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views expressed by correspondents.**

Treasurer's Report

Happy New Year to all our readers.

If you're still looking for a New Year's Resolution for 2023 how about setting up a small monthly standing order to the Glaven Valley Newsletter using the form below. We appreciate that current times are difficult, but our costs are rising and although at the time of writing we don't yet know our final financial position for 2022, the odds are we will have run at a loss.

Donations can be made by:

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

*Many thanks for your support
Martin Tyler
Treasurer, Glaven Valley Newsletter*

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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 27th January 2023**

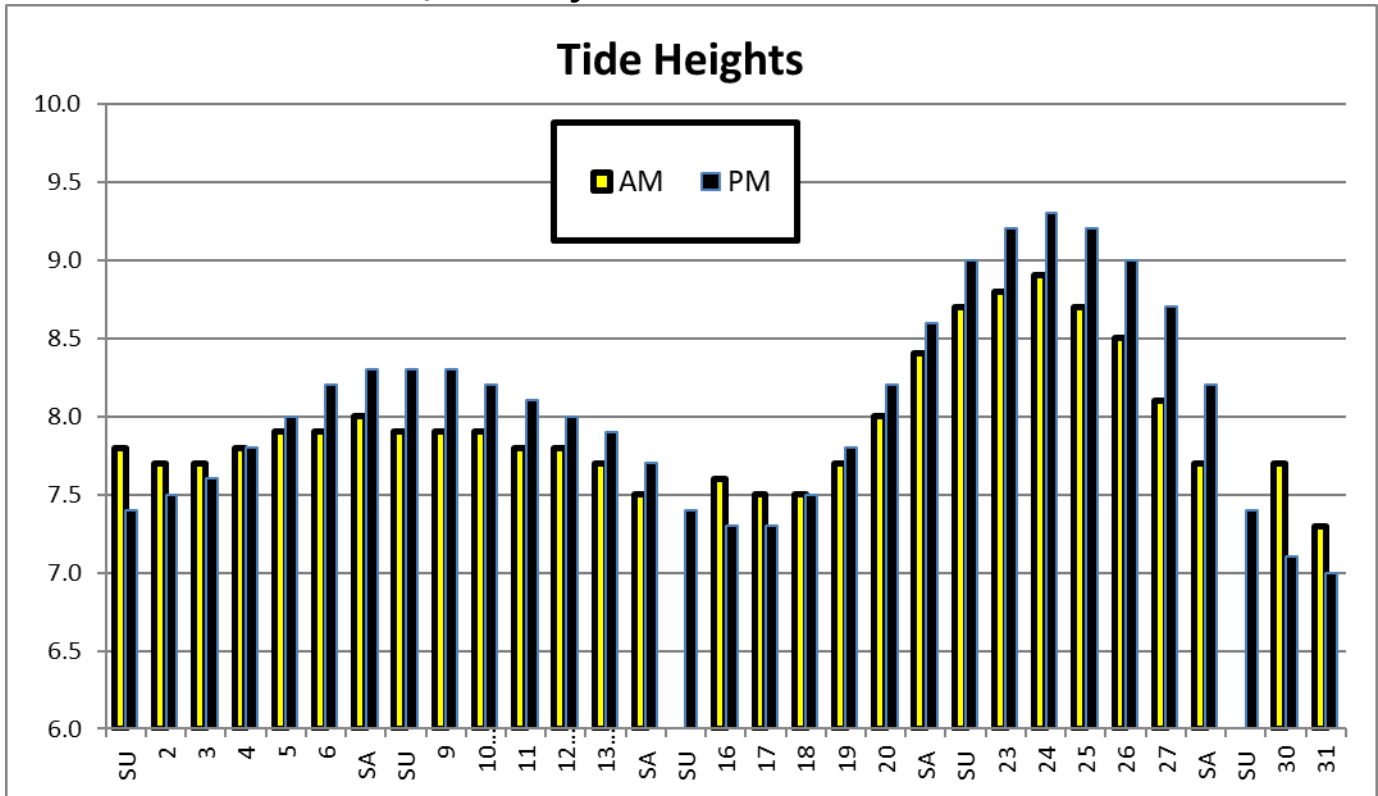
Applications will be considered at the February 2023 Parish Council Meeting and the funds are then presented to the groups at the Annual Parish Meeting, in the Village Hall on the evening of Thursday 16th March 2023.

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

January 2023 - Tide Details



Tide Times

	AM	PM		AM	PM
Sun 01 January	01:30	14:29			
Mon 02 January	02:37	15:28	Mon 16 January	00:11	13:06
Tue 03 January	03:39	16:20	Tue 17 January	01:12	14:19
Wed 04 January	04:35	17:07	Wed 18 January	02:32	15:32
Thu 05 January	05:25	17:49	Thu 19 January	03:55	16:33
Fri 06 January	06:12	18:28	Fri 20 January	05:02	17:26
Sat 07 January	06:54	19:04	Sat 21 January	06:00	18:16
Sun 08 January	07:32	19:38	Sun 22 January	06:55	19:03
Mon 09 January	08:08	20:11	Mon 23 January	07:45	19:49
Tue 10 January	08:43	20:44	Tue 24 January	08:33	20:34
Wed 11 January	09:18	20:57	Wed 25 January	09:18	21:17
Thu 12 January	09:54	21:52	Thu 26 January	10:02	22:02
Fri 13 January	10:33	22:32	Fri 27 January	10:46	22:48
Sat 14 January	11:17	23:18	Sat 28 January	11:33	23:38
Sun 15 January		12:06	Sun 29 January		12:26
			Mon 30 January	00:36	13:32
			Tue 31 January	01:51	14:42

Friends of St Nicholas' Church Blakeney

Cabaret

Returning by popular request

**Esther Platten with Alice Platten - BBC
Chorister of the year finalist and Guests**

Helping to banish the blues of winter with an evening of
lively and beautiful music in St Nicholas' Church

Friday 24th February 2023 - 7.30 for 8.00

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Tickets - £15- to include arrival drink and a light supper

Wine and soft drinks available

**Tickets Bookable by phone from 15th January from
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To be paid for at the door by Cash or Card

Organised by the Friends Charity 297272 in aid of Church Projects

Blakeney

Happy New Year's Resolution

Please come and play
BADMINTON
at Blakeney Village Hall

Every Monday 6pm - 8pm
£3.50

First time free - rackets
available.

