on water quality in the Glaven. They say permitted storm overflows from the Holt Sewage Treatment Works do not harm the Glaven. We will be able to find out in real time when these are happening as the data around storm overflows will go live in early 2024. Apparently chalk streams such as the Glaven receive no special treatment: however, the Environment Agency has imposed stricter controls at Holt

STW on phosphates in the treated water (which cause algal overgrowth). We brought up again the issue that Glandford STW are often malodorous and the response was as before, please call-in issues so they can be investigated. The contact number is 0800771881. It would help if you also notify the clerk so we can keep a log. Anglian Water also reiterated a plea for us not to flush anything down the loo that doesn't begin with a 'p' to avoid blockages in the sewage system.

Due to Gemma's fantastic grant writing skills, the Parish Council has been awarded a grant of £1500 towards the running costs of the community café. Congratulations to all who have made this welcoming 'hot spot' such a success.

We are buying more electric throws from our Community Support Grant and giving them out via the Community Café. If there are none left by the time you read this, we can get some more. Let us know. Tesco vouchers sufficient for a home delivery will be available on request from the Clerk, clerk.cley@gmail.com or 07812384889. All enquiries will be treated confidentially.

By the time you read this we really should have received planning applications for the Barn on Cookes marsh, to request permission for the render and for change of use of the land.

We have been contacted again about the proliferation of bins on the Fairstead. We didn't succeed in returning them to their correct place when we looked at this before, but we will again ask NNDC for their assistance.

We had another very successful loke working party on Dawes/Taylor's Loke.

The next Parish Council Meeting is on Thursday Jan 18th in the Village Hall at 6.30pm. The agenda will be published on the Notice Board, on the website (www.cleypc.info) and we'll mail it out to those on the Parish email list (if you want to be included in this please email the Clerk) and the village WhatsApp group. Please comment on or ask general questions about Agenda items before the meeting by getting in touch with the clerk or myself, or come along and participate. Minutes are posted as usual on the website.

Dr Victoria Holliday, Chair
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victoria.holliday@north-norfolk.gov.uk
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Cley WI Autumn 2023

The Friends of Cley Church hope you have all had a peaceful and joyous Christmas and all very best wishes for a Happy New Year.

The spring season of Thursdays@Three starts January 18th 2024.

Do look out for our WinterFest February 1st-3rd. Thursday Feb 1st Thursdays@Three hosts a 'Winter Fireside' with words and music to celebrate winter. On Friday Feb 2nd feast on a winter warmer at The Three Swallows with pie, mash and pudding. Saturday February 3rd enjoy a evocative performance of Schubert's legendary song cycle, Winterreise, with Julian Godlee and Brenda Blewett. Wrap up warmly, sip hot chocolate or mulled wine and indulge in a German sausage and apple cake from 6pm. Inclusive tickets are only £15 from Eventbrite on Cleychurchwinter@eventbrite.co.uk.

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

Thank you all very much indeed.

Victoria Holliday, Chair, Friends of Cley Church

CLEY COMMUNITY CAFÉ EVERY WEDNESDAY
You're sure of a warm welcome at the Cley Community Cafe, held every Wednesday from 10-4 in the Village Hall Club Room (round the back). Run by volunteers, it's a place to meet up with your friends and enjoy delicious home baking and tea and coffee. We love dogs. We've knitting on offer, puzzles and games, and there is optional bingo with chocolate as prizes from 2-3.30! We don't charge, but any donations go towards the running costs.

For our October meeting we joined the regular "Thursdays @ Three" audience in St Margaret's Church for a concert of music entitled "From a Female View" specially curated for us and performed by Meg Starling (soprano), Wyatt Earp (flute) and Brenda Blewett (piano). We held a very short business meeting in the side aisle before taking our seats for a delightful programme which included a beautiful sonatina by Claude Arrieu, John Corigliano's 'The Foggy, Foggy Dew', Puccini's 'O Mio Bambino' and Lerner & Loewe's 'I Could Have Danced All Night' from My Fair Lady, amongst other pieces, all introduced by Meg with her reasons for choosing them. As a small gesture of appreciation to the artists and St Margaret's for hosting our special concert, WI members contributed sandwiches to accompany the regular tea and cakes and took on the serving and washing up duties for what was a greatly enjoyable afternoon.

