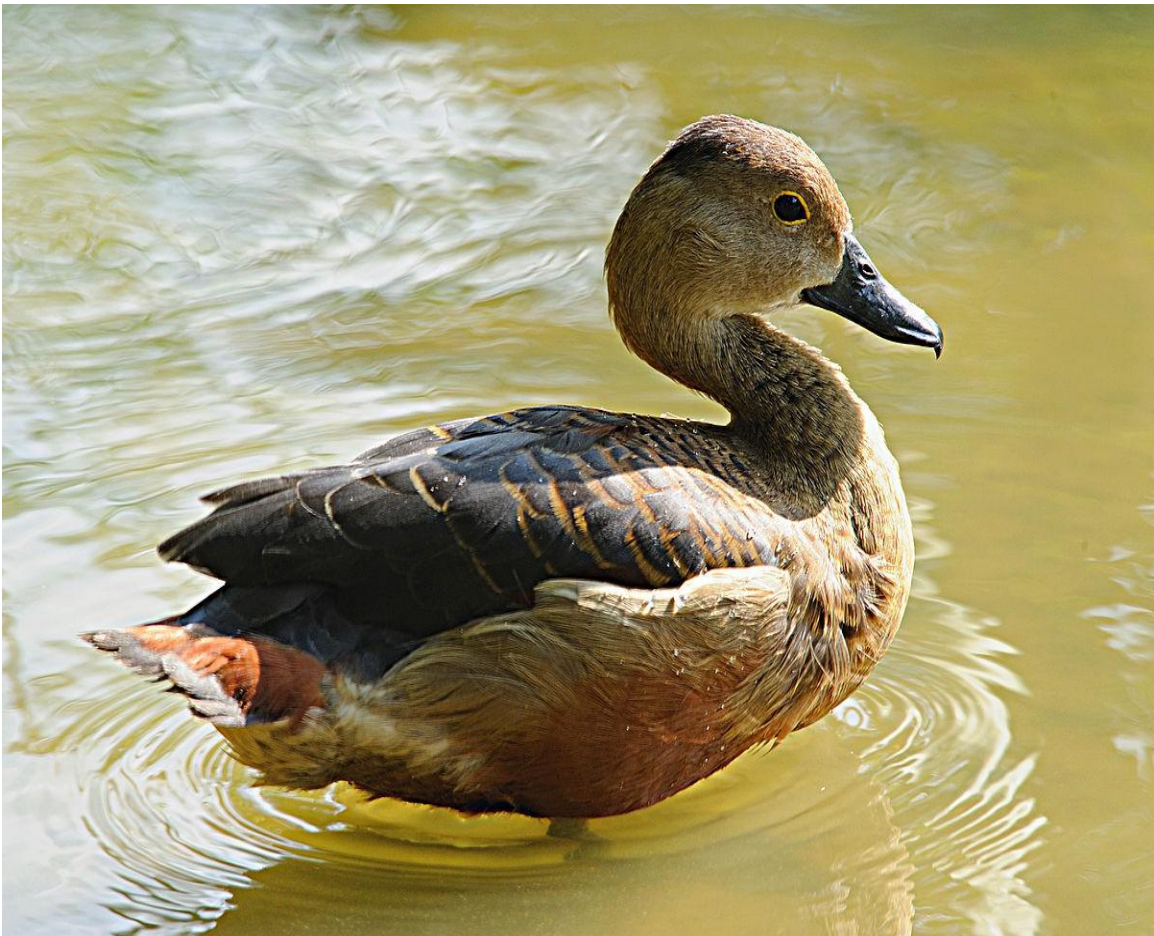


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views expressed by correspondents.**

Treasurer's Report

Each copy of GVN costs about £1 to produce, of which we recover about half from advertising – so we continue to rely on donations to help cover the other half. To those of you who have generously continued to support us while we have been reduced to just producing the e-version – many thanks! To others, we do hope that you are appreciating reading the GVN again and can manage to make a small contribution towards our costs. Donations can continue to be made either by:

- Send cash or cheque to the Treasurer, Stonebridge House, Bridgefoot Lane, Wiveton, Holt NR25 7TP (cheques payable to Glaven Valley Newsletter)
- By making an online transfer or setting up a standing order to us (Sort Code 30-94-34 Account 00897099)
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*Many thanks for your support
Martin Tyler
Treasurer, Glaven Valley Newsletter*

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A Few Words from our Treasurer

We do hope that all our readers are pleased that we are now back in hard copy format and, unless circumstances change significantly, we will continue to be able to do so. We will also be maintaining the e-version for those who prefer to access the Newsletter in this format.

Normally we run a formal appeal each year to provide us with the funds to continue to produce the Newsletter and to distribute it throughout the area free of charge – remember each copy costs around £1 of which advertising covers around half. Having looked carefully at our finances, and acknowledging that the 2020 appeal was only a few printed copies ago, we have decided not to run a formal fundraising appeal in 2021. We are confident that our finances should see us through to the early part of 2022.

We do want to recognise the continued generosity of some of our readers who have continued to support us through the months when we haven't been able to produce hard copies – indeed without them we would need to have had a fundraising appeal this year.

If you feel you might be able to join this group, and agree to a regular financial contribution to the Newsletter, then do please use the standing order form on page 4 of the Newsletter. You can either make contributions monthly or annually and doing so by standing order also makes it easier for us as we don't have to go around with cash and cheques trying to find a bank branch that is open these days!

Many thanks

Martin Tyler

Glaven District Caring
Thistleton Court, Blakeney

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Day Care for the elderly
Monday to Friday

Glaven Valley Villages, Holt & High Kelling
Transport Available

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Respite for Carers
You need a rest too

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Hot Lunches available in the Centre
Or can be delivered

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Bathing Service – Daily
Foot Clinic – Fridays
Appointments required

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Keith Barnes

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Blakeney

An update from The Pilgrim Methodist Church

Hello everyone, I'm pleased to share a number of updates and happenings with you as we ease our way out of lockdown and are very much looking forward to being 'in presence' again, having worshipped and fellowshiped largely through technological means for the past year. We'll be resuming worship at the Methodist Church on Sunday 11 July at 10am, with a new service pattern that will be as follows;

- 1st Sunday of the month - Traditional Methodist
Worship in the Chapel**
- 2nd Sunday of the month - Cafe Church**
- 3rd Sunday of the month - Garden Church**
- 4th Sunday of the month - Cafe Church**
- 5th Sunday of the month - something different!**

Our service on the 11th will be Cafe Church, led by our Minister, Rev Jacqui. We're looking forward to exploring life, faith and worship in ways that are familiar and ways that are new (we're open to suggestions for things to try on something different week!!)

We're also in the process of developing a Community Garden in part of our courtyard, which will be a space for the community to use and a place for us to hold events for the community. So, whether you're looking for a spot to read a book, have a picnic, or are interested in joining us for a meditation or nature-based craft session in the garden, we invite you to come and use the Community Garden. We're currently fundraising via Just Giving and details of our page can be found here:

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/blakeney-community-garden?utm_term=QZVb44xPN

All donations are greatly appreciated, so far, we have raised in excess of £260, which has gone towards accessible raised troughs, compost and plants and we have made four raised planters.

On Thursday 8th July from 10am - 12 noon we'll be holding a Prayer, Coffee and Chat morning, led by our minister Rev Jacqui Horton, who invites everyone to join us, even if you simply feel like popping along for a cuppa and a chat it would be lovely to see you, and you can see what we've been up to in the garden!