All levels welcome.

The Glaven Centre

Here at The Glaven Centre we have had a fun-filled and busy time leading up to Christmas. The Slow Theatre Company came and put on a fabulous morning of storytelling and songs, which were jolly and uplifting. Caroline is a regular visitor who brings her two beautiful cockapoos in for cuddles and we are lucky to have a number of very talented piano players and singers who lift our spirits with their musical talents. We have also had many successful fundraising events including coffee mornings, Christmas card sales designed by local artists and Blakeney Primary school pupils who exhibited their competition pictures here at The Glaven. We were serenaded at our Love Holt event by Wyatt Earp playing the flute which was an absolute joy. Several new clients have joined us and have been spreading the word to their friends. One person described us as a lifeline for them.

At the time of writing this we are all looking forward to celebrating Christmas and wish you all a very happy and healthy New Year in 2023.

News from the Methodist Church

Hello everyone,

I start by wishing you all a Happy New Year!!

In Methodism we celebrate two new years', the first being the calendar New Year and the second being the Connexional New Year which begins in September. Both times are good

opportunities to pause, reflect on what has passed and what is yet to come. At one of these two points, Methodist Churches will hold a special service called a Covenant Service, where we refresh and renew our relationship with God. We use a Covenant Prayer, the words of which are lovely and well worth looking up in full, one of my favourite parts is 'let me be full, let me be empty, let me have all things, let me have nothing' - it is a meaningful affirmation that most of us find quite tough to say and really mean it as it sits right at the heart of our relationship with God. However, it remains (for me) a good and important way to start a new year, acknowledging that the next twelve months may be smooth sailing or that we may encounter things unforeseen along the way, but that love walks beside us always and in all things.

So, that said, if you'd like to come and join us on Sunday 8th January for our Covenant Service you are very welcome to - it is a lovely occasion to get together. You don't have to be a Methodist (and coming along to a covenant service won't 'sign you up' to anything either!)

A reminder that our Foodbank donation point is open at the following times;

Thursdays 10am-11am
Sundays 9.30am - 11.30am

Our weekly Sunday services for January are as follows;
Sunday 1st January 10am - Cafe Service
Sunday 8th January 10am - Covenant Service
Sunday 15th January 10am - Celtic style service
Sunday 22nd January 10am - Cafe Church
Sunday 29th January 10.30am - Big Sunday (Circuit Service)

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

You are always very welcome to come and join us at the Chapel. If you would like to talk to someone about coming, please give me a call on 07725 077810. We're a really friendly bunch and enjoy drinking coffee, eating, worshipping and laughing together :-)

Love and blessings
Sam Parfitt

**HAPPY NEW
YEAR 2023!!**

BLAKENEY HARBOUR ROOM EVENTS

Saturday January 21st - THOSE DEADBEAT CATS

Wild and fun Rock'n'roll! Loosely based on rockabilly, this three-piece band have no respect for musical genres and play songs from the fifties to modern day, mixing elements of pop, rock, ska, blues, punk, jazz, country and surf!

Come and dance those winter blues away for only £5.00 on the door.

FOLK CLUB (Free)

Sunday 8th January 3 - 6pm

Come and listen, come and perform all welcome
What's Folk? A musical message, a story, simple musicality.

Traditional tunes and songs, self-penned performances, folk fusions, comedy, a Capella, poetry.

Sunday 29th January 7 - 10pm

OPEN STAGE IN THE HARBOUR ROOM

Increasingly popular event for all. Bands, duets and solo performers have the opportunity to take to the stage and perform with the help of a professional sound engineer. Or just perform from the floor.

Singers, players and listeners all welcome.

OPEN MIC NIGHT

Thursday January 12th 7.00pm Top Bar (Free)

Our goal for Open Mic night is to provide an outlet primarily for musicians in the community to come together and perform in public.

We want to see all levels of performers, from novice to expert, to sharpen their skills in front of an audience who are keen to listen to your talent.

Sound equipment is provided, but please bring your own instrument. A quality electric piano is available for all to use.

It's always a busy and fun evening that concludes with a bit of a 'jam' session!

Contact: george_crawley@hotmail.com or 07990 970882 for more details.

QUIZ NIGHT

Thursday 26th January

Bring a team along or come a join an existing one!

Coastal Rowing Association of Blakeney

Club rowers who have been lucky enough to participate in Broads outings so far this winter have been treated to some beautiful weather with sun glinting on the clear water. As expected, there has been some disruption as a result of seasonal ice but, so far, this has been minimal. See the club website at crablakeney.wordpress.com for words and photographs showing the fun of seasonal rowing. Of particular note on the website is the long row to The Lion at Thurne, well worth the sixteen-mile row there and back as the pub lunch was excellent.

Although many rows are for fun and exercise, there is room to enjoy competition also. Soon Broads rowers will be competing for The Robin Combe Trophy; this is an engraved hip flask to be won by the crew achieving the fastest time between Wayford Bridge and the turning to Cox's Boatyard. Watch out for more news about this.

The Carrow Cup event in Norwich, on 3rd December 2022, was the most recent race and it had everything. The Blakeney crew finished third in the St Ayles section after some hard rowing and overtaking. Determined strokes caused a broken thole pin, disabling one oar, but the pin was replaced within seconds. The crew powered on to achieve a creditable time. Very exciting!

Already there are discussions and plans to participate in many events in 2023. Amongst these are La Semaine du Golfe du Morbihan, an enormous gathering of oared craft in Brittany, between 15th and 21st May and the spectacular Vogalonga procession in Venice on 27th and 28th May. Closer to home, the club's Broads Tour will take place between 26th and 30th June. These are some excellent prospects!

2022 was a year in which many new members were welcomed to your local rowing club. If you want to know more about the club's activities, or try skiff rowing for yourselves, contact Humphrey at hborgnis@icloud.com. Beginners and returning rowers are always welcome. Coaching and helpful advice will be available. There is no obligation to compete. Come along for a gentle and sociable row. Remember, you can keep up with the club's activities on Instagram, on Facebook and on the club's website at crablakeney.wordpress.com.

Happy New Year to everyone!

Barry Howes.

St, Nicholas Community Support scheme

The St. Nicholas Community Support team would like to thank all the people who have given so generously to support Blakeney church's initiative. This is to help people in the 5 villages of the Glaven Valley who may be experiencing difficulties with the current financial situation.