In November we welcomed back Philip West to present more of his renowned collection of slides in a talk entitled "From Fakenham to Wells – a Retrospective View," following the route of the old railway line and reviving memories for many of us of the service that used to run from Wells to Norwich before the Beeching cuts in the '60s. Fakenham, a market town since 1250, with its bustling town centre, its printing works and clothing factory, cattle market and coaching inns; East Barsham with its stately early-Tudor manor house, host to Henry VIII on his way to Walsingham, a place of pilgrimage since medieval times. Here the Abbey and magnificent timber framed buildings also told the story of Walsingham's importance both commercially, legally and administratively. On we travelled, a few miles north to Wighton (Halt) on the River Stiffkey, with its landmark church tower and finally to Wells. Philip's rich supply of photographs bore witness to the importance of the town in its heyday as one of the major ports in the country, a feeder railway track running from the station to the quayside to facilitate the export of grain and malt and the import of coal.

December is the time for all members to tuck into a delicious Christmas lunch and to test their wits in a quiz or two, these the cause of great mirth this last year as we struggled to dredge up possibly correct answers against positively preposterous ones! It is always a very jolly, festive occasion and thoroughly to be recommended!

Our next meeting is on 11th January in Cley Village Hall at 2.30pm when we shall be holding an 'Unfinished Object' Craft Workshop, preceded by the AGM and voting on the Shortlist of 2024 Campaign Resolutions. All members are asked to read and consider these resolutions beforehand (see the November/December issue of WI Life) so that we can move swiftly on to the main event!

We are always happy to welcome new members to our fold and would be very pleased to see you if you'd like to give us a try. Contact 01263 740225 for details.

Alison Cole

Cley Village Hall News

I want to start by wishing you all a very Happy New Year, and many moments of joy and peace.

The annual **Christmas Fair** was a lovely community event and a great success for the organisers and, I hope, for the stallholders as well. I have had some very positive feedback from the public, and the fact that we have so many regulars among the traders must mean something!

At this point I want to thank again all those who so generously donated items to the raffle, gave their time and baking skills to make the café such a success, defied the elements and left their warm homes to come out and join in. The Christmas Fair is looking back on a long tradition, and it's good to see it going from strength to strength.

It has been a busy year throughout for the VH. The heaters are now fitted with thermostats to make them yet more economical, and a multitude of repairs on roofs, plumbing and big and small jobs and general maintenance business have kept us on our toes. Oh yes, the playing field fence is new, too!

Thank you all for helping to make Cley VH a true community centre and meeting place.

On behalf of the VH committee I wish you again all the best for 2024.

**Stop Press - Stop Press - Stop - Press:
Sunday Social January 7, 6PM - 8 pm**

Bar open/ bring your own and £1 for the kitty (expenses).

G.E.

Wiveton

Happy New Year!

After six years as Chair of The Friends of Wiveton Church, I am now stepping down. Victoria Egan is taking over the role and I know she will be an excellent leader of The Friends.

Emma Bridgewater Wiveton Church Mug

There are still have some of these very beautiful mugs left, designed by Matthew Rice. There were only 500 produced so they will definitely be Collectors' items in the future! If you would like to buy one/some, please email wivetonfriends@gmail.com. The mugs are £25 each. Payment can be made either by bank transfer to:

*Wiveton PCC Fabric Account
Sort Code 40-52-40
Account No 00012135*

or cash, on collection.

200 Club

December's 1st Prize Winner was Barbara

Veitch, with a prize of £65 🙌.

Anthea De Loynes

Glandford

Glandford church has been transformed! A local firm has installed led lights and you can now see the amazing and beautiful carving that has been hidden for so long, it seems quite miraculous!

Unfortunately, the same cannot be said of our carillon of bells with the clocks; both the clock and the electricity are fine, but the two cannot be linked up without the expertise of only 2 people in England who are able to join them up!! Despite constant requests, so far, we have not been on top of their list!

