

THE GLAVEN VALLEY NEWSLETTER



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January 2022

Blakeney Players Present

Christmas 2021

Puss in Boots

SUPPER SHOW
Saturday 8th January
£30 per ticket. 6 for 6:30pm
Max 8 tickets per booking

TICKETS Adult £10 Child £4

at
**BLAKENEY
VILLAGE HALL**

Curtain 8pm
Licensed Bar from 7:15pm

Thursday 6th Jan

(With free glass of wine)

Sunday 9th Jan

(Matinee show 3pm start)

Tuesday 11th Jan

Thursday 13th Jan

NEW BOX OFFICE

From 2nd December
10am - 4pm weekdays

Blakeney Garage
Coast Road, Blakeney

Tel: 07704 220204

*Please do not use Blakeney
Garage landline no.*



www.blakeneyplayers.com

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

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

Treasurer's Report

Happy New Year to you all.

If you're still looking for a New Year's resolution to make – how about one to support GVN this year – last year we made a loss as we didn't run our normal appeal, although we're grateful that around 160 people did send us a donation and help keep our losses low.

Donations can be made by

- Cash or cheque to the Treasurer, Stonebridge House, Bridgefoot Lane, Wiveton, Holt NR25 7TP (cheques payable to Glaven Valley Newsletter)
- Online transfer or setting up a standing order to us (Sort Code 30-94-34 Account 00897099)
- or using the form below and sending it to your bank to set a standing order up

Martin Tyler

Treasurer, Glaven Valley Newsletter

Standing Order Mandate

To	The Manager	
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	And continue until cancelled by me in writing	
Signature		
Date		

YOUR COMMUNITY NEEDS YOU!

PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCY

Blakeney Parish Council currently has a vacancy for a member of the public to become a Parish Councillor.

Being a Parish Councillor is very rewarding. If you feel that you would like to get involved in making decisions about your local community, local issues and make a significant contribution to the area in which you live or work, then this is the position for you!

If you are interested in your local environment, local transport, amenities, planning, affordable housing for local people, community events, the beautiful area in which we live and much more besides and want to make a difference then please apply!!

- Do Councillors need special skills? NO! What you need to be a Councillor is
- Time – To care for your Community – A willingness to represent others – A desire to make a difference – Willing to attend meetings – Sound knowledge & understanding of local affairs, whilst remembering that we are governed by Local Government Legislation.
- You must be aged 18 years and over, eligible to vote in the parish and not be disqualified by virtue of the 1972 Act Local Government Act or any other enactment, or you must have worked within 3 miles of the parish boundary during the previous 12 months.
- The Parish Council will fill the vacancy by co-option at its meeting on **Tuesday 1st March 2022**

The Clerk will be happy to provide you with more information and answer any questions. *You can make a difference – Ten other members do every month.....*

CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS: 5pm on Friday 18th February 2022

Application forms can be obtained from Tracey Bayfield, Clerk to Blakeney Parish Council
The Parish Office, Langham Road,
Blakeney, Nr HOLT, Norfolk
NR25 7PG

Or by; Tel/Fax: (01263) 741106 - Email:- clerk@blakeneyparishcouncil.org.uk
www.blakeneyparishcouncil.org.uk

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

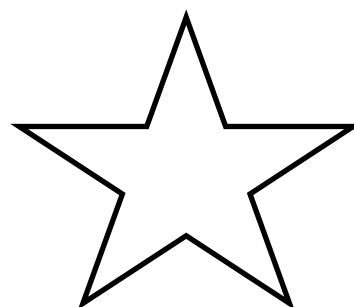
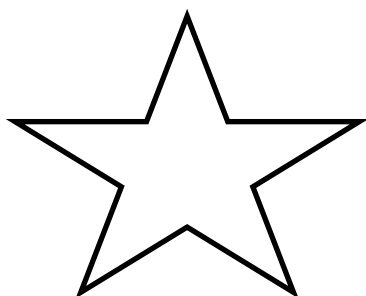
Each month a small army of people voluntarily give generously of their time to help get the GVN to your letter boxes and to the churches throughout the Valley. Over 50 people are involved each month with the editing, printing, collating, assembly, stapling and distribution of around 1500 copies of the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

*Happy and a Healthy New Year 2022 to
all our readers...*



BLAKENEY PARISH COUNCIL

VACANCY

Seasonal part time position of **CARNSER CAR PARK ATTENDANT X 2**

FOR THE PERIOD

Friday 1st April 2022 to 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,
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Tel: 01263 741106 or Email: clerk@blakeneyparishcouncil.org.uk

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

Blakeney

Coastal Rowing Association of Blakeney

There are three or four outings a week from your local rowing club's winter base at Barton Turf. Sometimes two expeditions occur in one day and this shows the growing popularity of getting back on the water after a difficult year. The Broads holiday traffic has largely disappeared leaving *Bluejacket* to share the water with fishermen and wildlife. The weather has been mostly kind to the "Crabber" crews so far and this has made for some excellent photographs which can be viewed on crablakeney.wordpress.com. Rowing to How Hill or Wayford Bridge is a real pleasure and any outing is even better in the crisp, winter sunshine. Well timed refreshment stops also aid the enjoyment.

The Carrow Cup Race took place on Saturday 4th December. The morning was bright but cold, just right to enable the *Bluejacket* crew to complete the course in just under half an hour and finish top of class. It was a commendable return to full competitive rowing.

Hoi Larntan, the club's other skiff, is currently being prepared for next season at the Bayfield Brecks workshop. Many thanks to all Crabbers who have towed, cleaned and/or painted. The boat will look splendid when it once again takes to the water.

As the festive season begins, why not get in touch with the club to try skiff rowing for yourselves? There is no obligation to compete. 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.

Hope to see you soon. Treat yourself in 2022 by becoming involved in a great winter activity.

*Best wishes to everyone.
Barry Howes*

Blakeney Channel Coastal Community Team - B3CT

Happy New Year

Hopefully all of us will be able in 2022 to get on with our lives in a more normal manner than has been possible in the past 2 years.... this so applies to our project!

Exhibitions and your interest

Thanks to all of you that attended our exhibition at the Village Hall 30/10 and then at Blakeney Garage 11 & 12/12 (many thanks to them) and to those that filled in our questionnaire on our design for New Cut. Also, our appreciation to the BHA (more thanks) who have hosted our plans on their website in the B3CT area there – this will remain an important

communication point in the months to come.

An initial review of the responses we have received has been hugely positive to our plans. Thank you. The most encouragingly aspects have been: the recognition of the importance to the village of this project, then offers of help – financially and in person. We will follow up on these – they will be vital if we are to succeed.

We will provide a more detailed analysis of the questionnaires in the next edition of the GVN.