Blessings

*Sam Parfitt
Lay Pioneer*

The Pilgrim Methodist Church - Blakeney and Walsingham

Coastal Rowing Association of Blakeney

The number of rowing outings has soared now that the summer weather is more consistent. It has been a pleasure to welcome so many new rowers who have come along to experience the undoubted enjoyment of being out in a skiff. For some newcomers joining in has been a discovery, for others it has been a return to rowing after time away from the sport. The demand for seats has been such that *Hoi Larntan* and *Bluejacket* have often been taken out together; one of the best sights has been the two skiffs travelling over the water side by side. A photographic record of outings can be found on the club web site at crablakeney.wordpress.com. Please have a look at this to gain an idea of the social and competitive activities offered by your local rowing club.

Many rowing clubs have found alternatives to this year's restrictions on larger-scale, organised competition. The main opportunity to race has come in the form of timed, five-mile rows which have taken the place of programmed events. Times and results from many countries are collated and announced, so it is rowing on a truly international basis. A Blakeney crew came fifth in the 50+ age bracket in May with a time of one hour, four minutes. A tremendous performance! On June 5th, two more mixed crews set off from the Carnser to row the distance. They achieved times of one hour, eight minutes and one hour, sixteen minutes. It was hugely enjoyable. The next timed row takes place at Blakeney on 9th July. More news to follow ...

If you are interested in joining or supporting Blakeney Rowing Club or, like many others, you wish to try a new sport, then phone club captain Humphrey on 07542371469 for further information. Find out how you can be a part of the important community activity of rowing with all its benefits of well-being. Come and join a great group of people on the water and have fun.

Best wishes and stay safe.

Barry Howes

D M N Gardening & Maintenance

- *Grass Cutting*
- *Hedge Cutting*
- *General garden maintenance*

For more information,
please contact:

07943 258828

Blakeney Sailing Club News

It has been a tremendous season of sailing so far. The more settled, sunny weather of June made for some competitive racing and sociable flotilla sailing. There are some great pictures, and reports, of all such events on Instagram and Facebook. Many of these photographs have been taken from the perspective of the patrol boats. Thanks to all those who have organised sailing, manned the safety launches and recorded the activities on the water.

There are many more sailing events on the horizon. Among these are: the race for the Hospital Cup on 10th and 11th July and the Summer Series starting the weekend after. Then there is the annual Fun Week to look forward to in August.

Keep smiling and stay safe!
Amy Howes

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

Mass on Sunday - 11am

Mass on Wednesday - 9.30am

Holyday of Obligation - 9.30am

Website: www.catholicparishofwalsingham.org.

Blakeney Cley and District Royal British Legion and the Harbour Room

There's a lot going on!!

The Wheelyboat (a specially designed Ferry for the disabled) has finally arrived.

We are planning away days for both the Armed Forces and as thank you to the Health and Emergency Services for their work during Covid.

And we are providing a range of online arts activities to address loneliness and isolation

All this means more volunteers. If you might be interested in any of these please do get in touch

The 31st of July and 1st of August is worth putting in the diary. A Folk and Shanty and beer and cider festival at the Harbour Room.

Come along and enjoy the atmosphere, see the Wheelyboat and learn more about the new community initiatives we are running.

Tom Harrison Branch Secretary
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THANK YOU!

My husband has been very ill of late (not Covid) and I would like to thank several villagers who have been wonderfully helpful in our hour of need.

Pooh Curtis who was swiftly round and has provided so much equipment which enabled George to make wonderful progress as he slowly recovered.

Also, Judy Pegden and her helpers who came daily to sit with him and allow me to run the home.

Dawn Smith who took care of Bertie (the dog) and made sure our food supplies were delivered and Melanie who took wonderful care of us and kept us cheerful.

How lucky we are to live in such a caring wonderful village. Thank you everyone and I am delighted to say George is well on the mend now.

Liz Kendall

BLAKENEY PARISH COUNCIL -
www.blakeneyparishcouncil.org.uk



Residents Car Park Permits – 2021/22

Those of you eligible for the Carnser Residents Permits (a permanent resident on the electoral roll for Blakeney & only property owned) and the Coronation Car Park Residents Permits (a permanent resident on the electoral roll for Blakeney, only property owned, has to be a High Street address, which has no parking of its own), are advised that they are ready for distribution now. The current permits expire on 31st March 2021, and it is your responsibility to ensure that you display a current permit at all times.

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

Due to COVID, the Parish Office is currently closed to the public, however, you can still drop the required information through the letterbox or in an email, i.e., name, address and copy of Council Tax bill, and vehicle registration details. All Council Tax bills, will be shredded/deleted unless you ask for them to be returned. Please ensure that you leave your contact email, or phone number, just in case further information is required.

Extracts from the BLAKENEY ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2021 which was held via, 'Zoom' due to 'Covid-19', on Wednesday 5th May 2021, where a reduced audience (compared to usual) of 15 members of the public joined.

Guest Speakers – Sam Curtis was unable to join us, however, the Chairman (Rosemary Thew) gave a brief update on;

The Blakeney Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group and The emerging Blakeney Neighbourhood Plan – The village started planning for the future a couple of years back now, and hopes to soon be able to hold the official consultation event for the draft plan. This has been led by the community, not the Parish Council and is about land use and development, building neighbourhoods – not stopping growth. The Glaven Valley News will advise when the consultation takes place. (Minutes of this group can be found on the Parish Council website.)

Norfolk County Councillor – Dr. Marie Strong; It was never my intention to leave the post of County Councillor, without talking to you, but a hurried decision not to stand means that I have not had the opportunity to talk with all the division councils – let alone with individuals. A few words follow which however often I repeat them are meant; It has been a privilege and pleasure to be your county councillor for these past 12 years and I must confess I am sad as this relationship comes to an end. You have joined me in many campaigns whether related to your own needs and wishes or to benefit fellow residents across our division and the county. The following list is incomplete but includes; Flood Sirens, Better Broadband for Norfolk, Mobile phone reception, DAB, MIPS, Coasthopper, Shoreline Management Plan, Marine Conservation Zones, Wells Field Study Centre, Pub is the Hub, Mobile Libraries etc.

I have had the privilege of collaborating with so many individuals and all our councils – seeking solutions to problems, needs and wishes. I have also greatly appreciated the support I have received from Clerks and the satisfaction of working with professionals in every sense of the word. My position terminates on the 6th May and I have been assured that whoever is elected in my stead will receive all the information they require from NCC officers. Mike and I look forward to ‘bumping’ into you (safely) now that there will be more time to enjoy the lovely parishes which constitute our division.

Other Community Group Reports;

Blakeney Neighbourhood Housing Society – report for the year to May 2021.

Last year I wrote my report just after we had entered the first lockdown and everything, we took for granted as a normal way of life was booted out of the window. I am writing this when we are approaching the next significant date (17th May) on the government’s roadmap out of the third lockdown. The news in this country is good but in other places in Europe and the world the situation is very worrying, especially so in India.

Consequently, it has been a very quiet year for the Society on planned work. We did manage boiler servicing and chimney sweeping plus a few other planned items which took place during the periods between the lockdowns. Our contractors have been unable to do any work indoors until recently and have only attended to emergency call outs where necessary. Progress on 109 High Street and 131 High Street (windows and brick/flint work on both) was seriously delayed due to

problems getting listed building consent. On the plus side, the NNDC are beginning to accept double glazed windows on listed buildings which is good news. Hopefully we can expect to see a speedier service from the NNDC as we emerge from lockdown. Work has been sporadic on the refurbishment on 103 High Street due to the lockdown but where possible small numbers of workmen have been able to carry on and we are looking at completion in June this year. We have a backlog on Electrical Certification and EPC surveys. These are restarting and the first appointments have been made. Strangely, during the lockdown contractors have been unable to work inside properties but no extensions were given to the deadline dates.

During the year several tenants were furloughed and others lost their jobs altogether. Our treasurer worked closely and sensitively with the tenants providing assistance where possible with the result that at the yearend there was only a modest income shortfall compared to the original budget projections. Don has reported in his treasurer’s report the Society agreed not to increase rents for 2021 for which many tenants expressed their thanks.