These villages are; Blakeney, Cley, Glandford, Letheringsett and Wiveton.

Other local people in need, with strong ties to this area have also been supported.

Spar vouchers have been delivered to households in April of this year and also between September and December.

Children at Blakeney Primary School have also received a gift.

We will continue to support people with Spar Vouchers, starting again in January and continuing into 2023.

We would be extremely grateful for any donations to add to those made by Blakeney Church, to continue with this work.

Please contact malcolmjardine@icloud.com if you would like to help or have any questions about the scheme.

Alison Jewell (on behalf of the St. Nicholas Community Support Team).

Happy
New
Year

Blakeney Harbour Association – Reflections on 2022

The Trustees of Blakeney Harbour Association would like to thank the volunteers and members who have supported the Charity throughout 2022.

Willing volunteers have continued to make regular inspections of channel markers around the Harbour, both on foot and from the water and our regular drone surveys have helped to track the movement of channels over the season. In addition, this year we were grateful to Sail the Wash and Jamie Hemming from the Port of Wisbech Harbour Authority for arranging a hydrographic survey of the Harbour entrance.

All of these have helped to inform our buoyage team who have made a number of enhancements to the placement of buoys, from Cley Channel to the outer harbour. Further improvements are planned for next season. We have also replaced the lights on most of the lit inner harbour markers as part of an upgrade programme and at the end of the season, recovered the Fairway Buoy for servicing.

As a result of this ongoing effort, we were delighted when Trinity House's Inspector of Seamarks concluded from his annual visit that our buoys were in 'good and efficient order'.

Elsewhere, good progress was made on clearing abandoned boats and we continue to liaise with the National Trust on what is likely to be a growing problem.

Through the long winter months, we are planning navigation work for next season, recruiting new Trustees and thinking hard about events to get members together again. Having thanked Jim Temple and Charlie Ward for their enormous contributions to the BHA earlier this year, Trustees would now also like to express their gratitude to Greg Cooper who is standing down as Treasurer and retiring from the Trustee Board at the end of the year. Greg has served the Charity diligently for over 5 years and with the help of Helen Ward, has kept our finances in extremely good order. Andrew Ruff takes over as Treasurer.

As always, please visit our website at <https://blakeneyharbourassociation.co.uk> for updates on our activities, bags of useful information for users of the Harbour and details of how to become a member of BHA.

*Mike Mirams, Trustee
BHA*



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Glaven Valley

Bereavement Support Group

will meet on Monday 9th January

and then every second Monday of the
month

at Merchants House, Blakeney

4.00pm to 5.30pm.

Anyone who has suffered bereavement
is very welcome.

Refreshments at 3.50pm

Low-key Long-term Tenant

**Local person looking
for rental property *with
a view* in the Glaven
Valley.**

**40-year-old female,
sole occupant, seeks
rural living in beauty,
comfort and peace.
Family in Blakeney.**

**Please get in touch with
any interest or leads!**

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Alison Courtney BScHon Ac

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alisoncourtney3@gmail.com www.alisoncourtney.com

**Member of the Acupuncture society
Holt Holistic Centre 10 Station Road Holt**

BLAKENEY FILM NIGHT

"Mrs Harris Goes to Paris" (PG)

**Friday 20th January
£5 on the door**

A radiant performance from Lesley Manville playing a widowed cleaner in 1950s London. When she chances upon a client's glittering haute couture gown, the unlikely dream of owning one herself propels Ada Harris all the way across the Channel... where Dior has no idea what's about to hit it!

Beautifully produced with a sense of humour and a great supporting cast (Jason Isaacs, Isabelle Huppert, Anna Chancellor, Freddie Fox), it offers a warm & witty delight from start to finish so let Mrs Harris steal your heart on a chilly January evening.

Doors open at 6.30 for a 7pm start
Bar/Refreshments

All profits for BVH refurbishment
www.blakeneyvillagehall.org.uk

Blakeney Village Hall Energy Crisis

Like all domestic users and businesses, Blakeney Village Hall is facing a serious predicament because of soaring electricity charges which have increased from: -

Day Rate – 15.707p to 97.682p/kwh.
Night Rate – 10.707p to 50.392p/kwh.

It has been estimated that if we use the same amount of electricity as last year the yearly bill (excluding quarterly charges) will increase from £3,024 to £15,966. This is likely to be an underestimate and the calculated charges based on smart meter readings for the week 2nd to 9th December came to £421.90 and for the 6 days to 15th December came to £624.34.

We have, as yet, seen no sign of the indicated help to businesses from the government.

The committee are reluctant to put up hire charges but may have to consider a short- term winter surcharge to those hirers who can afford it.

In the summer the Committee commissioned a free Energy Efficiency Audit which suggested we retrofit the Hall and consider installing solar panels (already under consideration at the time). In the longer term, therefore, we have 3 options to consider and seek to fund

1. Reinsulate the loft to a depth of 300mm (currently only 100mm) at a cost of approximately £6,000

2. Replace the old inefficient night storage heaters with modern more efficient ones (or some other alternative currently being explored) at a cost of approximately £11,000

3. Install solar panels to the south and east facing roof. We have been advised that we could have an array of about 90 panels which would produce an estimated 35,000kwh, much of which, we have been advised we could sell to the grid through a Power Purchase Agreement at a rate of some 23p/kwh. We have done some figures that suggest that by using some of the energy to cut the daytime consumption and exporting some 30,000kwh could generate savings/income of some £9,000. This is very much a guesstimate and may well be optimistic but indicates that there is potential to offset the dramatically increased bills. We are at present seeking tenders from 3 installers and the cost is likely to be in the region of £40,000

The Village Hall, of course, does not have the money to fund these projects, apart perhaps from the loft insulation. We will be seeking grants to help with the costs but are uncertain as to whether we will achieve 100% grant funding and need therefore to come up with other ways of raising money.

*Richard Baughan, Secretary
Blakeney Village Hall*

BLAKENEY PARISH COUNCIL -
www.blakeneyparishcouncil.org.uk



FUNDING OPPORTUNITY!!!! Blakeney Parish Council Community Fund 2023 – 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 happily email you a form, or you can call into the Parish Office and collect or download from our website. **All applications must be received by Friday 27th January 2023.** (See application form and poster for full details.)

JOB VACANCY X 2

Seasonal Part time positions available.
For the period: Saturday 1st April 2023 to 31st October 2023.