Our plan for 2022

All being well, as a committee, we can meet early January to review all the feedback we have received on our design. We have tried, as much as we can with Covid19 restrictions, to communicate our design plans and invite feedback on these. We will remain open to comment at all times in the future as the project develops. This is available at:

info.b3ct@gmail.com

[We will also update you here at the GVN, on our page at BHA, and via Blakeney Parish Council.](#)
[Hopefully after our B3CT meeting early Jan we can move forward to detailed discussions with the relevant stakeholders and regulators. So, we hope to provide more news soon.](#)

Don Glaister

DMN

Gardening & Maintenance

- Grass Cutting
- Hedge Cutting
- General garden maintenance

For more information,
please contact:

07943 258828

Latest News from the Friends of Blakeney Church

Since the sell-out success of our Valentine's Day Cabaret in 2020 in Blakeney Church, planned events have been almost completely curtailed by Covid restrictions, but we are ready if allowed, to hold a second Valentine Cabaret in two months' time on Friday 18th February 2022. Do make a note in your diary and keep an eye on the GVN and church website for latest details.

Despite the Covid challenges we have been able to support several concerts in church which have delighted audiences, demonstrating both the talent of local musicians and the quality of the Grand Piano donated to the Church through the Friends fundraising several years ago. This Autumn we managed to shoehorn in two very well supported and popular events; the now annual Friends Quiz and an illustrated talk by Tom and Stephanie Green about the year they spent with their new-born baby on Cape Clear Island, in Ireland, before the island had electricity, running water; an experience which some fifty years later led to the publication of their book, Echoes from Cape Clear.

Working closely with the Blakeney Church Council and mindful of the fact that our church is a major attraction for visitors to the area, we continue to help finance and support essential maintenance and infrastructure projects building on past successes such as the installation of the church tower mobile telephone 'mast', improved church heating, and equipment to enable the filming and internet transmission of services, weddings and funerals to those unable to attend the church in person.

We welcome 2022 with optimism, thankful to the community for continued support in difficult times and planning in hope for a repeat of the popular Valentine Cabaret in February and an eagerly anticipated presentation on May 6th by Blakeney film writer director, Barney Broom about the fascinating history of Hollywood.

Tom Green

Blakeney Conservation Duck Pond

I would like to say a big thank you to Deborah Reed for the very kind donation to Blakeney Conservation Duck Pond to help feed the ducks this winter. Deborah has raised money throughout the year and has kindly chosen to give to the duck pond this year, it is very much appreciated.

Also, Penny Reed, who ran the Tombola at the Craft Fair on 21st November and chose the duck pond to give the money raised to, a fantastic £200.66!

*Thank you both very much.
Hilary Glossop*

Blakeney Cley & District Royal British Legion and The Harbour Room

Planning for 2022 activities continues at a pace at the Harbour Room. Our December committee meeting (with a satisfying number of new faces around the table meaning new ideas and energies!) signed off the principle of a package of refurbishment together with kitchen upgrade measures. We don't know whether we will get planning permission for the much more easily managed and cheaper to operate Food Truck to be positioned on the former bowling green, but we are hopeful. Otherwise, there is a plan B! – either way there will be a full food service 7 days a week from the Harbour Room.

In the meantime, we haven't been idle. There was a Carol singing event and visit by Santa in December – thanks to everybody who helped out on that. And we've had some very popular Folk Club afternoons and evenings plus the return of one or two band nights. We managed to get the bar open at weekends which is quite an achievement in itself right now. It's great to see people back here.

The big news for January is our Burns' Supper on 22 January 2022. The full works. – feasting, toasting, dancing and - well you know the rest. Three courses produced by Carl at £19.95. Tickets from Jacquie on 07557 056958. Or see our website. It should be (it will be) really good fun!

On the 14 January at 7.00pm in The Harbour Room we launch our 2022 Wheelyboat Timetable and get down into the detail of training programmes and volunteer availability. So, this is quite an important evening. The roles that we already have people interested in (but with a full timetable we need more), are administration, skipper, crew, meeting & greeting and bookings.

On the same evening we will give you an update on the availability of our Community Room which has been delayed by some unexpected damp, as well as our Creative Writing Programme, addressing loneliness and isolation and our Respite Break & Away Day Programme.

We would be very grateful for any help in booking events for 2022 – this is a paid role, with hours to suite.

And if anybody is looking for any part-time or full-time hospitality work, either now or later in the Summer, please do get in touch.

Finally, we are sad to say that Gary, our manager for many years, has decided to hang up his dancing shoes and beer mug. We all thank him for everything that he has done and wish him the best for the future.

Carl Johnson (chef extraordinaire) has taken on the management role. Thanks Carl and we wish you the very best of luck.

It was 20 years ago that we set about raising the £1/2m or so needed to rebuild the Harbour Room. And in those 20 years, at a time when the needs of the Services community have changed dramatically and hospitality venues are closing, we

are very pleased that we have a strong and willing Committee who have devised a business plan so we can be relevant in supporting both the Armed forces and our local community far into the future.

Carl and the team of both paid and volunteer staff look forward to welcoming you all in the coming months

Tom Harrison

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 Primary School Library Project

A quick update on this project. Progress due to covid has been slow but things are moving along. Planning has been submitted to NNDC and we are pleased to say that the plans have been approved. We are now in the process of putting the project out to tender and applying for further funding in the form of grants.

We would like to thank the Langley Charitable Foundation (The Langley Family) for their support because without it this project would not be possible. We would also like to thank all of the residents and local groups who have supported us with donations to the project. We have raised over £90,000 which is incredible for a small village School.

Blakeney Primary School is an incredible setting with the most amazing teachers. My children were lucky enough to attend and it is because of the support and guidance they received, particularly from Mr Tattam, that I continue to work hard to push this project forward for the school, the pupils and the future of the village.

I will continue to update the community on progress of the school library as things develop over the next six months.

If anyone would like to join the library committee or be involved or help in anyway, even if to offer ideas and advice please contact the school office or myself.

Best wishes for 2022 from Richenda Thompson and the library committee

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!

Sophie Archer JP was awarded an MBE for “services to the Administration of Justice” in last year’s Birthday Honours and on 16th November went to Windsor Castle for the investiture which was performed by HRH Prince William.





Extracts from the meeting of **Blakeney Parish Council** which was held on **Tuesday 7th December 2021** in **The Scout Hut**.

Chairman's Announcements

Many thanks to all the volunteers and Council members that put on this years 'End of Season Bonfire & Fireworks' event, which was a huge success. We raised in the region of £3,500.

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

PF/21/2909 – *Proposal; Installation of dormer window to facilitate conversion of part of roof space to habitable accommodation; reconstruction of existing dormer window; replacement of front bay windows; replacement of existing flat roof on rear extension with pitched roof at, Church Way, Saxlingham Road, Blakeney. Resolved* - No objection.