Glaven Bistro in the Glandford Barns is now up and running from 9am breakfasts to 4pm teas; all home baking and very pleasant surroundings and service.

Averil Monteath

News From Glandford

In common with everyone else we have had a wet autumn! The River Glaven has been almost constantly high for weeks and had come over the bank and onto our meadows on several occasions. This is not a problem for us in itself, but we are concerned about what the river water brings with it: silt, fertilisers and pesticides from farmland upstream are all carried by the river when in spate, and then of course we have the (perfectly legal) discharge from Holt sewage works.... It is not all bad, however, as we have had several excellent Otter sightings, with up to four together. Other notable sightings include a single Waxwing seen by visitors to our garden, and semi-resident Great White Egret on Bayfield Lake, while lots of Brent Geese have been flying too and fro - despite being just a couple of miles from the coast at Cley and Blakeney, Brents have been very thin on the ground in this part of the Glaven valley until this winter.

On Tuesday 2nd January 2024 we will be holding our annual New Year Plant Hunt. We always manage to see lots of interesting wild-growing plants in flower, and it is a great way to brighten up your winter. We have organised a New Year Plant Hunt at Natural Surroundings each year since 2015 and they have developed into very sociable events with just a hint of competitiveness. Everyone is welcome, and there is no charge and no need to book. Meet at the Natural Surroundings café at 10.30 am for a walk around our grounds and the nearby estate for maximum 3 hours (it is a national event, and there is a time limit!).

Our most exciting piece of news is that from January, Natural Surroundings we be part of the Royal Horticultural Society's 'Partner Garden' scheme. RHS members will be able to access our gardens for free, and the RHS will be helping to promote our work and assisting with advice and networking. We are, of course, thrilled to be associated with such a prestigious organisation. After more than 30 years promoting wildlife-friendly gardening we feel that it has now 'come of age' and firmly on the horticultural agenda, which is good for our gardens, good for wildlife and, of course, good for gardeners - there is so much pleasure to be gained from the many creatures, big and small, that can make your garden their home.

Just a reminder that we are open throughout the winter, Tuesday to Sundays from 10.30 until 4pm, with a break for Christmas 23-28 December, and that we are open on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. Work on the drive from the main road up to Natural Surroundings has now started, and there are already noticeable improvements, with two drainage channels close to the top of the hill helping to divert water off the track and off to the side.

Anne & Simon Harrap

Letheringsett

St Andrew's Church

Thank you to all those who have helped with our Carol Service this year. It was lovely to see St Andrew's with all the decorations, the candles lit and a traditional Christmas tree suitably adorned.

John Pridham



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in St Nicholas' Church, Blakeney

will be held on

Wednesday 3rd January 2024

8am to 11am

**Last orders for a cooked breakfast at
10.30am**

Please do come and join us for cereal, croissants, bacon and eggs, scrambled eggs on toast, and of course, great bacon rolls.

It is a great place to bring friends and to make new ones. Visitors to Blakeney are very welcome.

Donations welcome.

Let's do Lunch

in St Nicholas' Church, Blakeney

**The Blakeney Lunch will be held on
on Wednesday 17th January**

12noon to 2.00pm.

During these cold winter months we are serving a variety of delicious homemade soups followed by a choice of homemade desserts. It's a great place to bring friends and to make new ones. Visitors to Blakeney are very welcome.

COMMUNITY NEWS

St. Nicholas Community Support Fund

The Community support team are extremely grateful to all those who have generously contributed to the Community Support Fund and supported the food bank at St. Nicholas through donations of food toiletries etc.

We are grateful to Spar Blakeney for their crucial support in issuing food vouchers and supplying a donation point for items. We also want to thank those who bring the donations from Spar up to the church.

The money in the Community Support Fund is being used to provide Spar vouchers to those identified as needing support in the Benefice; Blakeney, Cley, Glandford, Letheringsett and Wiveton or with strong connections to it. We have recently delivered a 5th round of vouchers to over 50 households.

The fund is also used to replenish the supply at the food bank at St. Nicholas church which is available to all those in need without referral.