Last year I said the Housing Society was in good form and that is still the case. The committee works well. The Officers (Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and Housing Officer) are in regular contact between meetings dealing with day to day matters as they arise. We meet as a Management Committee every two months currently via zoom! Unfortunately, Don Glaister has decided not to continue as Treasurer but will stay in post until we find a successor. We are very grateful to him for the work he has done for the Society including the opening of several new bank accounts to take advantage of government guarantees.

Development - Mainly due to the difficulties surrounding Covid the project to build new houses in partnership with Broadland Housing has stalled for the time being. The initial site which was identified has several issues which will need to be resolved before any progress can be made. It may be another site altogether will be necessary. However, we remain hopeful something will emerge from the delays to provide the community with much needed extra affordable housing.

Tenants - This year there have been no movements of tenants. Jessica Wilkinson has applied and been accepted for the tenancy of the newly refurbished 103 High Street and will be moving in soon. This will create a vacancy at 100 High Street but, so far, a new tenancy hasn’t been agreed. There are several suitable candidates on our waiting list.

Finances - Financially the Society is well placed. Our reserves are sound and we have funds available for the developments as and when they happen.

The Covid pandemic has forced us to delay the Society’s 75th Anniversary celebrations. We had planned a number of events throughout the year. Not surprisingly we were unable to carry out any of our plans. We were hoping we would be able to do so as the lockdown lifts but it is likely to be next year now.

We currently have 83 Shareholders. As always it is a privilege to be able to work with and for the BNHS.

St. Nicholas Church Blakeney – When the pandemic first struck last March, all churches were compelled to close for a while, and we streamed online services from the rectory. Since churches were subsequently re-opened, services have continued to be held, and streamed online, in the building every week, even though during the lockdowns it had to be without congregations. Now we are welcoming people back, albeit with limited numbers for the time being.

For much of last year, we were streaming services on zoom. But a generous donation last year enabled us to install a new camera system (2 cameras with 16 different angles), which allows for much better-quality broadcasting (on YouTube), and with appropriate variety of camera shots. This has all meant that even those who have been unable (or too apprehensive) to join us in church have been able to do so from home. We were also hosting virtual post-service “coffee times”, while the need was there.

Tom Harrison, both via the Harbour Room and with his Home Stage organisation, have been enormously helpful over this period, not just with services but also for concerts from church, when that has been possible (hosting, providing equipment, publicising, streaming etc).

All of this has been one of the ways in which we’ve been able to provide some contact and cohesion, and enabled people to keep in touch during the crisis. At the same time, of course, most of our regular events and outreach activities have had to go by the board – including the monthly Breakfast and Lunch in the church, which normally attract large numbers and provide such support and pleasure, as well as most of our fund-raising efforts.

We recently agreed a new lease on the Church Rooms, down on the quay, to provide a bakery, which he hopes will fill a gap in the village, and provide a good facility for the community and help to generate trade. The new tenants are also doing some much-needed renovation work inside, to make the building sound for years to come.

Meanwhile, church members have continued to support the more vulnerable in the community through a variety of pastoral and practical channels. The church is here for everyone, and as ever, it’s been a joy to be welcoming new people in through the doors. We all hope for calmer waters in the year to come!

The Red House Land Trust – We would like to thank the Blakeney Parish Council for their continued support over the past year. In particular, the grant awarded to The Red House Land Trustees to cover insurance, security and maintenance etc.

The security post continues to be a good investment should the need ever arise to prevent unlawful occupancy of the land.

The land itself is in regular use and enjoyed by many locals and visitors alike.

The proposed conversion of a boat shed to a residential property or a campsite to be operated in a conservation area, on a flood 3 zone by Mrs. Long on Red Barn Land (at the rear of Red House / Red Lodge) was rejected by the planners late 2019 however we continue to keep a watchful eye on any unusual movements there.

Other than that, there are no further items to mention.

Blakeney Parish Council Chairman’s Report 2020/21 - This has been one of the most difficult years any of us has experienced. Although Blakeney was, perhaps, less affected than some other places by the incidence of Covid 19, it still had a huge impact on the village and its residents. There were cases of the virus here, but almost everyone was impacted by not being able to see family and friends and the effect on day-to-day living was immense. Special thanks are due to the Community Support Team who ensured the wellbeing of villagers and to others who helped in so many ways to keep essential services going-for example the SPAR shop which opened throughout and arranged home deliveries.

During this time, Blakeney Parish Council business kept going through a variety of arrangements-first, using a system of delegated authority which allowed important decisions to be made by the clerk, chairman and vice-chairman. We then moved to a system of physical meetings-organised in the Scout Hut and with distance between councillors. Latterly, we have had Zoom meetings, but we are advised that legislation allowing such meetings runs out in May.

Notwithstanding all this, a lot of work has been done.

The emerging Blakeney Neighbourhood Plan - Unfortunately, this has been slowed by the impact of the virus and we had hoped to go to referendum by now. Sam Curtis has just given an update this evening.

Affordable Housing - Discussions are ongoing with Blakeney Neighbourhood Housing Society and Broadland Housing about possible affordable housing projects. Discussions are at an early stage and will be shared widely as they are developed.

North Norfolk District Council have decided that the preferred site for housing development should be to the south of Kingsway. No detailed plans are yet available.

Environment - a) Dark Skies - Blakeney Parish Council has formally adopted a dark skies policy. We do, though, continue to see, and get complaints about, houses which have obtrusive external and internal lighting spoiling the enjoyment of dark skies for others in the area. Blakeney Parish Council is asking householders to be very aware of this and not to illuminate their property to the detriment of others.

Seats - My previous reports have mentioned that the number of commemorative seats in Blakeney is now about at its limit, particularly on the Quay. We now have a system which allows those wanting a seat to share one with others all with a separate plaque. The system seems to be working well-it reduces the cost for the seat and is allowing Blakeney Parish Council to introduce uniform seats across the village, with a view to improving appearance.

Noticeboards - Blakeney Parish Council is in discussion with interested parties about a community noticeboard and heritage boards which might be situated near the Quay. The idea would be to inform visitors, in particular, about the history of Blakeney and some of its key attractions.

The Pastures - Negotiations are still ongoing with the Blakeney Hotel about the fencing and signage around their land in the Pastures and unauthorised parking on the driveway. Unfortunately, the discussions have become stalled this year not least because the hotel has needed to be closed for much of the time. But it is an issue we are keen to take forward and resolve.

Trees in the Pastures and elsewhere are regularly examined for safety: this seems particularly important given the high winds we have experienced this year.

Maintenance Issues - The Carnser, Coronation and village hall car parks continue to be maintained. There is work going on to consider whether charges should be imposed in the village hall car park. No decision has been reached and, before decisions are taken, there will be full consultation with the local community.

Blakeney Garage, who last year kindly undertook resurfacing work in the village hall car park, are working with us to consider the introduction of electric car charging points at the village hall. There is still work to be done on where they will be situated and their operation.

Traffic - Last summer saw a very heavy traffic load in Blakeney and perhaps particularly in the High Street as staycations flourished. Blakeney Parish Council intended to do a traffic survey of residents of the High Street to get their views on whether anything could be done to help but the second wave of coronavirus intervened. Work is now planned to look again at traffic management, but there are realities that need to be faced. Blakeney is a honeypot attracting tourists who, of course, bring income to the village. A one-way system has been suggested on previous occasions, but that would not work when tides overtop the Quay, each directional sign would have to be illuminated, and many feels that it would also result in more vehicles exceeding speed limits. NCC Highways and Blakeney Parish Council have had many conversations with regard this over the years, and always come to the same conclusion, and amongst the residents, there is no firm agreement that this would even be the ideal solution.