PF/21/3036 – *Proposal; Change of use from delicatessen (Class use E (a) to mixed use as delicatessen and hot food takeaway (sui generis) at, 30 High Street, Blakeney. Resolved* – Support.

PF/21/3073 – *Proposal; Demolition of existing single storey dwelling and erection of two storey detached dwelling with detached garage and single storey detached dwelling at, 43 New Road, Blakeney. Resolved* – Object; due to overdevelopment of the site, impact upon other services, i.e., water/sewerage and concerns that this is detrimental to our 'Dark Skies policy', due to the amount of glazing within the development.

PF/21/3185 – *Proposal; Single storey side extension to dwelling at, 32 Langham Road, Blakeney. Resolved* – No objection.

FINANCE

Resolved that the **Accounts** totalling £12,864.06 are paid.

Resolved to budget to undertake the full inspection of the **Zip Wires** once every two years as per the recommendation from Online Playgrounds, (formerly known as Fenland Leisure) which undertook the repair work in February 2021 and to ask them to quote for all of our inspection work.

Resolved to accept the recommendation from the Finance & Governance Committee, and to request a **Precept** figure of £43,000 for **2022/23** from NNDC, which is the same sum as the current financial year.

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

Rosemary Thew gave an update on the recent **NNDC Parish & Town Council Forum** meeting – There is a Councillor 'call for action' to review the impact of second homes, due to get underway shortly. NNDC have consulted on a housing strategy. The NNDC Local Plan, goes for Reg 19 consultation on 10th January 2022. The Planning 'White Paper' is paused for the time being. NNDC have appointed outreach workers to offer community advice and they have set up a household support fund to encourage people to apply for benefits.

COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS –

The following question has been received from Cllr Jane Armstrong.

To consider, in view of the high level of parishioner interest in the topic, making the Traffic Matters Working Group a subcommittee with meetings open to the public and agendas and minutes published on the website.

A = The Chairman of the Traffic Matters Working Group had already replied ahead of the agenda preparation as had the Clerk. Each Cllr had been in receipt of the responses, which are repeated here for you.

I note your comments below but I feel as the Chair of the Traffic Matters Working Group, I should remind you that we, as a working group, have not yet finished our deliberations so it should remain as a working group. I must also remind you that some issues from that working group have already been considered at a full BPC meeting and have therefore been actioned and are already in the public domain. A further date for a meeting will be arranged as soon as it is convenient to do so.

The Clerk had also replied; A Working Group is not at all the same as a committee and there is no published agenda or minutes, we have notes for our own purposes only. Hence the Working Group cannot become a subcommittee.

BPC can consider the correct/intended question when tabled.

CORRESPONDENCE

Resolved that Rosemary Thew, Nigel Sutcliffe & Jane Armstrong are happy to negotiate the agreement between the **Blakeney Village Hall Trust and BPC** ahead the renewal date of 1st May 2022 and that we now wait to hear back from the BVHT after their next meeting.

Resolved that following the request from Cllr. Jane Armstrong; *To consider setting dates for all meetings* of all of the Parish Council Committees and Charitable Trusts for the forthcoming year that we stay as we are, i.e., other than the full council meetings, all other meetings are called on and as and when needed basis.

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

PF/20/0614 – APPEAL - Galley Hill House, Langham Road, Blakeney – Granted by The Planning Inspectorate.

PF/21/1135 – Hope Cottage, 60 High Street, Blakeney – Granted

PF/21/2318 – 5 Queens Close, Blakeney – Granted

RV/21/1450 – Land West of Poppyland, Plot 2, Back Lane, Blakeney – Granted

PF/21/0390 – The Wells, 3 The Pastures, Blakeney – Refused

PF/21/1511 & LA/21/1512 – 39 High Street, Blakeney – Granted

PF/21/2778 – Point View, Saxlingham 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 11th January 2022, which means the time has cometh, to wish each and every one, A very Happy & Healthy New Year!

Below are a few other items which will be of interest...

Dear Parish & Town Council Clerks,

Please see the below message from the **North Norfolk District Council Combined Enforcement Team:**

Suspected planning control breaches are often reported by Town and Parish Councils to the Planning Enforcement team and we recognise the help we get from you in dealing with these issues. A new web-based reporting portal has been introduced

to make reporting easier and to make sure we capture all the relevant information so we can decide on how we deal with public enquiries and report back. Given this, we ask that all new enquiries are made using the web pages. We would also appreciate if you could make your local communities aware of it as well. The new pages can be found at [Home | Planning Enforcement \(north-norfolk.gov.uk\)](http://Home | Planning Enforcement (north-norfolk.gov.uk)).

If there are urgent matters – such as possible unlawful works to protected buildings, trees or hedges you can still contact our customer services team on 01263 513811. If you have any questions about this new system, please e mail combined.enforcement@north-norfolk.gov.uk.

Innovation Resilience Fund Brief - Reclaim the Rain – Blakeney???

Dear Councillors,

I am writing to inform you of Defra's six year-long Innovation Resilience Fund Programme, which Suffolk County Council and Norfolk County Council were successful in winning £6.4 million as a joint bid. Suffolk and Norfolk's bid is one of 25 successful projects, with the aim to implement innovative flood resilience. Coastal Partnership East were also successful in their bid and are another of the 25 selected areas. The ultimate aim of this work is to provide evidence to Defra that can be used to improve the effectiveness of funding to protect properties from the damage flooding can do.

Our project, "**Reclaim the Rain**" is of great importance to both counties, as Norfolk and Suffolk both face considerable local flood risk, as well as water resource scarcity being the driest, most water stressed region in the UK. The national partnership funding calculator which allocates funding for traditional flood risk management projects currently favours large coastal and fluvial protection schemes for substantial urban settlements. This leaves smaller, rural communities with relatively low numbers of homes at risk of surface water flooding, such as those typically found across Suffolk and Norfolk, struggling to source national funding. The changing climate and future growth will exacerbate vulnerability to future flood risk and water security.

Reclaim the Rain aims to promote and improve resilience to both flooding and drought in at least six small rural communities across both counties (three in Suffolk and three in Norfolk), with the aim to deliver a partnership approach to holistic water management that reuses surface water runoff by agriculture, industry, communities and the environment with nature-based solutions to reduce flood risk and support the local community's water resource needs whilst enhancing the local environment. The Project Team (comprising of staff based within Suffolk and Norfolk County Councils) are in the process of developing the communications messages that will be used to promote this work and engage communities.

The **Reclaim the Rain** project uses a co-creation approach that involves both partner organisations and the community in the development of suitable community-focused schemes. The schemes will address the community's needs in terms of flood risk and water resource requirements. **In the weeks before Christmas the Project Team will commence our**

communications plan, which involves reaching out to targeted parishes in both Norfolk and Suffolk. In Norfolk this list of targeted communities totals 36 parishes. The settlements selected for initial engagement were chosen based on their vulnerability to surface water flooding, water resource needs, rurality, and likelihood of attracting funding outside of this project.