If you would like to make a financial contribution to the fund, please contact Malcolm Jardine on malcolm.jardine@icloud.com

Alison Jewell on behalf of the Community Support Team

District Councillor's Report

From NNDC

Planning

The new Local Plan examination hearings start in January. I will be speaking on the effect of visitor pressure on sensitive sites, the suitability of settlements to be small growth villages, and the role of principal residency in this ward. The requirement for 10% biodiversity net gain will start in January 2024 for major and April 2025 for minor developments.

The permitted development for installation of solar panels has broadened. For example, you do not now need permission to install on flat roofs providing they do not protrude more than .6 m above the highest roofline, and solar panels can be placed in front of a property between the house and the highway in a conservation area.

Don't forget the next Planning Roadshow, a training session for Cllrs, will be on Feb 1st in Holt.

Benefits

NNDC has awarded 74% of its allocation of £103k in discretionary housing payments. This has gone toward rent arrears, rent deposit or ongoing rent shortfall.

The financial Inclusion team is ready to help any parishioners with debt or benefit advice, or food, energy, or budgeting support.

There are sadly 2435 households on the housing list. Equally unfortunate is that there are 66 households in temporary

accommodation. The most common triggers of homelessness are loss of a private tenancy, no longer being able to stay with family and friends, and domestic abuse. There are c.350 affordable homes in the pipeline although c27 will be delivered this year. Do you know of any empty properties which might be let or anyone who would consider renting their property?

Sustainable growth

NNDC's Economic Strategy will be published early next year.

Environment and Waste

Food waste collections should start April 2024.

A knowledge test for Norfolk taxi drivers should be in place by the end of the year.

Finance

The first draft of the budget for 24/25 forecasts a deficit of £1.8 m rising to £5m in 27/28. This will need to be balanced.

Leisure

NNDC has been awarded almost £10m for a new sports centre and swimming pool in Fakenham.'

Hardship support

The Financial inclusion team at NNDC are great at finding out if someone is missing payments they are entitled to and may have another suggestions for fuel poverty grants: their number is 01263 516221. They may be able to also provide emergency food support with Eden Red food vouchers within 48 hrs.

There is the Client hardship fund at Norfolk County Council Client Hardship Service (CHS) - Norfolk County Council

Client Hardship Service (CHS) - Norfolk County Council

The Client Hardship Service (CHS) provides support if you are in financial hardship and cannot pay your living costs. If you are eligible, we can provide emergency financial help, supply essential household goods and furniture, and put you in touch with organisations who can give advice and guidance.

www.norfolk.gov.uk

NNDC has this list of help with cost of living online :<https://www.north-norfolk.gov.uk/tasks/projects/cost-of-living/help-and-support-with-energy-bills/>

Speeding

The Chief Constable says the Smart Speed Cameras, which we hoped could be installed and linked to the police, are not cost effective and so he doesn't propose to install in Norfolk.

I have chased for details of the smaller speed detector vans we are hoping would be effective in our rural area.

Blakeney Surgery closure

The practice is planning to submit its final response to the Integrated Care Board by Jan 9th. We have asked for sight of this.

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Letter's & Articles

What Can I Say?

Script for Wells Maltings Climate debate

I'm not going to talk about the damaging effects of increasing CO2 because I believe that brings benefits as well as deficits, particularly when it comes to feeding a hungry world. This isn't concerned with possible future damage but with the collateral damage that is being done right now by a non-scientific community which has picked up climate change and run toward the flames with cans of petrol.

We seem to be moving into a post-truth era, where deceit, duplicity and disinformation are becoming de rigueur; politicians lie without shame and governments and the media freely peddle disinformation. Free speech is being sacrificed on the altar of a new and increasingly vociferous secular religion which like most religions has to persecute non-believers. The responsibility for this reaction to what climate scientists are telling us rests mainly with the media and with the BBC in the vanguard, every wildlife program narrated by their high priest ends with images of calving glaciers, raging wildfires and huge waves crashing against breakwaters, all accompanied by dire warnings of climate catastrophe if we don't act now. It's Lord Kitchener's invisible finger pointing at you out of the TV and saying 'The solution to this begins with you'! As if millions of people will suddenly begin acting against their self-interest; not going abroad for their holidays, not eating meat, and not driving their cars, you only have to note the increase in petrol-hungry SUVs to see how well that's working out. So, it's not just post-truth but post-reason.