Blakeney Parish Council is proposing different directional signage on the A149 and at the exit to the Carnser car park, which we hope will ease some of the load on Westgate Street.

Other Issues - Blakeney Parish Council is installing an additional defibrillator to be sited at the village hall.

Thanks - This year has seen the resignation of Karen Ward as our District Councillor. Karen has been an outstanding councillor and a great help to Blakeney. Blakeney Parish Council thanks her, on residents' behalf as well as its own, for all her hard work.

Our thanks go too to Marie Strong our County Councillor who works tirelessly behind the scenes and who has decided not to stand again. We wish her well for the future. And thanks too to my fellow councillors who give freely of their time in support of this wonderful village.

Presentation of Draft Blakeney Parish Council Accounts for Year Ending 2020/21 was read out by the Clerk, with the final set of accounts due to be presented to the Parish Council at the June meeting.

A chance for the Electors of the Parish of Blakeney to comment on any items already discussed.

Village Hall Car Park – suggest the council considers making a nominal charge here, as appreciate that there is always a need for income to be raised. *(As explained the Traffic Matters Group are looking at this as part of a wider village review.)*

Do we get all of the money from The National Trust? *(The parish receives 60% of all income from The Carnser and the N/T 40% as per our current agreement.)*

Full Fibre with Openreach. *(In essence BPC found out about this too late.)*

Coronation Lane is awful and very dangerous. *(Owned privately by residents of Coronation Lane, not BPC, and is not an adopted highway.)*

Motorhomes at new site on Langham Road. *(As per previous BPC minutes, this is all above board, no NNDC planning permission was needed.)*

Heritage Boards a good idea. *(Pleased to note that the History Centre is happy to help with this.)*

And on to the next meeting...

Extracts from the virtual meeting of Blakeney Parish Council which was held on Tuesday 1st June 2021.

The Blakeney Hotel appear to have applied for a 24-hr alcohol and film licence, and yet we have not been officially notified, we will however, make enquiries after this was brought to our attention by residents.

Wells Safer Neighbourhood Police Team – PC Jason Pegden had sent the following report in his absence; We have Simon Blakeley as a seasonal Beat Manager here in Wells until November. In the last month there have been 7 calls to the Police and 1 theft of domestic oil in the village in Back Lane. With summer approaching we will be visiting the Harbours as well in the Police boat and will be in company with Border Force Officers. All urgent calls to the Police should be through 999 as usual, all non-urgent issues or any crimes should be reported through the Norfolk Constabulary website and via the report it pages. Emails are checked instantly and Officers will be aware much quicker than via the 101 service.

County Councillor – Michael Dalby – Still getting to know the County Council and so have nothing to report so far.

District Councillor – Victoria Holliday – The lights on the NNDC public toilet block on the Quay, are now only on from 9am to 10pm. I have a meeting with the Planning Dept. to discuss the agricultural field on Morston Road, which residents have concerns over. Fibre to Cabinet will happen automatically now. Signage in the villages (in particular the teak furniture sales) are generating a number of complaints and in fact much signage comes under the heading of ‘fly-posting’ and is an offence. I am told that the lack of yellow planning Site Notices, should be raised and that a time extension for replies can then be given and that the notices will go up.

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

PF/21/1135 – *Proposal; Replacement of Crittall frame windows with timber frame sash to match existing; rooflights to side and rear; oak framed porch to rear; replacement roof with increased ridge height and pitch at, Hope Cottage, 60 High Street, Blakeney. Defer this decision as there is no yellow Site Notice in place. This means that the neighbours are unlikely to be aware of this application.*

PF/21/1191 – *Proposal; Demolition of bungalow and erection of two detached dwellings at, Roslyn, 13 Back Lane, Blakeney. Object – Overdevelopment of what is a comparatively small site. Vehicle access onto Back Lane at this particular point, as it sits on a corner, is most dangerous. We are always concerned about the impact on the village’s already overstretched sewerage system, where multiple properties replace single dwellings. The present property would be suited to being replaced with one dwelling only.*

PF/21/0348 – *Demolition of part of dwelling; first floor extension and roof terrace over garage; first floor roof terrace with external stair to existing single storey extension; other external alterations including insertion of rooflights at, Galley Hill House, Langham Road, Blakeney. No objection subject to the following conditions; Should this application be approved, then we would wish to see the removal of any Permitted Development Rights and no further development on this site at all.*

Accounts totalling £7,911.57 are approved and to revisit our ‘Zoom’ payment in September.

Approved the list of Direct Debit Payees for the current financial year; Zoom, Southern Electric, Nest Pension, B-Online, HMRC VAT, B.T. & Information Commissioners Office.

The Annual Return for 2020/21 was approved; Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement 2020/21 & then Section 2 – Accounting Statements 2020/21

Street Lighting – Clean and Visual Inspection Report 2021. We will or replace the one badly damaged light in the village hall car park, subject to advice and that we ask our local grounds team to cut back the foliage as reported.

Committee/Rep Reports were received from the following; Village Hall Rep - Electric Vehicle Charge Points, in Village Hall Car Park in assoc. with Blakeney Garage. The Clerk had prepared and circulated a detailed report. Further discussions

will be had between the two and with NNDC and a further update/report will follow.

National Trust & BPC Quarterly Meeting – The PDQ (contactless car payment machine) is working well and proving very popular.

Ambulance Response Times Working Party – (EH/RT). Cllrs had seen the detailed reports and various aspects were pulled out. It had been an encouraging meeting.

The Party on The Pastures (P.O.P.) may go ahead on Sunday 22nd August 2021 (adhering to any Covid rules), and perhaps better on the Playing Field this year, i.e., a way to manage numbers, however we are happy for the committee to make the final decision with regard this event and will support them either way.

We are supportive of the following question from the Dinghy Park Management Committee; Is BPC supportive of the following decision made by the DPC, i.e., that no one group has more than 40% *Group Representation* on this committee, whether directly or indirectly. Going forward, any individual being nominated for the DPC, must declare their membership of any other group and the appointment will not be accepted, if it takes any group over the 40% threshold.

CORRESPONDENCE

Agreed not to allow any Charity Stall to operate on the Quay nor to adopt the draft policy for charity use.

We are happy to host the Macmillan Mighty Hike 2022 and allow them the use of the Playing Field on 14th & 15th May if they are the dates they decide upon, (i.e., so long as it does not clash with any annual village event) and we note the fee.

We will defer any decision regarding the information from The Open Spaces Society and the ‘Grant and Green’ campaign until after our Neighbourhood Plan has been adopted.

Members noted the reply with regard the tennis courts and our adopted Dark Skies Policy. The Clerk suggested that any interested Cllr may like to contact the committee and offer assistance with any projects, as in order to reduce the glare, would mean replacing all the lights, with LED, and that is a project that needs expert advice and a lot of money and someone to take the project on.

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

Galley Hill House, Langham Road – Enforcement Update
RV/21/0792 – The Coast House – Granted
PF21/0810 – Navestock, Cley Road – Granted with Conditions
PF/21/0705 – 26 Langham Road – Refused
PF/21/0944 – Land East of 21 Queens Close (Old Garage Block) – Withdrawn
PF/21/0361 – Blakeney Primary School – Granted
PF/21/0746 – Robin Lodge, 25 The Pastures – Granted

Resumption of BPC Meetings – *We have booked the Scout Hut for our Parish Council meetings for the timebeing, 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 the time being if you do wish to join us at a meeting, if you could please let the 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

Jess Tutt – 01328 830973 – 37 The Cornfield, Langham

Iain Wolfe [REDACTED]

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

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 6th July.

PARTY ON THE PASTURES(post pandemic edition)–Sunday 22nd August 2021

10am til 5pm – FREE ENTRY!