The 36 shortlisted parishes are: North Walsham, Sheringham, Harleston, Feltwell, Hemsby, Long Stratton, Spixworth, Mattishall, Horsford, Burnham Market, Acle, Kenninghall, Newton Flotman, Gayton, Necton, Mileham, Hempnall, Ditchingham, East Harling, **Blakeney**, Woodton, Upwell, South Creake, Saxlingham Nethergate, Winfarthing, Weybourne, Pulham St Mary, Surlingham, Yaxham, Filby, Fleggburgh, North Creake, Frettenham, Foulden, Blofield Heath and Pulham Market

From this initial community engagement, we will be able to determine the suitability of sites and the potential to deliver holistic water management. This will enable us to identify and ultimately focus on at least three communities in each county, where the projects will be developed into a Business Case with support from partners. **At this stage, should you have any information that is relevant to this project or that you want to make us aware of, we are keen to seek your valued input.**

Once communities and their catchments have been selected, the scheme would seek to:

Reduce flood risk to the community using catchment based Natural Flood Management and retrofitting SuDS or other similar appropriate measures;

Reuse surface water runoff through the installation of water capture and reuse measures for use by agriculture, industry, or the local community facilities to improve water security;

Engage closely with local communities to benefit from their local knowledge, rebuild trust in Risk Management Authorities and to initiate changing a communities' perspective to flood risk management;

Maximise additional multi-purpose benefits for the environment and society, and;

Provide evidence of the effectiveness and cost of holistic water management projects in rural towns and villages through ongoing monitoring.

So, Blakeney is one of the Parishes under consideration for funding to cope with surface water flood risk and water scarcity. We will receive more details directly, but in the meantime, do we have any businesses or groups particularly affected by surface flooding or have a particular water need? If so, then please do get in touch.

SCOPE CHARITY CLOTHES BANK –

We all know that the clothes banks located in the village hall car park on Langham Road, are very well used, and that they are emptied regularly, usually weekly. However, **when they are full, please do not leave your bags of donated items sitting by the banks** as your donation is then diminished. Any bags of clothes left, even if they are in pristine condition, will then go for 'rags', as they will be wet, soiled and thus

contaminated, even if you have left the bags tied up, others open them, even here in good old Blakeney! SCOPE are not able to launder these items, and so they do not reach the shops for resale, what a shame... So please take them home and check again next time you are passing. If you wish to help and make a difference, then please do recycle responsibly. Thank you!

John Oxenford – It wasn't until the 16th November that I managed to read the superb and funny article in the Glaven Valley News, entitled 'Living in North Norfolk', and my, it did make me chuckle. I would have called John and congratulated and thanked him for the joy it brought, but of course, I was sadly too late, having then heard that he had passed away just a few days before. A lovely gent, and twinkle in his eye, he always managed to make me smile. God bless John.

(Tracey Bayfield – Clerk to Blakeney Parish Council)

We're working in partnership with Anglian Water to help make sure our community are aware of the support they can receive if they're customers of Anglian Water.



The **Priority Services Register (PSR)** offers additional practical support such as providing extra help in the event of a water incident, adding a password to your account to provide an extra layer of protection against bogus and knock & wait, which gives you a little more time to get to the door.

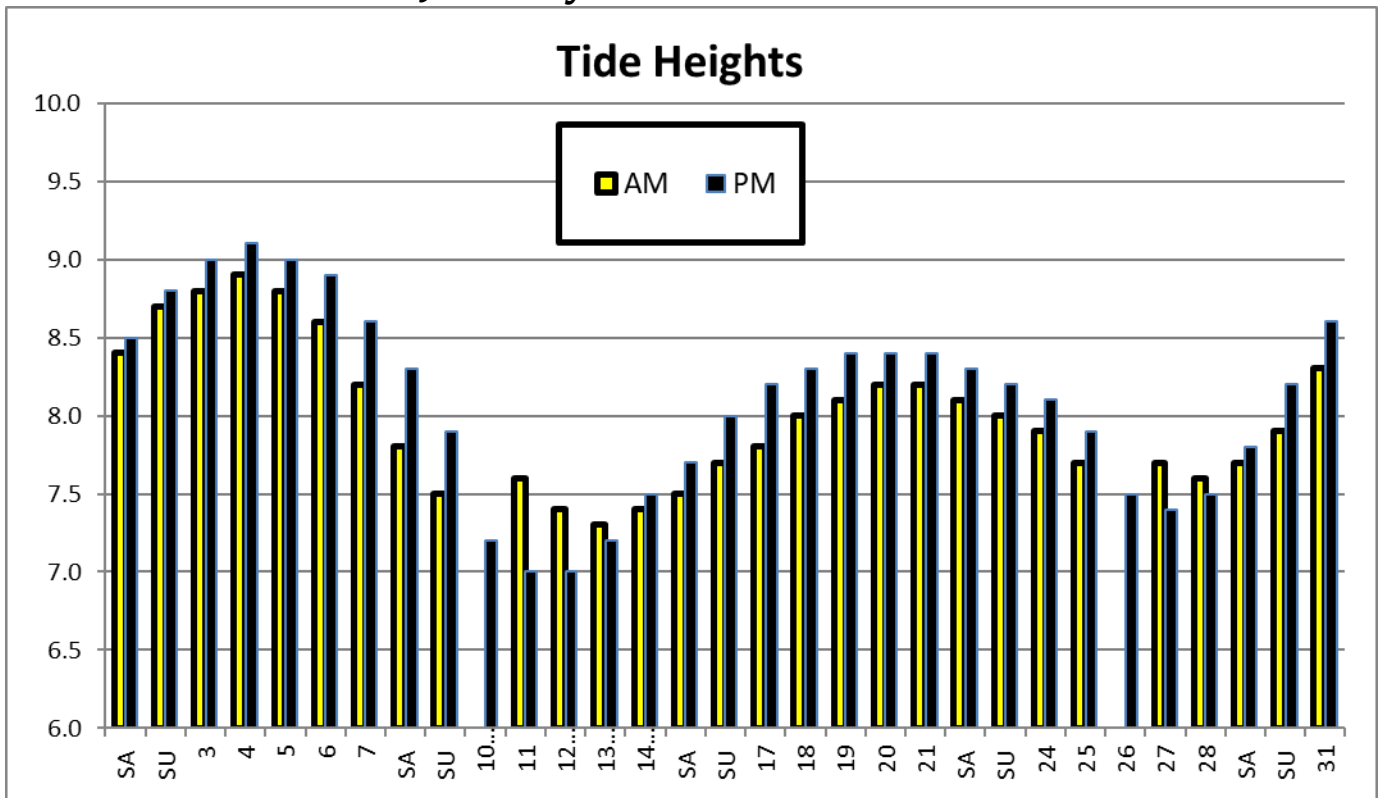
Like many people at the moment, if you're finding paying bills a challenge, Anglian Water offer a wide range of **financial assistance** that may be able to help you. This includes discounted tariffs, assistance schemes if you've fallen behind with your payments, as well as flexible and affordable payment plans to suit you.