You get tips like don't fill your kettle with more water than you need, and switch off the TV before going to bed at night, things that equate to going to the beach and taking away a teacup full of seawater in an attempt to avert an impending tidal surge, The solution for that of course would be better sea defences, and for this nuclear power.

A further and perhaps more serious consequence is the inability to talk freely or have a rational debate, several years ago the BBC decided that Global Warming was a settled science and that they would no longer offer a platform to any who held an alternative view. Or as they described them 'Climate Change Deniers' Get the semantic connection? Climate Deniers - and the universally despised Holocaust Deniers? So, a lot of below-the-belt stuff, the purpose of which is to stifle debate and frighten people into keeping their mouths shut. So, what qualifications did the BBC have for saying it was settled?

Any scientist worth his or her salt will tell you how wrong that is. It is the opposite of what science is; science is never settled, the motto of the Royal Society 'Nullius in verba' which in translation = "no one's words" or "take nobody's word for it, says it clearly. There is nothing that cannot be questioned; nothing that is scared. Science

proceeds by dialectic. All science is modified or discarded over time. Newton's Laws of Universal Gravitation* held for 224 years*, if the BBC had existed in the 19th century, they would have called them settled science, but then Einstein came along and it became very unsettled, and we now know that even general relativity breaks down at the Planck scale; reality is mercurial.

As early as 1912 an exceptional man called Alfred Wegener who, although he wasn't a geologist, developed the idea of continental drift. With good evidence from the fossil record, he claimed that the continents of the world were drifting apart and that if you pushed them all together in one place they would fit like a jigsaw. He was dismissed and ridiculed for having the temerity to question what was considered settled science. The idea ruined him as mainstream science fell on him like a pack of wolves, accusing him of ignoring clear evidence and publishing ludicrous theories. He was the denier of his day, arguing against the entire scientific establishment. But then in 1967 came the discovery of the mid-Atlantic Ridge, plate tectonics was born and he was proved correct. Sadly, by then he was dead and his remains swept firmly under the carpet. It was as if the greater the number of scientists who believed in something the more unquestionably true it became, but he was right and a whole body of scientists and scientific evidence was wrong. Having a majority thinking the same thing doesn't make anything, especially science, right, it's not something you vote on. In my experience, the intellectual high ground affords very little standing room. Deniers are not criminals they are vital for an objective assessment of everything, every theory, and every school of thought should have to justify itself and objectively argue against itself. Deniers pick up the slack when science doesn't appear to be scrutinising itself with sufficient rigour. Only looking for evidence to back up what you believe is not science it is more like insecurity.

Now we come bang up to date. The Big Bang Theory of the origin of the universe has held sway for many decades and was considered settled as the predicted discovery of the Cosmic Microwave Background backed it up. But the latest deep field images of the universe from the James Webb infrared telescope do not show what the Big Bang proponents expected, the Hubble telescope didn't either but those images were a bit fuzzy so they were more easily ignored. But now it looks like a big spanner has been thrown in those works too. So many scientists and bodies of scientific evidence can and often are wrong, because, like the rest of us, they are human and fallible.

This hysterical climate of fear is affecting the world in so many ways, from eco-anxiety which I'll come to, to science itself. It's not a coincidence that the only oceanographers and climate researchers to have expressed any reservations about climate extremism's claims are all retired. Current climate science seems to be obeying the second law of thermodynamics- as in entropy, it's only going in one direction. Should a climate scientist find evidence that contradicts the accepted consensus and be foolish enough to stand up and say so, he or she would soon find themselves tending the roses.