It's happening, something to look forward to!!

The Events Committee of Blakeney Parish Council have agreed to hold a *post pandemic edition* of this annual event. It will be a scaled down version for 2021, with the hope that it is better to aim to do something, albeit it a little cautiously, rather than plan to do nothing at all... As we write, we need to make contact with several people, (in fact I have a long list of people wanting to join us, but we simply cannot accommodate the volume of attractions that we have had in the past years, but we hope to be back, even bigger and better in 2022) so please follow us on Facebook in the coming weeks for the full details, or visit:

www.blakeneyparishcouncil.org.uk or The Party on The Pastures dedicated Facebook page, all of which we will update as we go along.

The event will run from 10am to 5pm, we hope to have a whole variety of stalls join us, car booters, food and a bar, and some entertainment. We have

also just launched our Community Volunteer Award for 2021 and we plan to announce and present to the winner on the day. With FREE entry to The Pastures, why not make a note on the calendar now, and come and join us.

If you are interested in having either a stall or a car boot pitch, then please do get in touch asap as slots are filling up very quickly.

Car boot fees are just £5.00, strictly no business/commercial car booters. Stalls are at a reduced fee of £30 for a 1 x 4m pitch this year and 1 x 7m pitch is £50. First come first served.

The North Norfolk Wheelyboat

Some of you may have seen a slightly odd-looking snub nose vessel in the harbour called Poppy.

She's a Wheelyboat, a specially designed ferry to carry wheelchair users around our Harbour

From an original idea of Norfolk ETC's James Cowan; taken on by the Blakeney Cley and District Royal British Legion, Poppy quietly slipped into Morston on the 11th of June.

Now proudly owned and run by the North Norfolk Wheelyboat project, chaired by Gerald Peplow, Poppy is a true community effort – all bought and paid for through fundraising

A champagne grand launch is planned for later in the summer to thank everyone who has made this project a reality. In the meantime, if you are interested in volunteering as skipper, crew, loader, administrator or just want to generally help out then please do get in touch

You may see poppy out on the water carrying out sea trials so do give her a wave!"

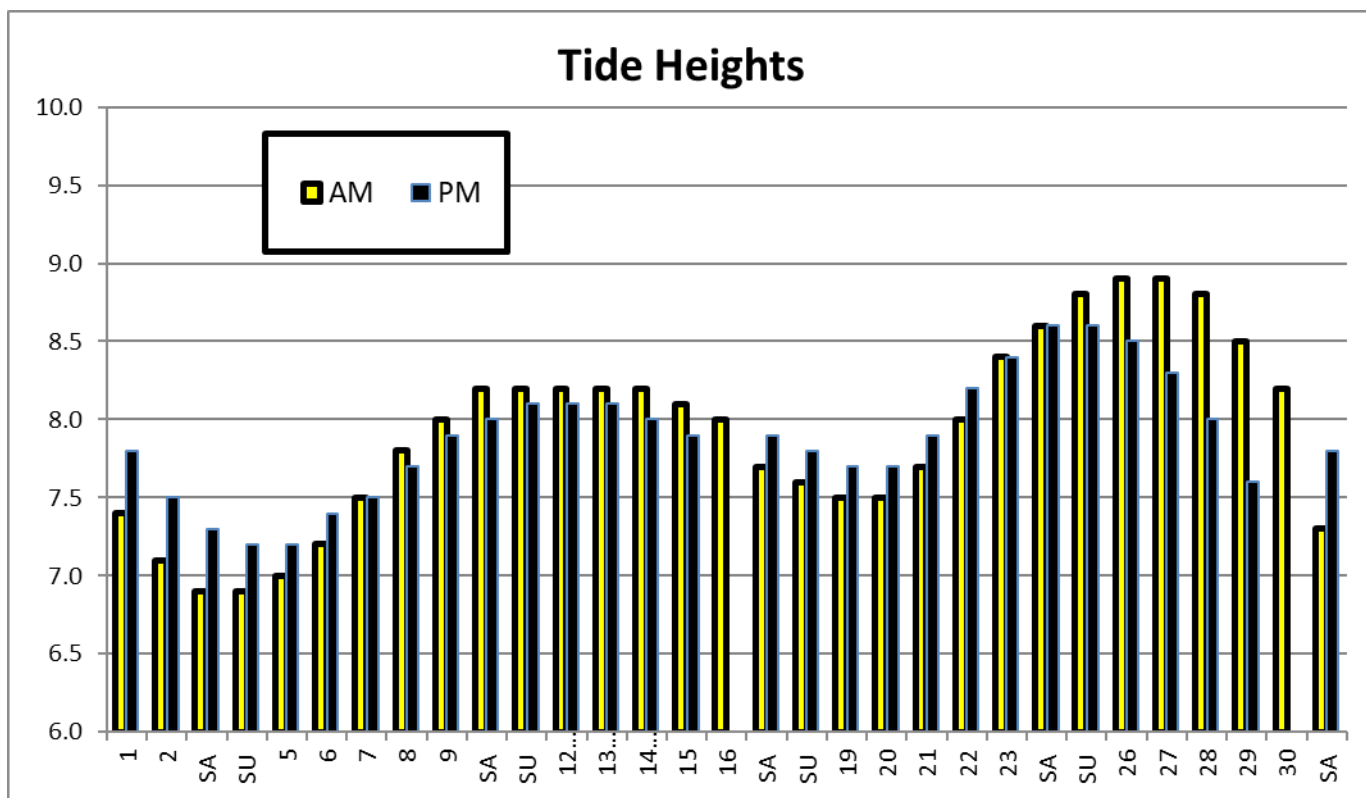
*Tom Harrison
07785 731804*

Blakeney Carpet Bowls

Subject to coronavirus restrictions being lifted, carpet bowls will resume in Blakeney Village Hall on Tuesday 10th August, commencing at 7pm. Whether you are an existing member of the Club or are thinking of taking up what is dispute any misconceptions you may have, an intriguing and highly competitive sport, please come along. In doing so, you will help the clubs to continue and thrive as it has done so now since the Village Hall was built back in the 1980s.

*Richard Millward
Club Chairman, 740807*

July 2021 Tide Details



Tide Times

	AM	PM		AM	PM
Thu 01 July	00:23	12:19			
Fri 02 July	01:21	13:18			
Sat 03 July	02:21	14:23			
Sun 04 July	03:20	15:27			
Mon 05 July	04:15	16:27	Mon 19 July	02:32	14:41
Tue 06 July	05:05	17:21	Tue 20 July	03:41	16:03
Wed 07 July	05:50	18:08	Wed 21 July	04:46	17:14
Thu 08 July	06:30	18:52	Thu 22 July	05:44	18:17
Fri 09 July	07:09	19:33	Fri 23 July	06:37	19:15
Sat 10 July	07:47	20:14	Sat 24 July	07:27	20:09
Sun 11 July	08:24	20:54	Sun 25 July	08:14	20:58
Mon 12 July	09:00	21:34	Mon 26 July	08:58	21:43
Tue 13 July	09:36	22:15	Tue 27 July	09:40	22:23
Wed 14 July	10:13	22:56	Wed 28 July	10:20	23:00
Thu 15 July	10:53	23:41	Thu 29 July	10:59	23:35
Fri 16 July	11:38		Fri 30 July	11:38	
Sat 17 July	00:30	12:29	Sat 31 July	00:11	13:20
Sun 18 July	01:26	13:29			