You can find out more about the support available by visiting anglianwater.co.uk/WaterCare, scanning the QR code or calling their specially trained Priority Services team on 0800 232 1951.

Blakeney Parish Council



January 2022 - Tide Details



Tide Times

	AM	PM		AM	PM
Sat 01 January	04:54	17:24			
Sun 02 January	05:50	18:13			
Mon 03 January	06:45	19:00	Mon 17 January	06:19	18:33
Tue 04 January	07:37	19:46	Tue 18 January	06:59	19:10
Wed 05 January	08:27	20:31	Wed 19 January	07:38	19:45
Thu 06 January	09:15	21:16	Thu 20 January	08:16	20:19
Fri 07 January	10:02	22:01	Fri 21 January	08:53	20:53
Sat 08 January	10:50	22:48	Sat 22 January	09:31	21:28
Sun 09 January	11:42	23:40	Sun 23 January	10:10	22:08
Mon 10 January		12:39	Mon 24 January	10:52	22:53
Tue 11 January	00:41	13:41	Tue 25 January	11:39	23:44
Wed 12 January	01:51	14:42	Wed 26 January		12:35
Thu 13 January	02:58	15:40	Thu 27 January	00:44	13:45
Fri 14 January	03:58	16:30	Fri 28 January	02:02	15:03
Sat 15 January	04:50	17:15	Sat 29 January	03:33	16:10
Sun 16 January	05:37	17:55	Sun 30 January	04:45	17:08
			Mon 31 January	05:47	18:00

By Martin Tyler



Thoughts from the Rectory for January 2022

Dear Friends,

As I write, Brenda and I are coming towards the end of our isolation period after having picked up Covid. It's not quite been the way I'd have chosen to spend the middle couple of weeks of December, with all the business and activity of Christmas! But you can't plan these things!

Actually, it's been a mixture of pros and cons. It's obviously been a pain to be restricted to the house and not to be allowed out. It's meant more work has fallen on others. And of course, it's not great to be feeling under the weather! (Interesting experience to lose your sense of smell and taste, by the way, but it helps you to value them!)

But the enforced quarantine has also had its upsides. Funnily enough, it's brought my Advent (the season of waiting and preparing for Christmas) into sharper focus in some ways. The withdrawal forced has given me a bit more time for reading, reflection and prayer.

I've also been more grateful than ever for Zoom and Skype (not to mention the good old telephone!) We've all appreciated these during the pandemic generally, but especially in this period of being grounded, they've been a boon, and meant that work and communication haven't ground to a halt.

But the real joy has been the kindness of people. We've been so touched by people checking up on our welfare, bringing food and flowers round to the rectory, offering help, and so on. We always knew these villages are special, and we've had it reinforced yet again.

Here we are at the start of another new year. And the kindness of neighbours and friends has made me reflect a little on that too. New Year is of course a favourite time for making resolutions. Often, I suppose, we make resolutions that revolve around ourselves: what can I do this year to make myself healthier or more efficient or more fulfilled? But what about broadening that out?

I see that 15th January is the "Random Acts of Kindness Day" for 2021. (Who decides these things, by the way, and how do you establish a date?)

How would I go about establishing a National Handstand Day, or an International Smile Day?! Anyway, the Random

Acts of Kindness Day is a brilliant idea, but why just one day in the year? If we all made a new year resolution to make every day a Random Act of Kindness Day, we'd all be smiling!

Have a wonderful January, and I hope the new year will bring all sorts of unexpected joys, for you and those around you.

God bless, Richard

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:

The following funeral services were held in December in the Benefice:

Margery Gray – Blakeney Church, Thurs 9th.

John Oxenford – Blakeney Church, Fri 10th.

Services were also held elsewhere for Joan Fuller, Stuart McLean, and Allan Cawsey, all of whom lived locally.

A Celebration Service for Jim Woodhouse was held at Cley Church on Saturday 4th.

St Peter's Catholic Church

Back Lane, Blakeney, NR25 7NP

Mass Sunday - 11am

Wednesday - 9.30am

Holyday of Obligation 9.30am

www.catholicparishofwalsingham.org



JANUARY 2022 SERVICE SCHEDULE

SUNDAY 2nd	<i>Christmas 2</i>	
11.00	Benefice Communion (CW) [& streamed]	Blakeney
4.00	Taizé Service	Cley
Wed 5th	Holy Communion (BCP) 10.00am	Cley
SUNDAY 9th	<i>Epiphany 1 / Baptism of Christ</i>	
9.30	Praise & Worship	Blakeney
11.15	Holy Communion (BCP)	Glandford
6.00	Service of Meditation	Wiveton
SUNDAY 16th	<i>Epiphany 2</i>	
9.30	Celtic HC [& live-streamed]	Blakeney
9.30	Morning Prayer (CW)	Letheringsett
11.15	Café Church	Cley
6.30	Evensong (BCP)	Wiveton
Wed 19th	Holy Communion (BCP) 10.00am	Cley
SUNDAY 23rd	<i>Epiphany 3</i> [Week of Prayer for Christian Unity]	
8.00	Holy Communion (BCP)	Cley
9.30	Holy Communion (CW) [& live-streamed]	Blakeney
11.15	Family Service (All-Age)	Wiveton
3.30	United Service [& live-streamed]	Blakeney
SUNDAY 30th	<i>Epiphany 4</i>	
11.00	Benefice Communion [& live-streamed]	Blakeney
6.30	Glaven Sings Gospel	Blakeney

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

Cley

Cley Village Hall News

The Christmas Fair

I cannot recall Decembers in Cley without the traditional Cley Village Hall Christmas Fair, but of course last year we had just that. How lovely then to welcome the market back with its great variety of stalls and offers, the pop-up café with home baked goods, and the traditional raffle.

There was a steady stream of visitors enjoying the fair.

To everyone who supported this event a heartfelt thank you, nearly £1000 were raised.

Village hall heating

With floor classes like Pilates and yoga becoming a fixture in the hall's calendar, on top of a number of lecture meetings, all of which profit from background noise free heating, the committee is looking into upgrading the antiquated heating system in the hall and bringing it into the 21st century. This will be a lengthy process requiring research, care and thought, so no quick fixes here!

For any further information about village hall matters, news, events, classes etc. please visit our website www.cleyvillagehall.org.uk

A very Happy Christmas and best wishes for 2022!