Let me give you a hypothetical example. A climate scientist sees this recent headline that appeared in a national newspaper. *Arctic ice melt will flood UK properties as 1.5 million are at risk due to melting Arctic Ice.* He decides to contact the paper's science correspondent to tell him that his report is incorrect, and that should the Arctic Ice melt, it will not flood anything, that the ice covering the North Pole is already displacing its volume and so should all of it melt it will contribute not one extra drop of water to the ocean and will not affect sea levels in that way. * What would happen? The next day the same newspaper would proclaim 'Climate scientist denies sea levels will rise'. The day after that, he'd lose his funding and then his career. So, it's not surprising that climate scientists can do little to curb the hysteria they are the catalyst for.

Then we have Eco Anxiety, people feeling powerless to prevent a catastrophe. Which can look like this. (Video shown) Of a woman hysterical with fear crying and screaming at a TV panel for not doing enough. Now you might say that she could be more rational, but if she believes all she is told and she is certainly meant to believe it, then her behaviour is understandable, as with these (more slides) I have heard 'Just Stop Oil' and 'Extinction Rebellion' also described as irrational, but that is the opposite of what they are, if they believe everything they hear, no matter how extreme, then their protests are completely rational.

But most dangerously we are moving into an era where if you are too outspoken you can really be trouble, The Green Party called for the Norwich North Parliamentary candidate to be stood down immediately because he doesn't believe that climate change is anthropogenic and that Net Zero with damage the economy. So, if you don't agree with them, you should be silenced? What kind of world would these people have us live in? That they are unable to see the kind of totalitarian society they are creating undermines everything else they have to say. Destruction of your career and reputation is one thing, (well actually two things) but now you can fall foul of the law, particularly if you are well known or have a platform; today pretty much like in Russia you can be arrested for what you say. If for example, you made some stupid remark about ULEZ cameras and net zero, you could have half a dozen policemen turn up, turn over your house, take away all your tech gadgets, plus those of your wife and children and then be taken to spend the rest of the day in a police cell. If this doesn't worry you, or you think that is a proportional response to saying something stupid then I suggest you read Orwell's 1984 or find out a little more about what life is like for women in Iran or everyone in North Korea. Truth, Trust, and Free Speech, particularly -consensus challenging free speech- underwrite a free liberal democracy, but today, liberality has suffered an inversion and it is the liberals who are leading the new inquisition. There has never been a more important time to question what we are being told. Just don't ask too loudly.

* Newton's laws still hold true for all of our everyday experience, but were fundamentally modified on the universal scale.

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Monthly Memory Swap

The next 'Monthly Memory Swap' is on Tuesday, January the 16th from 2.00pm - 4.00pm in the large hall at the community centre.

John will be screening a film about the first Holt Marathon in 1983. And, during an extended coffee or tea break, we will try to stir-up memories and stories, about Holt of the past, the particular people, places and events remembered both here and in North Norfolk more generally.

We hope you can make it. Do bring along any photos of Norfolk and Holt you have, that you would like to share. **Just turn up for this free event. No booking is necessary.**

Future Dates for 'John Jarvis's Monthly Memory Swap' for 2024 (Usually the third Tuesday of the month)

Tuesday January 16th

Tuesday February 13th

Tuesday March 19th

Tuesday April 16th

Tuesday May 21st

Tuesday June 18th, and possibly Tuesday July 16th (?)

We take a break in August and start again on:

Tuesday September the 17th

Tuesday October 15th

Tuesday November 19th

Tuesday December 10th

All from 2pm to 4pm-ish.



Arts Forum

(a conversation about writing and the arts)

with

Raffaella Barker (author)

On Wednesday January 17th

An interview discussing the life of a writer; the importance of writing **personally and professionally; Raffaella's background, as well as influences on her work, (illustrated with material from authors and others who are, or have been, important to her); how and why she became a writer; the challenges and rewards of being one; reflecting on life and living in Norfolk.**

Each Forum lasts about an hour, after which **there will be** time for questions. It is held in the main hall and/or bar area of The Venue, depending on numbers.

Arrive at 6.30pm, (when the bar will be open), for a **prompt 7.00pm start**

The evening will finish 8.30pm-ish

Booking is helpful to gauge numbers.

But please feel free to just turn up on the night.