By Martin Tyler

BLAKENEY PARISH COUNCIL



Outstanding Contribution to the Community Awards 2021

- 1 The Outstanding Contribution to the Community Award is a tribute to a member of the community and confers no material honours or special privileges.
- 2 Those qualifying for the Outstanding Contribution award should be considered to have undertaken outstanding service to the community.
- 3 Any resident of Blakeney may be nominated for the award although nominees who do not have residential qualification will be considered at the Parish Council's discretion.
- 4 Nominations should be submitted using the application form to the Parish Clerk – the nominee having been proposed and seconded by two Blakeney residents or those with an interest in the village i.e. business/employment/community group leader or similar. Proposers cannot be a relative of the nominee.
- 5 **Nominations must be submitted by Sunday 25th July 2021.** Nominations received after this date will not be considered.
- 6 The nominations will be presented to Councillors and the recipient(s) of the award(s) will be decided upon by the Full Council on Tuesday 3rd August 2021.
- 7 Serving members of the Parish Council are not eligible for the award, but are eligible to propose or second nominations.
- 8 Presentation of the award will be made at The Party on The Pastures on Sunday 22nd August by either an invited Guest or by The Chairman of Blakeney Parish Council.
- 9 The recipient(s) will receive a framed certificate and vouchers for a local eatery.
- 10 The Council will actively promote this award each year in order to ensure a good number of nominations are received.
- 11 **Application forms can be collected from:-** The Parish Office or downloaded from www.blakeneyparishcouncil.org.uk
- 12 or by emailing; clerk@blakeneyparishcouncil.org.uk

CLEY

HARBOUR DAY

ON CLEY QUAY (BY THE WINDMILL)

SATURDAY 21 AUG 2021

3.00pm-8.00pm

NEY OLD WILD ROVERS

- ↓ FABULOUS FAMILY ENTERTAINER "STEVE SAUSAGE"
- ↓ BAR AND DELICIOUS FOOD
- ↓ RAFFLE AND TOMBOLA
- ↓ HAVE-A-GO CANOE RACING
- ↓ BLAKENEY TO CLEY SAILING RACES (BEFORE THE DAY)
- ↓ BEST DRESSED BOAT COMPETITION
- ↓ BEST DRESSED PIRATE (UNDER 12)
- ↓ HAVE-A-GO CANOE RACING & WALKING THE PLANK
- ↓ CLEY HARBOUR MERCHANDISE AND MORE!

**FREE
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PLEASE USE THE FREE CAR PARK AT CLEY VILLAGE HALL -

THIS EVENT WILL BE RUN ACCORDING TO CURRENT GOVERNMENT COVID-19 GUIDELINES. PLEASE CHECK OUR WEBSITE REGULARLY FOR UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION.

Cley

Racing Cley Harbour Day 21st August Starts NOW!!

There will be more racing to challenge you for the Harbour Day. And to make it super easy to compete (!!) we are using the rules we trialled last year. The course is the East end of Blakeney Quay to the North end of Cley Quay. You can make your passage *at any time*- try multiple times to improve your performance!

The classes this year are:

single canoe/kayak
double canoe / kayak
paddle board
any rowing boat
any sailing boat

The sailors are allowed to do part passages. You get as far as you can on one tide and wind, then start again another day in different conditions and so on until you complete the passage and then add all your times together

Massive prizes!!!!

Send your times in to the website or call 07785 731804

Cley WI

On 3rd June, Cley WI were able to hold their first proper meeting since March 2020. We met in Brenda Pain's lovely garden, the sun shone and we welcomed four visitors. Brenda gave a most interesting talk entitled "My Mother's Drawers", this was about the beautiful linen and lace she had found in a drawer after her mother died. Brenda showed us many exquisitely worked items including several christening robes. The ladies were amazed by how small some of the children's clothes were and very impressed by how white and beautifully pressed they were too. We then had a delicious tea. Thank you, Brenda!

Sophie Archer

Our next meeting is on 1st July, again in Brenda Pain's Garden, when we will be tucking in to our annual Strawberry Tea and welcoming some new members to our fold. Assuming that Covid Lockdown Restrictions are indeed lifted on 19th July,

The August meeting will take place, as planned, on Thursday 5th at the Norfolk Wildlife Trust. For catering purposes, the Trust will need to know numbers attending a week in advance. If you would be interested in joining Cley WI for these or future events on our programme, we look forward very much to hearing from you. For further information please contact Sophie Archer, 01263 740225.

Alison Cole

Future Meetings

01-Jul	Strawberry Tea	Blakeney
05-Aug	Norfolk Wildlife Trust - <i>catch up with the latest sightings</i>	NWT
02-Sep	The Scullery Maid from Downstairs - <i>living history at Blickling Hall</i>	CVH
07-Oct	Paperbacks to First Editions - <i>a book lover's journey</i>	CVH
04-Nov	The Magic of Blakeney Point - <i>the wanderings of a naturalist</i>	CVH
02-Dec	Christmas Party & AGM **	CVH
** Members Only		

Cley Village Hall News

After a very strange and disrupted year it looks like the VH is slowly moving back to some kind of normality. Bookings are on the up and diversifying: there are now Pilates classes running, which is a first. Fingers crossed for future easing of restrictions!

New swings for playing fields Last summer it was discovered that one of the supporting beams of the swings showed signs of rot, so we decided to replace it with a spanking new one. Installation to happen at the beginning of July. Unfortunately, this unexpected expense meant that the adult keep-fit equipment, which we had planned for this year, will have to be moved to the next.

The VH committee We have lost a few committee members during the last year, and while there have been long stretches with low levels of activity which could be managed by a skeleton crew, this situation is not viable indefinitely and will have to be addressed. In other words: we urgently need new committee members! More about this in the August issue of the GVN.

Cleaner wanted for VH Last not least we are also looking for a cleaner. Time required is about 3-4 hours per week max, and pay will be above the minimum wage.

If you are interested, please contact me on 01263 740186.

G.E.

Cley Parish Council's Chairman's Report May 2021

There is now a beautiful new bench in memory of David Holmes in the Garden of Rest. Crafted by his brother-in-law, it offers us a tranquil place to reflect on David's life, tragically ended far too soon. He is very much missed.

We are very grateful to Rosemary Parkinson who put together an ipetition asking for a loo on the beach. This garnered 189 signatures in 4 days, which was a great result and also got us a mention in the North Norfolk News. Thank you all for your support. We will be meeting soon with the CEOs of NWT to discuss.

The Hangs inquiry is scheduled for 27th and 28th July and you can either give evidence at Cley Village Hall or attend via zoom. The clerk has more details.

The Traffic Management Consultation is now closed and we are collating all the responses. We will then post the findings on the Cley PC website and hold a zoom meeting to discuss.

Openreach have told us that we will be cabled up by the late summer. Anyone who didn't sign up to the voucher scheme can now order FTTP; get in touch with me and I will pass it on.

We're still working with Flagship to obtain a similar arrangement for sales of existing social housing to what we had with Victory. At the moment Flagship are proposing a first option for sales to NNDC, which we know benefits the district but our intent is for the host village to be the first beneficiary.

The Head of Planning is reviewing the consultation process on Arcady to date and deciding a timetable going forward, which will involve the application going to the Development Committee at NNDC.

A resident has complained to the Environment Agency that cutting the grass on the east and west banks in bird nesting season is totally against best practice. Our MP has requested a meeting with the EA over this.

We are waiting to hear whether our bid for a NNDC Sustainable Communities grant for the electric vehicle charging points at the Village Hall has been successful. The Sheringham Shoals grant application won't be heard till September.

Our county councilor, Eric Vardy, says he will work with us on speeding into the village. We're downloading the data from our speed monitor: this doesn't capture car registrations - just time and speed - but that will help us identify the worst spots for further action. We are hoping the new Police and Crime Commissioner will attend our next PC meeting as road crime is one of his major areas of focus. The next meeting is Thursday, July 8th at 6.30pm in the Village Hall, though this may change if we have a further wave of Covid, so please check the agenda. This will be

published on the Notice Board and on the website www.cleypc.info.