G.E.

Christmas Fair Café

We would like to thank everyone who helped with the café at the Cley Christmas Fair.

Whether you baked, washed up, cleared tables, made tea or served at the counter it made for an enjoyable and profitable day.

We couldn't have done it without you!! Thanks again,

Ann & Kaye

The Glaven Valley Art Society is the local branch of The Art Society – which has over 380 local societies like ours, bringing together people who have a curiosity and passion for the arts.

We have 9 lectures a year at Cley Village Hall (which are also available on zoom) and hold Study Days and Visits during the year. Membership is £45 per year and lectures this year commenced with Caravaggio – the Master of Light and Shadow and then delved into Mad Men and the Arts – How the Advertising Industry has Exploited Fine Art – and we have Dale Chihuly and the American Glass Art Movement as

Future WI Meetings

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

- 6 Jan** **Suffragettes & Suffragists of Norfolk**
who they were, including the 1st Lady Mayor of Norwich
- 3 Feb** **Kantha Quilting**
quilts made from Bangladesh and West Bengal from recycled cotton saris
- 3 Mar** **Cley Harbour Regeneration Project**
The resurrection of the harbour since 2015

*Visitors Welcome - £5
(Includes afternoon tea)*

Further information from 01263 740225

well as One Westminster, 6 Royal Palaces to look forward to, amongst others.

We have over 240 members but have room for more. Please find us at theartssocietyglavenvalley.org.uk and check out the main Arts Society Website at theartssociety.org. And call Jo Guise Membership Secretary on 01263 823449 if you need more information.

Mandy Allen

Cley Parish Council's Chairman's Report December 2021

We hope you all had a wonderful holiday season and wish you all the very best for a happy and healthy New Year.

I would like to thank all our extremely able councillors and clerk for the huge amount of work they have done for the parish in the last year. A great deal of thought and effort goes on behind the scenes and I am hugely grateful to each and everyone.

The Parish Council does have plenty of money left from our Covid grant for hardship support: we are able to provide supermarket vouchers. If anyone would like more information, please contact the clerk on clerk.cley@gmail.com or 01263513269.

Openreach need to do upgrade works in the High Street which will close the road for a week. However, the works will be mostly down one side of the road so some access to businesses will be maintained. HGVs will be diverted inland. Obviously, this closure has the potential to cause some access

Thursday at Three

(Half an hour of relaxing music in the afternoon
at Cley church)

Flute (Wyatt Earp) Piano (Angela Dugdale)

Thursday January 6th: English music

Thursday January 13th: French Music

Thursday January 20th: German Music

Thursday January 27th: Words & Music on Water
with Narrator (Paul Hands)

Please be aware that there may be changes to these programmes if there are any further social restrictions introduced as a result of the covid pandemic.

Wyatt Earp

headaches, but we have worked with Openreach and Norfolk County Council to find a date which will cause the least disruption to the majority of our parishioners: we think this is the week before the February half term though we understand this may not suit everyone.

Does anyone 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.

We are going to look for disused footpaths within the parish as part of the ‘Don’t Lose your Way’ project led by the Ramblers in response to the proposed cut-off date of 2026 for the recording of historic rights of way. If there is good evidence of footpaths – for example on old maps – they can be added to what will become the Definitive Map.

We discussed the parish land on Hilltop. The excellent Management Plan, initially kindly written by Leo Batten, is due for a refresh and to that end we will form a Working Group composed of councillors and residents, first meeting in January.

We still want a loo on the beach for the summer season and have a meeting with Norfolk Wildlife trust to discuss in January.

We were thrilled to receive a grant from the North Norfolk District Council Sustainable Community Fund for the electric vehicle charging points at the village hall. This is affirmation that this is a worthwhile project. Unfortunately, it wasn’t quite as much as we’d hoped and we are still £8000 short of the original estimate, so we will need to work out how to close that gap. We also need to check the estimate as construction costs have increased so much recently.

The Queen’s Jubilee picnic on June 2nd on Newgate green from 2-5pm is taking shape with food, drink and entertainment. More details to come.

We decided to use the parish boundary as the basis for our targeted Neighbourhood Plan, and have notified NNDC. 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.

I hope you’re finding our new planning webpage, www.cleyipc.info/planning_helpful. The Directors of Planning at NNDC have agreed to attend our February PC meeting so come along if you have any questions about planning matters in the parish.

The next meeting is Thursday, January 14th at 6.30pm in the Village Hall. The agenda will be published on the Notice Board and on the website www.cleyipc.info. We may switch to zoom if the Covid situation deteriorates, so pls check with the clerk or on the website beforehand.

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
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07557054629



I hope you’ve all had a wonderful holiday season and will have a healthy and happy New Year.

Thank you to everyone who helped at our stall at the Village Hall Christmas Market. We had a tremendous selection of goodies and it was great to see friends old and new. We are so grateful for all the support the Friends receive during the year: with your help we are able to keep the church open and put surplus funds towards much needed restoration.

Our ‘Music in the Afternoons’ is growing in popularity. Every Thursday at Three, Wyatt and his musical accompanists deliver half an hour of delightful music, which is the most wonderful way to relax and enjoy our beautiful church. It’s free unless you care to give a donation, which is of course much appreciated. Do come along, and bring your dog, as Wyatt’s music also seems to appeal to our pets. Wyatt and his group will be taking a break from December 9th to January 6th, with the caveat that we may have to reschedule at the last minute. Please check the ‘What’s On’ tab on the benefice website for the most up to date information, www.glavenvalleychurches.org.uk.

We have decided to postpone the Reindeer Trail till later in the spring. Watch out for more details.

Our schedule is slightly uncertain just at the moment given we don't quite know how this fourth wave of Covid will affect us. We're hoping that in February 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. We'll keep you posted as to the date.

Hopefully, Charlie Ward will be telling us Tales from a Barge Skipper in the Easter holidays, 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 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

Wiveton

Update on Fundraising for the Restoration of Wiveton Church

As many of you will know, two years ago a large medieval roof timber collapsed on to the altar of St Mary's Church, Wiveton and the Church had to be closed for several months for investigations. These showed that the whole of the chancel roof (the eastern part of the church) needs repairing urgently in addition to other extensive repairs which are also required. The total costs of carrying out these pressing repairs is in excess of £280,000. Temporary roof repairs allowed us to reopen the church for now but, unless the roof is rebuilt by the end of 2022, it will have to be closed again. Various fundraising initiatives have been pursued by the PCC and The Friends of Wiveton Church.

On the 25th November 2021, thanks to the amazing generosity of Sandy and Bernie, the owners of the Wiveton Bell, and sponsors Butcher Andrews, solicitors, the Friends

of Wiveton Church held a wonderful charity dinner in the marquee in the garden of the Bell. This dinner was organised for the purpose of raising funds for the restoration of the Church. It was a sell-out evening, with a waiting list but we were able to fit in 100 guests, the majority of the attendees being from Wiveton. Everyone agreed that it was a tremendous evening and that the food and service was outstanding. Well done the Wiveton Bell and their fantastic staff.