To book: contact The Venue on 01263 713427 or

email: info@thevenueholt.com

NWT North Norfolk Group and Cley Bird Club

Changing my Perspective:

Small is Beautiful

An illustrated talk by David North

Thursday 18th January 2024

Cley Village Hall at 7.30pm

Entry £3

Kindly sponsored by Spotted Tiger

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

In October 2022, St Nicholas' Church set up a programme of support for people in the Benefice and set aside £5,000 to help families and the elderly in our villages through these difficult times.

In addition to this, we received some wonderful donations which have enabled us to continue with our support and provide a Food Bank in St Nicholas' Church Porch throughout the past year.

Can you help us to continue to provide support through 2024 while the cost-of-living crisis continues to have a huge impact on so many people.

Donations can be made online through the church website:

glavenvalleychurches.org.uk

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

or by contacting the treasurer

malcolm.jardine@icloud.com

or 07703821945 for account details

Thank you for your kindness.

The Fourth February Film Festival – ‘It’s Love, actually’

Between Friday 16th and Sunday 18th February Holt Community Centre will be hosting a festival of Love and Romance, in conjunction with The Holt Bookshop. This will involve conversations with authors, followed by a showing of a favourite film of their choice.

Individual tickets £5.00. **Early Bird Offer**, weekend ticket, £20 for all 7 films, available till the end of January. **Refreshments will be available throughout the weekend.**

FRIDAY 16TH FEBRUARY

5.30pm Bar open & Refreshments.

FILM ‘Love is All’ (12) (2014) (74 mins) – **to be shown throughout the weekend in the lounge bar** – explores love and courtship in all its shapes and sizes on the silver screen, using a selection of footage from British archives, including the BFI National Archive and the Yorkshire Film Archive.

plus **‘Expressions of Love’** a photographic exhibition of ‘what you love’ or ‘what Love means to you’.

7.00pm In conversation **DJ Taylor** (critic, novelist and biographer) **& Rachel Hore** (author of romantic fiction), followed by book signing and film introduction

8.00pm – 9.53pm **FILM ‘Nineteen Eighty-Four’** (15) (1984) Sci-fi/Thriller(1h 53m) **chosen by DJ Taylor**

SATURDAY 17TH FEBRUARY

10.30am – 12.00noon **FREE CHILDREN’S FILM ‘Lady and the Tramp’** (U) (1955) Animated Musical Romance (1h 16m) and pyjama party, (nightwear optional), **plus Best Dressed Teddy competition. All children must be accompanied by an adult.**

1.00pm – 3.00pm **FILMS**

‘Love At First Sight’ (PG) (2010) a short Comedy/Romance (12 mins).

‘While You Were Sleeping’ (PG) (1995) Comedy/Romance (1h 43m).

3.30pm – 5.30pm **FILM ‘Four Weddings and A Funeral’** (15) (1994) Comedy/Romance (1h 57m) **chosen, with a short introduction, by The Reverend Canon Howard Stoker, Rector St. Andrew’s Holt**

6.30pm In conversation **Sarah Mitchell** (author) followed by book signing and film introduction.

7.30pm – 10.00pm **FILM Cinema Paradiso** (PG) (1988) Drama/Romance (2hrs 35 m) foreign film with subtitles, **chosen by Sarah Mitchell**

SUNDAY 18TH FEBRUARY

10.00am – 1.00pm **FILM ‘The English Patient’** (15) (1996) Romance/War (2h 42m)

2.00pm in conversation **Jenni Keer and Clare Hollingworth** (authors) followed by book signing and film introduction.

3.00pm - 5.00pm **FILM ‘A Room With A View’** (PG) (1985) Romance/Thriller (1h 57m) **chosen by Jenni Keer and Clare Hollingworth**

6.00pm – 7.30pm **FILM ‘Brief Encounter’** (PG) (1945) Romance/Thriller (1h 26m) **chosen with an introduction by Rachel Hore**

Tickets on sale now at **The Holt Bookshop**, Lion House Court. sales@holtbookshop.co.uk;

Tel: 01263 –715858. All profits to go to Holt Community Centre charity, and The Community Café.