If we are holding a real face to face meeting, you will need to book a place with the clerk as we can only accommodate 10 in the audience. Otherwise, please comment on or ask general questions about Agenda items before the meeting by getting in touch with the clerk or myself. Minutes are posted as usual on the website.

Dr Victoria Holliday, Chair
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Cley Harbour Tombola

As there is no church fete this year the TOMBOLA stall will be relocating for this year to the Cley Harbour Day on 21st August 2012. From funds raised by the Tombola, the committee will make a donation to Cley church.

As with other years please help to make this a success for the Harbour and the Church in what has been a lean 12 months of fund raising, by donating a bottle etc, and dropping of at Hunters, High St, Cley.

Many thanks in advance.
Jane and Gerald Peplow.

Wiveton

COULD WIVETON CHURCH CLOSE?

Many of you will be aware that catastrophe struck Wiveton Church in the summer of 2019 when part of the main Chancel roof beam, riddled with Death Watch Beetle, crashed onto the altar.

What you may not realise is that if we were unable to raise the money to repair the roof, ultimately the church might have to close. The thought of Wiveton Church as a ruin is not a happy one!

The cost of fully restoring the Chancel roof is in the region of £130,000. At present we have less than a third of the money, thanks to the kindness of benefactors and a grant from Norfolk Churches Trust.

The competition for grants for ancient buildings is significant, but nevertheless considerable work has been and is being done to raise the funds from grant making trusts and charities.

The Heritage Lottery Fund will only consider funding if the church demonstrates a commitment to use the building for the wider community. We are making a strong case for that and therefore, if funding is forthcoming from HLF, there will be constructive changes that will make the church

available for wider use by the community.

Because of Covid the Friends, in common with everyone else, have been unable to hold fundraising events, although they are working on a full programme of events going forward. Friends of Wiveton Church are sending this out for two reasons. Firstly, so that everyone in the village and all our local neighbours are aware how serious the situation is, and how considerable the threat hanging over the church building.

Secondly to ask for such support as anyone is able to offer, either financial, influence or bright suggestions. Please contact Anthea de Loynes on 07746 018310, email: antheadeloynes@aol.com.

Thank you.

*Frances Emeleus
Friends of Wiveton Church*

Wiveton Church 200 Club

We had our first draw on 10th June, with Bruce Allen having the winning ticket. It's not too late to join - and the more who join, the greater the prizes! Currently, the prizes are:

1st prize £50, 2nd £20, 3rd £15, 4th £10 and 5th £5.

For an application form, please contact Anthea de Loynes: antheadeloynes@aol.com, 07746 018310

*Anthea de Loynes
Chair of Friends of Wiveton Church*

Glandford

There is no news from Glandford this month.

Goldfinch Grave Tending



Respectful grave tending visits of your loved ones resting place, on your behalf all across Norfolk

Grave Tidying - Grass & Turf Trims & Re-seeding
Headstones, Vases & Ornaments Cleaned On-site
Fresh Flowers & Planting As Required
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St Andrews Church

Dear All,

It has been nice to start regular services twice a month again in church. and to see the lovely flowers that are displayed by our dedicated flower team.

We are looking forward to a family wedding, to be held in our church shortly, despite all the continuing rules and regulations, so let's hope the weather stays fine for that.

Numbers attending are restricted, but not for flowers! So, we look forward to seeing our church filled with a glorious display for the wedding, that we and visitors can enjoy afterwards.

We have so many visitors here in Norfolk, and it will be nice to be open for them again to visit our lovely Churches.

The next big event to look forward to is the Harvest Festival, so let's hope we are then able to look back with relief that the lockdown and isolation are over with.

Let's hope and pray for a good summer.

Ann Thomson, Churchwarden.



WIVETON CHURCH

Family Service - re-launched!

Sunday 25th July @ 11.15

**Come and join us
for our monthly all-age Service
re-launched post-lockdown**

**drama, story-telling, songs,
prayers
inside and outside church
plus drinks and cake!**

**All welcome!
Bring a friend!**

Summer 2021

Blakeney Players Present



STAND & DELIVER



at
**BLAKENEY
VILLAGE HALL**

Curtain 8pm

Licensed Bar from 7:15pm

Thursday 22nd July

Thursday 29th July

Tuesday 3rd August

Thursday 5th August

TICKETS Adult £9 Child £3

SUPPER SHOW
Saturday 24th July

£28 per ticket. 6 for 6:30pm
Max 8 tickets per booking

NEW BOX OFFICE

From 24th June

10am - 4pm weekdays

Blakeney Garage

Coast Road, Blakeney

Telephone: 07824 474171

Please do not use Blakeney Garage landline no.



www.blakeneyplayers.com

Blakeney Players Summer Show

Following latest government position we have moved our opening night to July 22nd. We have added a show on Tuesday 3rd August.

Box office is open at Blakeney Garage.

Please book tickets and come out to play!

The hall will not be at full capacity, there will be central aisle and more space as we appreciate you might like a bit more room even though all restrictions will have been lifted.....

If we can have a bar we will.

Please check Blakeney Players website and social media for any changes.

Look forward to seeing and hearing you.

Peter Franklin

Community News

Coastal Ward Elected Member's Report June 2021

My first month as your elected member has been quite busy and I'm now on the Development (Planning) and Overview & Scrutiny Committees at NNDC. I've been asked to help with anything from bird scarers to antisocial lighting to drainage of the marshes, and of course planning and parking!

Cley has been announced as a build location for Openreach's rural rollout of ultrafast broadband, so neighbouring villages will automatically be getting FTTP without having to bid for it.

Our Ambulance Response Times Working Group has become a little more challenging of the ambulance service and CCG. We still have emergency response times which are far longer than target. The Ambulance Trust is working to meet the anticipated summer demand. We need to keep the pressure on to keep our paramedics in rapid response vehicles and more support for urgent mental health problems. EEAST trialled a stroke ambulance as part of a research project (scanning and thrombolysis treatment at the end of the drive instead of 60 minutes away) which had good results and we need to find a way take this forward.

As far as NNDC is concerned, the new Sheringham leisure centre, The Reef, replacing Splash, is to open late summer, offering pools, gyms and training studios which allow twice as many people to participate in sport and exercise than the old facility.

Meadow Walk, a development of 66 affordable flats with extra care (both rented and shared ownership) have opened in Fakenham next to the doctors' surgery. The facility has a café and hair salon, communal spaces, a nostalgia room for people living with dementia and an assisted bathing suite.

The Norfolk Warm Homes Partnership has secured £1.24 million of Green Homes Grant to improve the heating efficiency of homes occupied by low-income households.

The first stage of the public consultation for the proposed urban extension at North Walsham is now closed, but you will have an opportunity to comment on the next stage in the autumn. 1800 homes are proposed with associated infrastructure and green spaces, and a great deal of thought has gone into this proposal.

To help counter climate change, electric vehicle charging points have been installed at the NNDC car parks in Cromer, Fakenham, Sheringham, Holt and Wells.

As part of NNDC's pledge to plant a tree for every resident, to help improve our health and wellbeing and enrich the natural world, NNDC have planted 20,000 trees and have 40,000 more to go.

New NNDC Covid 'stay safe awards' for businesses have been rolled out across the district to reassure the public that all reasonable measures have been put in place at shops, restaurants etc to keep them safe.

Dr Victoria Holliday
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The Norfolk Coast Partnership are delighted to introduce our updated logo. Eagle eyed readers may have already noticed it in our Norfolk Coast Guardian publication or on the Coastal Code poster produced as the coast reopened in April to visitors and locals.