Charles Bingham-Newland expertly conducted an auction of 9 Lots, generously donated by local benefactors. Other fundraising activities took place during the course of the evening, including a raffle and Lucky Envelopes. Again, fantastic prizes were generously donated. Over £9,000 was raised during the evening.

The Friends also launched a Crowdfunder appeal in November, presented by Desmond MacCarthy and Emma Bridgewater, and kindly filmed by Barney Broom, which at the time of writing, and including offline donations, has raised in excess of £18,500. We continue to be amazed by the generosity of so many people who love the church.

Thanks to the PCC making successful applications to various Grant Making Trusts, including Norfolk Churches Trust, the fundraising activities of The Friends and the wonderful support of many local benefactors, we are now within touching distance of being able to afford the most urgent works, namely the repairs to the Chancel roof. Further fundraising events are planned in 2022, including an organ recital on 4th March 2022 on the lovely Holdich organ in the Church by the ever-popular Edmund Aldhouse and two concerts being arranged by Music in Country Churches on 26th and 27th July in Cley Church, for the benefit of Wiveton Church. An application to Heritage Lottery Fund is also well advanced.

So, we approach the New Year with growing optimism that the essential repairs will be carried out and our beloved church preserved for future generations. Thank you to everyone involved for your generosity and support in these difficult times.

Charles Killin, Treasurer

Wiveton Church 200 Club

I am delighted to report that Jim Crossley won 1st Prize in December's 200 Club Draw. The 1st prize stands at £60.

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

Dates for your diary:

Back by popular demand!

On **Friday, 4th March** Edmund Aldhouse, renowned organist from Ely Cathedral, is returning to give an organ Recital. (Time to be confirmed). This event was hugely popular last time Edmund came and we are very excited to welcome him back.

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.

*Anthea de Loynes
Chair of Friends of Wiveton Church*

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Chimes of Freedom

Far between sundown's finish and midnight's broken toll
We ducked inside the doorway, as thunder went crashing
As majestic bells of bolts struck shadows in the sounds
Seeming to be the chimes of freedom flashing
Flashing for the warriors whose strength is not to fight
Flashing for the refugees on the unarmed road of flight
And for each and' every underdog soldier in the night
An' we gazed upon the chimes of freedom flashing

Through the city's melted furnace, unexpectedly we watched
With faces hidden as the walls were tightening
As the echo of the wedding bells before the blowing rain
Dissolved into the bells of the lightning
Tolling for the rebel, tolling for the rake
Tolling for the luckless, the abandoned an' forsak'ed
Tolling for the outcast, burning constantly at stake
An' we gazed upon the chimes of freedom flashing

Through the mad mystic hammering of the wild ripping hail
The sky cracked its palms in naked wonder
That the ringing of the church bells blew far into the breeze
Leaving only bells of lightning and its thunder
Striking for the gentle, striking for the kind
Striking for the guardians and protectors of the mind
And the poet and the painter far behind his rightful time
And we gazed upon the chimes of freedom flashing

In the wild cathedral evening the rain unravelled tales
For the disrobed faceless forms of no position
Tolling for the tongues with no place to bring their thoughts
All down in taken-for-granted situations
Tolling for the deaf and blind, tolling for the mute
For the mistreated, mateless mother, the mistitled prostitute
For the misdemeanor outlaw, chained and cheated by pursuit
And we gazed upon the chimes of freedom flashing

Even though a cloud's white curtain in a far-off corner flared
And the hypnotic splattered mist was slowly lifting
Electric light still struck like arrows, fired but for the ones
Condemned to drift or else be kept from drifting
Tolling for the searching ones, on their speechless, seeking trail

For the lonesome-hearted lovers with too personal a tale
And for each unharmed, gentle soul misplaced inside a jail
And we gazed upon the chimes of freedom flashing

Starry-eyed ad' laughing as I recall when we were caught
Trapped by no track of hours for they hanged suspended

As we listened one last time and we watched with one last look

Spellbound and swallowed 'til the tolling ended
Tolling for the aching ones whose wounds cannot be nursed
For the countless confused, accused, misused, strung-out ones and worse

And for every hung-up person in the whole wide universe
And we gazed upon the chimes of freedom flashing

Bob Dylan (Nobel Laureate)

January Sudoku: Easy

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Fill the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the numbers 1 to 9

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Fill the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the numbers 1 to 9

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Glandford

There is no news from Glandford this month

Letheringsett

There is no news from Letheringsett this month

Community News

Winter hardship support from Norfolk County Council, NNDC and other community organisations

Norfolk County Council has been allocated £6.69 million to alleviate winter hardship. This Household Support Fund will be part spent by NCC and part allocated to local councils. NNDC's share is £128,800 (based on number of Universal Credit claimants).

Please find details here for the Norfolk Winter Support (Household Support Fund) from NNDC.

<https://www.north-norfolk.gov.uk/tasks/benefits/household-support-fund/>

Any parishioner who needs support can also contact the NNDC Help Hub via 01263516353

or social.prescribing@north-norfolk.gov.uk

NNDC's support officer is Sonia.shuter@north-norfolk.gov.uk

Norfolk Community Foundation have set up a fund so that frontline voluntary, community and social enterprise organisations can deliver winter aid in the form of £50 vouchers for groceries and household essentials. <https://www.norfolkfoundation.com/funding-support/grants/groups/norfolk-household-support-fund/>

Norfolk Libraries will be offering free hygiene and warm and well packs from 21st December.

There is also much more support available, such as help with fuel payments or free 'school' meals during the holidays through Norfolk County

Council, www.norfolk.gov.uk/wintersupport or 03448008020.

Age UK Norfolk will also take referrals for fuel support, advice@ageuknorfolk.org.uk. 03005001217.

As will Norfolk Citizens Advice, 08001448848.

*Dr Victoria Holliday
Elected Member, Coastal Ward
07557054629*

Letters & Articles

THANK YOU!

This is a big, loving thank you to everyone in the Glaven Valley who wrote such warm and comforting messages to me when Jim died.

They poured hope and courage into me, greatly needed for the weeks and months ahead. Re-reading them lifts me up and keeps me going, more than you could imagine.

And thank you to everyone in the Glaven Valley who came to Jim's Celebration Service in Cley church. It was glorious for me to see your faces and to feel you there.

The sound of everyone laughing, of two babies chirping happily at the back of the church during the Address and everyone singing the Alleluia Chorus at the end was perfect! If you were unable to be there but would like to listen to the service, Frederic Landes, with immense kindness and care, recorded it. He has put it up on U-tube. Search:

'**Jim Woodhouse Celebration Service**'. There are also a few spare Service Sheets (which include the words of the hymns – two were written by Jim.)