£13.00 per hour – Average 7 hours per day, on a 4- or 5-day rota.

For further details please see our website or Facebook page, for a full application pack, please contact the Parish Clerk. (Contact details at the bottom of this report.)

Closing date for application is Friday 10th February 2023
Interviews to be held week commencing 20th February

And the good news continues; Just a reminder, that we still have money left in our Community Covid Support Fund from the grant we received, and so if you or someone you know needs financial/hardship support right now, then please contact the Parish Clerk. Your enquiry will be dealt with in the strictest of confidence. Please do get in touch. (Call 01263 741106 or email: clerk@blakeneyparishcouncil.org.uk)

Local Government Elections – 4th May 2023 – We are fast approaching the next round of elections for North Norfolk District Council and Blakeney Parish Council, the 4-year cycle comes around quickly! So, if you or someone you know, is interested in standing for either the District Council or our Parish Council, then do keep an eye out for further information in the coming months. This process requires all existing Parish Councillors who wish to continue in the role, and other persons who wish to serve as a Parish Councillor, to submit nomination paperwork in the nomination period of late March/early April next year and, where the number of nominations received exceed the number of Parish Councillors to serve on the Council, then a contested election will be held. This would be at the same time as the elections to North Norfolk District Council – i.e., Thursday 4th May 2023. If you are keen to find out more about being a Parish Councillor, then by all means, contact the Parish Clerk for an informal chat.

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 Parish Council Meeting...

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

PF/22/2547 & LA/22/2548 – *Proposal; External & Internal alterations, including insertion of new window in reduced opening on south elevation and replacement of north facing timber sash windows. Reinstatement of west elevation window and replacement flat roof incorporating flat roof light at, 16 Westgate Street, Blakeney. Resolved* - No objection, subject

to NNDC Conservation & Design team being happy with the windows.

PF/22/2708 – *Proposal; Extensions to front, side and rear of dwelling; alterations to front and rear dormers; changes to external materials; first floor balcony to rear; detached domestic outbuilding (garden room) at, Sandpipers, 3 Kingsway, Blakeney. Resolved* - No objection.

Proposal; That permission be granted by the Parish Council in favour of a partial closure of the footpath (FP11) directly in front of 4 Mariners Hill, Blakeney and The Friary, Mariners Hill, for a period not exceeding 4 months commencing from January 1st 2023, to be completed by Easter 2023, to necessitate the movement of building materials to 4 Mariners Hill. A diversion of the footpath will afford access to the top of Mariners Hill across Parish Council owned land and links to an established footpath leading from the Harbour alongside The Guildhall. Resolved – No objection.

Proposal; Demolition of existing single storey rear extension and first floor stair access, and construction of a new first floor and single storey extension to form a habitable room on part of the original building footprint. The application also includes for replacing existing windows with energy efficient fittings and insertion of a window to the garage at, The Wells, 3 The Pastures, Blakeney. Resolved – No objection.

Members noted the recommendation of use of Visible Light Transmission Glass (VLT) in future planning applications, in the context of our **Dark Skies Policy** and *resolved* that NNDC be asked to look into this further.

FINANCE

Accounts totalling £12,167.23 are to be paid.

Clerk/RFO Report – Brief update on the figures to date.

Planning permission is required for the creation of the disabled access ramp on the **Scout Hut** – the Scout Group will submit a retrospective application.

NCC **Highways** have confirmed that Back Lane and Westgate Street should have received more surface preparation before the surface dressing was carried out in the summer. These ‘gaps’ will be filled and rectified as soon as possible.

The end of season **Bonfire & Fireworks Event** made a profit of £3,282, which is ploughed back into the community. (Noting that the fireworks are accounted for under a separate budget heading.)

We have instructed to undertake the work for the **Rain eroded Gulley** on The Carnser Car Park.

We have instructed for the work to commence on the **Village Hall Car Park** repairs.

With huge price rises in **Electricity** for all of us, we have placed contracts with different electricity companies in order to serve our needs at the different premises we are responsible for; Parish Office, Carnser Car Park and Street Lighting.

Norfolk County Council **Parish Partnership Schemes;**

- i) **Village Gateways** – Langham Road, Morston Road, Cley Road, Saxlingham Road, Wiveton Road – to receive & consider costings. Apply to Parish Partnership Fund for entire scheme and await the outcome.
- ii) **Bournes Corner Parking** – costings received and we will not be proceeding with this application.
- iii) **Langham Road Trod** (*Cllr Jane Armstrong*) – *To reconsider* whether to go ahead with the proposed trod on the east side of Langham Road (at an anticipated cost of £10k to Blakeney Parish Council plus £10k to Norfolk County Council) bearing in mind that there have been some developments since the decision to apply for this project was taken in November 2021. In particular:
 - a) this length of verge is now easy to walk on without any further work;
 - b) if the expected residential development to the south of Kingsway goes ahead it is likely that around a third of the trod will be removed and replaced by new access road and pavement;
 - c) in the current financial circumstances, I would suggest the project does not offer good value for the £20k of public money.

It was agreed that this **application is to be withdrawn, and the work will not proceed** – we will receive most of our 50% contribution back.

Reports from Representatives on Other Committees/Groups which have met recently if applicable and any decision taken this evening;

- **BPC & N/T Working Group** – *Resolved* 2023 Tariff; All charges to remain as they are, other than the cost of a Season Ticket, which will increase from £50 to £100.
- **Events Committee** – *Resolved* to grant a budget of £2,000 to the Events Committee, in order to commemorate the ‘Coronation of King Charles III’ in May 2023 with permission to undertake a local event.
- **Dinghy Park Management Committee** – Verbal update given, as per their minutes.
- **Blakeney Village Hall Trust** – Verbal update given, as per their minutes.
- **Community Speedwatch** – *Resolved* to enter dialogue with the Langham group (which Rosemary and Nigel are part of) and see if they would visit Blakeney also. If successful, then

the co-ordinator has to agree with the police, the sites where speedwatch might operate in the village.

CORRESPONDENCE –

Resolved to adopt the *Civility & Respect Pledge* for the Local Council sector.

We shall now cancel this project/scheme, as time has moved on, and we no longer feel the need for this, as we did during the height of the Covid pandemic, i.e.: **Live Car Park Full Sign** in relation to The Carnser which was to be erected near the Westgate Street/Langham Road crossroads, as part of a successful NCC Parish Partnership funding application. After much consideration we feel that we are not able to take any further action with regard **Coronation Lane**.