Nothing sung is entirely audible in the recording in that great, echoing space, so please tell me if you would like a Service Sheet to have alongside the video?

Thank you for weaving yourselves so deeply into Jim's life and keeping that great smile on his face!

With love, Sarah

Blakeney Craft Fairs

During the year 2021, 3 ladies organised Craft Fairs monthly in Blakeney Village Hall, finishing with a spectacular Christmas Fair in November. Much effort and hard work goes into advertising and preparing the hall. They have stalls of their own which is a task in itself, money is made from selling tables to other crafters. All stalls of high-quality goods, something for everyone.

The three ladies decided to donate the money to charity, one of which I was given £300 towards our local Cat Neutering program - Wow! fantastic, I sell flowers and shrubs for Edgefield Nurseries at the fairs, Gary gives me 20%

commission on what I sell, plus a dear friend ran a stall at the Craft Fair and donated all her profit to the program, gifts were sold too in total came to £378. Blakeney Duck Pond also benefitted from a large donation.

Thank you to the organizers of the Blakeney Craft Fair I'm sure other Charities will be chosen for 2022, dates to follow. It's a 2-day event Saturday and Sunday 10-4 pm monthly with refreshments served.

J.P.

Freecycle in the Glaven Valley

If you have recently moved, or are having a clear-out or - maybe – have something that is too good to take to the tip, but the charity shops don't want it – now's the chance to find it a new home! All that's involved is to simply send a note/message to Lorraine with a brief description of the item and a phone number and/or e-mail address. Hopefully you will be contacted by someone who could use your item, and arrangements can then be made to collect or deliver. (Lorraine's contact details are on page 4).



Find us at:
2c/2d Shirehall Plain, Holt, NR25 6HT
Open Monday to Saturday
10am to 5pm, and
Sundays - 11 am til 3pm
from Easter to Christmas only



Blakeney Antiques & Collectors Fair

Blakeney Village Hall,
Langham Road, Blakeney

Every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month,
10am to 4pm

A small and friendly fair with 24 individual dealers offering a wide range of antiques and collectables.

Free parking and café on site.

For further information
Please visit our Facebook page
facebook.com/BlakeneyFair
or call Mandy Allen – 07876 254173

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Food from the Pews by Mary Norwak **A Passion for Ginger**

There are many versions of ginger cake and biscuit, because this has been a much-loved spice for centuries in Britain, but one of the best is a ginger shortbread with ginger icing. I was reminded about this concoction the other day by someone who remembers my teaching the recipe to an evening class of WI members. I used to have about a dozen of them in the kitchen at the Old Hall where we had to juggle baking tins between the Aga and three electric ovens. The best pupil of all was a man, because he just did what he was told with excellent results. Many of the ladies said "I don't do it that way" and tried to cut corners or not beat something long enough, but somehow good results were usually achieved. Their favourite lesson was on souffles, especially when I introduced them to Grand Marnier souffles which had to be eaten instantly. In memory of those days, and because I like it so much, here is my Ginger Shortbread.

12 oz (350g) plain wholemeal flour
4 oz (100g) light muscovado sugar
6 oz (150g) block margarine
2 oz (50g) finely chopped stem ginger

Icing:

3 oz (75g) block margarine
6 oz (150g) light muscovado sugar
1 teaspoon ground ginger

Sift flour and sugar together. Melt margarine and pour into the bowl. Add the ginger and mix well. Press into a lightly greased 11 x 7ins (27.5 x 17.5 cms) tin. Bake at 350F/180C/Gas 4 for 30 minutes until just firm.

For the icing, melt the margarine, sugar and ginger in a small pan. Bring to the boil but do not stir. Boil until the mixture leaves the sides of the pan. Take off the heat and beat until the mixture thickens and loses its shine. Pour over the warm shortbread and spread evenly. Cool and cut into squares or fingers.

**The Blakeney Cley & District Royal British Legion
Branch & Club
The Harbour Room
High Street
Blakeney NR25 7NU**



Invite you to our

BURNS' NIGHT CELEBRATIONS

on

22 JANUARY 2022 AT 7.30 for 8.00PM

**Join us for a traditional Burns' night supper; addressing the Haggis,
speeches, toasting, singing, and dancing to celebrate Burns' Night in style.**

It promises to be a wonderful evening!

WHAT'S ON INFORMATION
GLAVEN SINGS
GOSPEL



is BACK!
Sunday January 30 at 6.30pm
St Nicholas' Church
Blakeney
Everyone Welcome!

**Why not enjoy January and February with
The Arts Society Glaven Valley?**

As well as our regular monthly lectures (18 Jan 'The Art of State Ceremonial Music'; 15 Feb 'The Healing Power of Plants'):

From the comfort of your armchair, enjoy live virtual tours to a Venetian Palazzo (25 Jan), and to the stunning Dylan Lewis Sculpture Park outside Stellenbosch, South Africa (1 Feb).

Or travel the legendary Silk Roads westwards from ancient China, with world expert lecturer and curator Dr Susan Whitfield - our first live Study Day for two years (8 Feb).

All events are open to non-members; for details see our website,

www.theartsocietyglavenvalley.org or phone

our Secretary, Christine Haverty, on 01263 740459, or Jo Guise Membership Secretary on 01263 823449

**Blakeney Area
Historical Society**

Tuesday 25th January 2:30pm

Cley Village Hall & Zoom

Two Short Talks By Members

Captain Fox: From Cley to New Zealand

Pam Peake

Rudolph Ackermann to Gerald Ackerman

Richard Jefferson

Tuesday 22nd February 2:30pm

Cley Village Hall & Zoom

Octavia Hill, Co-Founder of the National Trust

Rob Knee

Free Entry to both meetings

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

Further Information & Updates

www.bahs.uk

Friends of St Nicholas' Church Blakeney

Valentine Cabaret



Friday 18th February 2022 - 7.30 for 8.00

Returning by popular request

Esther Platten and Friends

to help banish the blues of winter with a lively evening of beautiful music in St Nicholas Church

Tickets - £15- including a light supper.

Wine and soft drinks available

Covid rules and safety allowing, tickets will available from 15th January via the church office in Blakeney Church or via Eventbrite when shown on the church website <https://glavenvalleychurches.org.uk/>

Organised by the Friends Charity 297272 in aid of Church Projects

BLAKENEY PARISH COUNCIL COMMUNITY FUND

**Calling all local Community Groups
Don't miss out!**

**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.

**All applications must be received by
Friday 18th February 2022**

Applications will be considered at the March 2022 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!

For more information contact Tracey the Parish Clerk;
email: clerk@blakeneyparishcouncil.org.uk
Tel: 01263 741106