The **Glaven Valley Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan** – public consultation runs til 20th January 2023 and will therefore be placed on our January agenda.

A meeting with **Holt Medical Practice** & our MP Duncan Baker will be attended by Rosemary Thew, Nigel Sutcliffe & Edward Hackford on 8th December at 12 noon via Zoom.

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

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

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Jenny Girling – 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
Willie Weston – 740910 – 27 Queens Close
Iain Wolfe

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

Next Full Council meeting; Tuesday 10th January 2023.

We wish each and every one of you a very Happy & Prosperous New Year!

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Thoughts from the Rectory for January 2023

Dear Friends,

I'm told that, some years ago, at Christmas, the Birmingham Police sent a greetings card to all the known burglars in their area. The card bore the message: "Thinking of you this Christmas and into the New Year"! I don't know whether this succeeded as a deterrent and whether it made any difference to the burglars' behaviour. Who knows, maybe one or two of them even decided it might just be better to go straight!

We often make resolutions ourselves at this time of year, of course – New Year resolutions, when we set out to kick a bad habit, or do something we've put off in the past, or make a significant change to our lifestyle.

Epiphany is the season between the end of the 12 days of Christmas and Candlemas, and it starts on 6th January, the day when we traditionally remember the wise men who came to visit Jesus. Their mysterious gifts were, of course, gold (kingship), frankincense (prayer), and myrrh (suffering). Those gifts are understood to point to different aspects of Christ's nature and purpose. Reflecting on that, I wonder if we might be prompted to make any resolutions ourselves along those lines, taking a lead from those gifts? How about a re-think on the way we use our money, or how we might refresh our spiritual life, or how we can support others who are suffering.

People in our villages constantly amaze me with their kindness and creativeness. It would be a great way for any of us to start the New Year – by focussing on something else new or inventive we could do to help people around us.

As with every other year, this one stretches out before us with all kinds of challenges, but also opportunities.

One thing's for sure: God, like the Birmingham Police, will be "thinking of us into the New Year" (in an entirely unthreatening way of course!), and encouraging us to do the same for others.

Wishing you all a really happy and life-enhancing New Year!

Richard

NB: Do check our benefice website for any last-minute changes: www.glavenvalleychurches.org.uk

The What's On page will give you up-to-date information, and other details. You may find you need to click "refresh" when returning to the website, to be sure of the latest information.

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

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Charles Killin 01263 741744

Wedding:

David Chapman and Amy Coates were married at St Nicholas', Blakeney, on Saturday 17th December. Our congratulations and best wishes to them.

Funerals:

Last month saw the funerals of a number of people from our villages, either in the churches of this benefice or other churches nearby. They include Revd Giles Hunt, Matthew Norwak, David Wright and Maureen Schofield. We continue to remember their bereaved families in our prayers.

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 2023 SERVICE SCHEDULE

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

SUNDAY 1st	<i>Christmas 1</i>	
11.00	Benefice Communion (CW) [<i>& streamed</i>]	Blakeney
4.00	Taizé Service	Cley
Wed 4th	Holy Communion (BCP) 10.00am	Cley
SUNDAY 8th	<i>Epiphany 1</i>	
9.30	Praise & Worship	Blakeney
11.15	Holy Communion (BCP)	Glandford
6.00	Service of Meditation	Wiveton
SUNDAY 15th	<i>Epiphany 2</i>	
9.30	Celtic HC & Healing [<i>& live-streamed</i>]	Blakeney
9.30	Morning Prayer (CW)	Letheringsett
11.15	Café Church	Cley
6.30	Evensong (BCP)	Wiveton
Wed 18th	Holy Communion (BCP) 10.00am	Cley
SUNDAY 22nd	<i>Epiphany 3</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	United Service [<i>ecumenical</i>]	Glandford
SUNDAY 29th	<i>Epiphany 4</i>	
11.00	Benefice Communion [<i>& streamed</i>]	Blakeney
6.00	Glaven Sings Gospel	Blakeney

All welcome!

Cley

**THURSDAY'S AT 3PM
CLEY CHURCH**

Thursday January 12th

A Theme of Journeys with Wyatt Earp (flute), Angela Dugdale (piano) and John Simpson (narrator) visiting the Nordic countries, Venice, Rome and finishing with Palestine.

Thursday January 19th

The German Waltz: The second in our series of tracing the history of the Waltz as seen through the eyes of Austrian and mid-European composers with Wyatt Earp (flute) and Angela Dugdale (piano)

Thursday January 26th

Un Après-midi De Poésie et Musique - a selection of French and English poems, piano and flute music with Sarah De Nordwall, Sarah Treble and Justin Harmer.

CLEY WARM SPACE

MONDAYS/WEDNESDAYS/FRIDAYS 10-3

By popular request, we are now opening the Club Room at the Village Hall Mondays/Wednesdays/Fridays as a warm space from 10-3, thanks to a grant from the Norfolk Community Foundation. Turn off your heating for a couple of hours and come on down! Everyone is welcome, from Cley and neighboring villages, including well behaved dogs. If you need a lift to get to us, we're happy to collect you. Please call Victoria Holliday (see below).

We have a fabulous coffee machine which also does hot chocolate (generously donated by Frances and Jane Kearney in memory of their mother, Valerie) and chocolate biscuits (we do serve teas as well) and lots of jigsaws, puzzles and books. We also have a piano if you are musical. It is delightfully cosy and very sociable!

If you'd like to join our wonderful team of volunteers to offer a cheery welcome, please get in touch with Victoria Holliday on 07557054629.



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



**January meeting
The Wonders of Raptor Migration**

Richard Porter is an acknowledged expert on raptors and the birds of the Middle East, and is the lead author of the pioneering book on raptor identification as well as several field guides. He will talk about the history of the study of raptor migration, the fantastic journeys that are made and the places where we can witness this wildlife spectacle.

This joint event between the North Norfolk Group of the Norfolk Wildlife Trust and Cley Bird Club is on Thursday 19th January 2023 at 7.30 p.m. in Cley Village Hall. Entry is free but donations to support wildlife conservation in Norfolk are welcome. The meeting is kindly sponsored by Lynton Wines.

Forthcoming meetings – dates for your diary:

Bustards: The Ecstasy and the Agony – Nigel Collar – 16th February 2023.

The White -Tailed Eagle introduction to the Isle of Wight – Zoe Smith – 13th March 2023.



Our popular Thursdays @ 3 Music in the Afternoons will restart January 12th. We hope to see you then!

Our stall at the Village Hall Christmas Fair was hugely successful. Huge thanks to Philippa and Bob for their help. Also, many thanks to Hanne, Richard and Geoff for the stunning Christmas cards – demand outstripped supply!

Also, many thanks to Annabel for her beautiful Christmas gifts in the church which have flown off the shelf.

The Friends of Cley Church invite you to New Year's drinks and nibbles Sunday January 15th at 12.30 to celebrate our glorious church and what we are doing in support.

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.

Victoria Holliday, Chair, Friends of Cley Church

Cley Village Hall News

Happy New Year! And some last year's reports:

The Christmas Fair

was a lovely event and enjoyed by traders and visitors alike. Stall hire, café and raffle together made over £1000. A huge Thank You to all of you who donated to the raffle, but most of all to the generous donors of the top prizes. Your contribution counts for a lot and means a lot. The same goes for all those who did such sterling work in setting up and running it. This fair with its long tradition is an event created by the village for the village, and it's great to see it all come together. Many thanks again to all who contributed to make it such a success.

Warm Space - Village Social

It is good to see the club room back in action again: it had fallen out of use after Covid ended our Sunday Socials, which sadly but inevitably never regained their momentum. Do come and make the club room the extension of your study, play area, living room, meeting room - whatever - during the long and cold winter days. It's not just a warm space - it is a village meeting place! And Wifi has been extended, too.

Repairs and more

The bar toilet drains have been cleaned and repaired and brought up to scratch at great expense - hopefully to last another 40 years. All toilet seats have been replaced (after 40 years). The fence by the disabled car park spaces is about to be replaced - it's work in progress as the posts need cementing and the weather conditions have to be right. Individual valves will be fitted to radiators to enable more sensible and economic heating. The list is long ... and probably not complete.

We are planning to have a Sunday Social maybe on the 8th or 15th. Will keep you posted.

*A very Happy 2023 to you!
G.E.*

'Quay Comment....' Report from Cley Harbour Committee

As promised in the last issue of GVN, a working party of willing volunteers met on two weekend mornings in mid-November to replace the badly worn riding posts on the Cley quay heading. Riding posts being the vertical posts against which moored boats ride up and down on the tide.

Although the thick Glaven mud was reluctant to let go its iron grip, all the posts were successfully lifted with the help of an ingenious fulcrum tool or 'pry bar' knocked up by our Chair, Simon Read, on the morning. It was great to see science in action!

We were delighted with the support we received at the Cley Christmas Fair on 3 December and are hugely grateful to everyone who made, sold or bought things to help with our work.

The highlight of the last month for all of us involved with Cley Harbour was our annual Carols on the Quay event which took place on Friday 9 December. Carols were led by Fakenham Town Band and a hastily assembled but heartily tuneful choir; significant volumes of mulled wine were consumed; and Santa made his usual delightful appearance, arriving silently by boat under the festive lights of Cley Windmill. We are thrilled that Carols on the Quay has become such a magical part of the local Christmas season.

Looking ahead to next year, construction of the canoe rack is still top of our list, followed by repairs to the slipway. We have also determined to start the lengthy process of seeking approvals for de-silting and reprofiling the banks of the Glaven for the next few reaches below the work completed this year. This is vital to maintain the navigability of the channel which allows so many people to enjoy coming to Cley by boat or for Cley residents to visit the wider environment of Blakeney Harbour and beyond.

Many thanks to everyone who has supported Cley Harbour through 2022 and we look forward to a productive and enjoyable 2023. Details and pictures of activities, working parties and events can be found on our website at <https://www.cleyharbour.co.uk> along with dates of future events and from now on, copies of minutes of our meetings for the truly dedicated!

*Happy New Year
Cley Harbour Committee*

Cley Parish Council's Chairman's Report December 2022

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

The Parish Council is now running a warm space in the Club Room at the Village Hall Mondays/Wednesdays/Fridays from 10-3, thanks to our grant from the Norfolk Community Foundation. We have a fabulous coffee machine (generously donated by Frances and Jane Kearney in memory of their mother, Valerie) and chocolate biscuits (we do serve teas as well) and lots of jigsaws, puzzles and books. It is delightfully cosy and very sociable! Do come along - everyone is welcome, as are well behaved dogs, from Cley and neighboring villages, turn your heating off for a couple of hours and come on down! If you need a lift to get to us, we're happy to collect you. Please contact Victoria on 07557054629.

If you'd like to join our wonderful team of volunteers to offer a cheery welcome, please get in touch with the clerk or Victoria.

We are still hoping to set up a hardship fund in Cley. We propose to pool donated energy rebates to create a pot of money for those finding the cost of living difficult to manage. This is a great idea, so please get in touch with the clerk (all responses will be treated confidentially).

We have been awarded two more grants – one for an additional tap and 20 new water butts for the allotments (from the Coastal Resilience Fund), and the other for leaflets and information boards for the Cley Heritage Walk (from the North Norfolk Arts and Culture Fund). Many thanks to Gemma for all her hard work – three grant awards in three weeks is a significant achievement!

We discussed all possible parking control measures in the High Street again with Highways – signage, residents' parking, demarcated parking, white H bars, chicanes, seasonality, double yellow lines. Residents' parking is not an option, and all theoretical solutions have pluses and minuses. We have a mandate from the village for double yellow lines, but as Highways can't guarantee their effectiveness or rule out unforeseen consequences, it seems remiss to invest a large sum of money in them at the moment. Tourism still hasn't reached pre pandemic levels and there is a feeling that traffic isn't such an issue as it was, so we have decided to remove all the traffic cones (which are almost universally unpopular and no longer effective), and monitor the situation. Our Highways engineer did suggest the system used in Walsingham (signage on entry to the town and single yellow lines throughout) which might be worth exploration, but doesn't seem quite to fit our needs.

If the Coast Road speed limit actually is being reduced from 60 to 40 mph, from Hunstanton to Weybourne, as mooted, that hopefully would help with speeding into the village.

It appears the Barn on the Marsh is being further developed. We aren't sure how this fits with existing permissions, so we have asked Planning to review.

The owner of Knotting Hill Farmhouse tells us that no licences have been applied for as yet. They are looking at holding small weddings and will apply for licences on a case-by-case basis. They will keep us informed.

We have agreed next year's precept. We are always very conscious of spending public money wisely, but we do need to allow for inflation and certain essential repairs etc. The rise next year is 3.07%. We would like to point out that the Cley Curloo is entirely paid for by donations.

There has been a great deal of discussion about the Salthouse footpath. Norfolk Trails have this under review. The width is apparently 1.5m, but they are still looking at the position of the path as they are concerned about future maintenance of the hedge, as growth will impact walkability.

We still seem to have quite a few bins out on the street or curtilages where or when they shouldn't be. This is unsightly and dangerous. We will be asking NNDC to write to households to explain the timing and placement of putting out bins, namely on your curtilage the night before or morning of collection. Don't forget, for holiday lets which are business rated, paying for commercial waste collections, these are eligible for a 'pull and return' service which should help owners. There is also an assisted service for those who need it. Do ask NNDC if the latter would be helpful.

There are still issues with bins being missed or collected late. It's not the fault of the hard-working bin men. If you're still having issues with missed bins, wrong day collections etc., please get in touch with me, not Serco customer service.

The owner of Barn Drift informs us that there will be a midnight finish on all marquee events.

We have chosen a consultant to work on the Neighbourhood Plan, so we are applying for funding. This will be entirely supported by a grant.

There seems a lot more litter in verges and hedgerows than before. We will be therefore be holding a litter picking event in March – more details to come, but all help gratefully received.

The most popular idea for the Coronation celebration is a tea party in the Memorial Garden on Sunday May 7th from 2-5pm. So far, we have booked a brass band and hopefully an ice-cream van.

The next meeting is Thursday January 12th 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. Please comment on or ask general questions about Agenda items before the meeting by getting in touch with the clerk or myself, or come along and participate. Minutes are posted as usual on the noticeboard and website.

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CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS
Friday 10th February 2023

INTERVIEWS TO BE HELD - w/c 20th February 2023

CLEY WI

Thursday 12th January

2.30pm

WI Resolutions

&

Craft Afternoon

Discuss, Vote, Create

Cley Village Hall – NR25 7RJ

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Wiveton

Happy New Year!

By the time you read this, Christmas will be behind us and we will be looking forward to 2023 with enthusiasm!

I hope that both our magical Candlelit Carol Service and 'One and Only' Nativity Service were as well attended and much enjoyed as always.

A huge thank you to all who took part in whatever way - the Icení Choir, readers, mulled wine makers, candle lighters, angels, shepherds, kings, Herod, baby Jesus and the Holy Family and too many more to mention.

But a special thank you must go to the new owners of **The Wiveton Bell** who so generously gave us the most splendid Christmas tree and also the wine for the mulled wine.

I would also like to say an enormous thank you to everyone who has contributed in whatever way to the mammoth fundraising effort to save St Mary's Wiveton. At times the task looked daunting at best and unachievable at worst. But with a huge amount of generous help and support from so many individuals, Grant Making Trusts, companies and the

National Heritage Lottery Fund we have, as you know, secured the funding and the future of Wiveton Church. It's been a long time coming but building works will start in earnest in March!

200 Club

December's 1st Prize Winner was Helen Gimson, with a prize of £65.

There's still time to join! Just email me (antheadeloynes@aol.com) or pick up a leaflet from the Church.

*Anthea de Loynes
Chair of the Friends of Wiveton Church*

**No news from
Glandford
&
Letheringsett
this month**

**Happy
New
Year**

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**The Blakeney Lunch will be
held on**

**Wednesday 18th January
12noon to 2.00pm.**

Now that the Winter days are
with us, we will be serving
delicious homemade soup

followed by a

choice of homemade desserts.

Visitors to Blakeney are also most
welcome. Donations welcome.



St Nicholas' Church, Blakeney Mini-Food Bank

We have organised a sort of mini-food bank at Blakeney Church, as we're strongly aware of current needs and the fact that things are only going to get more difficult in the months ahead. If anyone would like to make use of this provision, please just come into the porch and take whatever would be useful for you from what's there.

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

Thank you very much.

Richard and the team at Blakeney.

**THE GREAT
BLAKENEY BREAKFAST!
in St Nicholas' Church,
Blakeney will be held on
Wednesday 4th January
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's a great place to bring friends and to
make new ones.

Visitors to Blakeney are very welcome.

Donations welcome.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Walking Rugby: A Game to Enjoy

Wednesday night means Walking Rugby. A group of enthusiasts meets every week on that night - 6.45 pm at Fakenham Rugby Club - to experience the joys of a game which is open to all levels of ability. The main rules can be learned in one session. Forget the complexities of the scrum and the line out. During a game two teams face each other across a smaller pitch: players walk, pass as in traditional rugby, and tackle by touching an opponent with two hands. It is touch rugby for everyone and played in an excellent spirit.

Each week women and men compete with great enthusiasm. The game is designed for sportspeople who are over fifty. After a series of warm up exercises have been completed, games last an hour with more than one short break for the discussion of tactics. The group is a complete mixture of first timers, returning rugby players and those who have experience of other team games. The evenings are always fun. Walking Rugby is played all year round. The picture accompanying this article shows a great game of beach rugby which was played last summer, followed by fish and chips. What an evening that was!

Go on, give Walking Rugby a try. Your first session will be free and, if new to the sport, you will be supported and coached every step of the way. It's a really good way of exercising, improving fitness and socialising.

For further information, look on our website at <https://www.pitchero.com/clubs/fakenhamrufc>
You can also contact the organiser: Jeffrey Pearce at jdpearce@btinternet.com

Hope to see you soon.

And this comes with all best wishes for the best possible Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year.

District Councillor's report December From NNDC

Planning

Nutrient neutrality - a Joint Venture Board is being set up by March 2023 including Anglian Water to provide environmental credits. This should enable development to proceed.

An amendment to the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill is proposed to reduce the mitigation of phosphorus by 36% and nitrogen by 65% post 2030.

The Planning Service Improvement Plan will go before Overview & Scrutiny in February.

The Glaven Valley Conservation Area Appraisal consultation runs till January 20th.

Benefits

Household Support Fund - round 3 is now open. NNDC will target those in need; you can also apply directly.

Energy Bill Support Scheme - an alternative fund providing £400 for those not eligible for the energy bill discount will start mid-January.

Discretionary Housing Payments - these are available to support tenants keep their homes.

Financial Inclusion Team - this supports resident who require debt advice, welfare benefits advice and financial capability.

Energy Efficiency Improvement Grants - these are available to low-income households for insulation, air source heat pumps etc.

There are 2754 households on the housing list, and 55 households are in temporary accommodation.

7 Ukrainian households have been rehoused following the end of their six-month host arrangements.

Leisure

The Reef now has 1500 members, compared to Splash's 500.

The water quality at East Runton, Mundesley and Sea Palling has dropped from excellent to good for no apparent reason, which means these beaches are ineligible for Blue Flag status, and NNDC can only apply for three Blue Flags this year.

A Walking Festival is planned for September 2023.

Waiting Well - this helps residents waiting for hip and knee replacements to live as safely and independently as possible whilst on the waiting list. Initially someone will be in touch with you if you are waiting.

Sustainable growth

A Local Partnership Group has been convened to decide how best to spend the North Norfolk allocation of the Rural Prosperity Fund, which is £1.5 million. This will go toward supporting local businesses (e.g., capital funding for net zero infrastructure or diversification of farm businesses) and rural communities (ego investing in cultural and heritage assets or social capital).

UK Shared Prosperity Fund - NNDC will receive £1.24 million to fund improvements to community infrastructure, strengthen local businesses and in support to keep people in employment.

Environment

There has been an increase in rat sightings in rural areas, but Environmental Health will only tackle those which are associated with a public health risk.

There are still issues with bin collections though service is improving. Please contact me with details if your bins aren't collected.

The mussel bed off Wells is being chemically sampled by the Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science. Fisherman will be reimbursed for samples taken. NNDCs carbon footprint has decreased by 57%. Some of that is due to the use of green electricity.

Adding Electrical Vehicle charging points to 6 Council car parks is under review.

There will be tree giveaway days on 14th January and 11th February. Check the NNDC website for locations.

Customer service

Fly tipping location reports will now include What3Words. The average wait time in customer service is 9 minutes, considerably longer than the 2.5 min target.

The new public toilets in Wells are finally open.'

We are informed that the Coast Rd speed limit from Hunstanton to Weybourne may be reduced from 60 to 40mph. There is as yet no timeline on this.

The Environment Agency Has replaced the tidal flaps at Stiffkey and desilted the CLEY tidal gates. They plan to overhaul the Glaven Outfall Sluice, but no date given.

*Dr Victoria Holliday
Elected Member, Coastal Ward
Chair, Cley Parish Council
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Adult £10
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SUPPER SHOW
Sat 7th Jan

Max 8 tickets per
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6:00 for 6:30pm

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From 1st December
10am - 4pm weekdays

Blakeney Garage
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The Arts Society, Glaven Valley

Ever wondered why the world's most expensive paintings sell for such staggering amounts of money? Why not come along to our next meeting in Cley Village Hall on Tuesday, 17 January, when Dr Tom Flynn, Senior Lecturer at Christie's Education, will talk on 'The History of Auctions', tracing the practice from the Roman period to the ethics and regulation of the art market today.

Doors open from 1.45 pm, lecture at 2.15 pm, followed by tea. £5 for non-members.

If you're interested in finding out more about the Society, which presents 9 lectures and 2 study days each year, please visit our website, www.theartsocietyglavenvalley.org.uk or contact our Membership Secretary, Tony Hannington, email tasgvmembership@gmail.com.

Coffee Morning

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

Join us for refreshments in our cosy lounge area, feel free to bring a book that you're reading, a craft that you're working on or just pop in for a chat.

There is no charge and all are welcome.

Blakeney Area Historical Society

**Tuesday 31st January
2:30pm**

Cley Village Hall & Zoom

Huguenot Connections

Diana Cooke

**William Allen's Ships:
Work in Progress**

Jonathan Hooton

In January & February Meetings
are held in the afternoon

**Tuesday 28th February
2:30pm**

Cley Village Hall & Zoom

**The Archaeology of the
Norfolk Coast**

David Robertson

Free Entry

*To receive Zoom invite, join the
BAHS or sign-up for
information emails at
[www.bahs.uk/information-
emails](http://www.bahs.uk/information-emails)*

Further Information &
Updates

www.bahs.uk



NWT North Norfolk
Group and Cley Bird
Club



The Wonders of Raptor Migration

An illustrated talk by Richard Porter

Thursday 19th January 2023

Cley Village Hall at 7.30pm

Entry is free but donations welcome.

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Bitcherel

You ask what I think of your new acquisition;
and since we are now to be 'friends',
I'll strive to the full to cement my position
with honesty. Dear - it depends.

It depends upon taste, which must not be
disputed;
for which of us does understand
why some like their furnishings pallid and
muted,
their cookery wholesome, but bland?

There isn't a law that a face should have
features,
it's just that they generally do;
God couldn't give colour to all of his creatures,
and only gave wit to a few;

I'm sure she has qualities, much underrated,
that compensate amply for this,
along with a charm that is so understated
it's easy for people to miss.

And if there are some who choose clothing to
flatter
what beauties they think they possess,
when what's underneath has no shape, does it
matter
if there is no shape to the dress?

It's not that I think she is boring, precisely,
that isn't the word I would choose;
I know there are men who like girls who talk
nicely
and always wear sensible shoes.

It's not that I think she is vapid and silly;
it's not that her voice makes me wince;
but - chilli con carne without any chilli
is only a plateful of mince...

Eleanor Brown

QUOTABLE QUOTES ON POLITICS'

One of the penalties for refusing to
participate in politics is that you end up
being governed by your inferiors.

[Plato](#)

Suppose you were an idiot, and
suppose you were a member of
Congress; but I repeat myself.

[Mark Twain](#)

Never interrupt your enemy when he is
making a mistake.

[Napoleon Bonaparte](#)

Politics have no relation to morals.

[Niccolo Machiavelli](#)

Wordsearch

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Drinks & Nibbles

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Sunday 15 January 2023

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Wyatt Earp – flute
Brenda Lawry – piano

BLAKENEY CHURCH
Sunday 29 January 6pm

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Blakeney Harbour Association	Linda Millett	info@blakeneyharbourassociation.co.uk
Blakeney Masonic Lodge 6679	Meetings are held 4th Wednesday of the month between September and May at the Sheringham Masonic Centre, 36 Cromer Road, Sheringham, Norfolk. NR26 8RR. Contact the Lodge Membership Officer by email: 6679lmo@gmail.com	

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