This refresh has been developed as we work on producing a new website. Both the previous logo and website have certainly stood the test of time, having been created over 14 years ago. You'll see that we have retained the key elements that represent the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, such as the wildlife, landscape, including built environment, and dark skies reference. New icons added recognise the part that

people, leisure and sustainable transport play in our management of this special place and the line linking these follows (roughly) the shape of our coastline, with the colours representing the fluidity of this and land/marsh/sea interface. Of particular note is the bird who some may remember as pre-dating even the previous logo and it is important to us to carry this representation of our heritage through to the current refresh. We hope you like it and comments are welcome.

To save any wastage, there won't be a sudden change as we use up any printed resources that carry our old logo, but rather a gradual transition. Hopefully I will have news of our new, more user friendly, website in the coming months.

Catherine Leigh
aonb@norfolk.gov.uk

Readers Letter's & Articles

NORTH NORFOLK NEUTERING PROGRAMME FOR FERAL CATS

I have been asked to share my story regarding trapping and neutering feral cats.

Around 17 years ago an elderly gentleman kept 36 cats in his house, I tried at the time to encourage him to have them neutered, some looked unwell and underfed, he wasn't willing or helpful to allow this to happen, until a carer arrived. Then suddenly there was an explosion of cats in the village, the carer turned the cats out, terrified and lost, some died on the road, some ended up with broken legs and there were kittens born in peoples gardens. A feral colony was formed.

A friend and I were both working for a lovely lady who loved cats, she ended up having lots of kittens born in her garden and wash-house. One day a cat ran around her garden with a broken leg after having a collision with a car, the cat was never found, but would have ended in a painful death.

We needed to act, so we decided to start feeding holes, with permission from people in the village who were very happy to help. Some even adopted the cats, feeding them in their gardens and putting up shelters for them.

The next step was to trap cats and kittens, cats neutered and put back, feral kittens could be rehomed if they were under 6 weeks, it was easy as they have no fear of humans, it took us months to socialise those who were older [wild cats].

I fed, one-day old kittens abandoned by a young mother on someone's drive, this is what they do when they are very young themselves. I was in Norwich at the time when the call came through, I asked the lady if she would but the kittens in a box with a hot water bottle and towel and to leave them on my doorstep, on my return, they were bottled fed throughout the night 2 hourly until finally weaned at 5-6 weeks.

Cat Protection, one the local branches asked us to become Friends, they provided us with more traps, scanners also voucher to neuter, up until then, we were self-funding, paying for illness and accidents, which the cats very often suffered.

We do a little fundraising now and again. One old boy lived until he was eighteen until he succumbed to cancer, we were never able to touch him until he became ill, he trusted me and allowed me to put him in a cage and take him to the vets.

There have been some amazing stories. One hot August, we regularly fed kittens born under the tiles of a local hotel roof, can you imagine us climbing the fire stairs outside onto this enormous roof, we eventually were able to trap them and neuter the parents.

We have now got on top of the neutering in Blakeney, except for the odd one which moves in occasionally or a pet brought on holiday and has escaped. Through Cat Protection we are able to offer vouchers for families who can't afford to have their cats neutered, a female can cost as much as £84 and a male £60ish.

Within the cat world we have become popular trapping in North Norfolk, my friends and family transport me to varying locations, as I don't drive, for which I am grateful. Many new friendships have been formed; it has been simple amazing how the network has grown.

For a feral cat, life is hard especially the winter months, the problem is mainly due to humans not taking responsibility with their domestic cats. A young man from Langham alerted me just recently of a poorly stray, only 4 yrs. old visiting his garden, it was registered at a vet in Cambridge, the owners although they microchipped it, they did not register or update their details. Another cat was abandoned in the village with her 5 kittens, the trapping was easy, like the stray from Cambridge, she was domesticated and easy to handle, good homes were found for all.

We have been scratched – clawed – bitten, crawled over, it has been sad on occasions but in the main happy endings. So, spare a thought for those cat women on cold winter nights, waiting in the dark for traps to crash down to know we have a cat.

Thank you for reading - Judy Pegden

RESCUE: WOODEN: BOATS Summer Update 2021

New trips and charters starting on *Lucy Lavers*!

Charity Rescue Wooden Boats (ten years old this summer) is delighted to announce that their flagship *Lucy Lavers*, restored former Wells Lifeboat and Dunkirk Little Ship, is shortly starting exciting new trips and charters afloat from Wells-next-the-Sea after a spring spruce-up at the Stiffkey Boatyard.

The newly formed Wells-based Curlew Coastal Charters will be running *Lucy Lavers* on behalf of Rescue Wooden Boats, led by experienced local skipper Liam Pink. Liam is offering a range of trips and charters. These include 1.5 hours in or near Wells harbour cruises based on the stories of Dunkirk Little Ship *Lucy Lavers* and on the local RNLI, as well as 4- or 8-hour private charters based on customers' preferences. Options include trips along our coastline, visiting

local harbours and areas of outstanding natural beauty, getting in touch with nature, bird watching and much more. These bespoke trips include a locally sourced seafood picnic (vegetarian & vegan options)

Trips can be booked **NOW!** Call **Liam on 07512 086794** or email admin@curlewcoastalcharters.co.uk

Maritime Heritage Centre re-opens!

Lucy Lavers' story and much more of our local maritime heritage – films, photos, displays, artefacts and boats can be seen at Rescue Wooden Boats family-friendly Maritime Heritage Centre in Stiffkey, **open again now on Sundays and Bank Holiday Mondays between 11am and 4pm.**

The Centre is in the former officers' mess at the old military camp. There is also a corner in the Centre describing the history of the camp. Volunteers will take visitors who are interested across to the working boatyard next door to see work in progress on old wooden fishing boats.

Volunteers

We always welcome more volunteers in all we do – come and join the team! More **volunteers** at the Stiffkey Heritage Centre would enable us to open on Saturdays too! A few hours are all it needs!

Bessie needs funds and restoration!

Our next project is another Dunkirk Little Ship, local Wells whelker **Bessie**. Her story is fascinating and she needs a lot of work and fundraising to help her back afloat. Do become a **friend and supporter** to help us with this.

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Motor Neurone Disease:

A rewarding way to make a difference locally

Do you enjoy listening to and helping people? Are you looking for a volunteering role which fits in around your family, work, studies and other commitments? By giving just a few hours a week, you could make a huge impact.

As an Association Visitor for the Motor Neurone Disease (MND) Association you would maintain contact with people with MND, their families and carers by phone, email, via online platforms, or with face-to-face visits, when permitted. The role is a challenging but rewarding one. By offering confidential emotional support, information and help to access the right services, you can enable people affected by MND to live their lives more easily.

Katie Moore, Association Visitor with the local West Norfolk Group says, *'Being an Association Visitor is a really rewarding role. It is a privilege to be able to support people in difficult times, and to know that you can make a difference in someone's life. It's not always about the big things, sometimes just being there is enough.'*

Nina Hicks whose late Mother, Pamela Tresize had MND commented on the support they received from their Association Visitor Steve and the support they received from the Kings Lynn and West Norfolk group:

"Because MND is so complex and individual it takes an amazing person to volunteer and I am forever grateful to Steve Thorn and the compassion he showed my Mum. MND Kings Lynn are exceptional. They provide endless support emotionally and through the provision of information for both the patient and their families at diagnosis, during the illness and afterwards. They are irreplaceable and I thank them every day for everything they did for my mum and continue to do for me. They made a horrific situation a little easier and I will continue to raise money for them.'

For more information on how you can become an Association Visitor, or if you have any other skills to offer, please contact Liz Cooper, local Area Support Coordinator on 01604 800620 or email liz.cooper@mndassociation.co. Alternatively, you can find out more about MND, the Association, the Association Visitor and other roles and apply online at www.mndassociation.org

About the MND Association:

Please note that style wise motor neurone disease is lower case and then abbreviated to MND. The Motor Neurone Disease Association can be shortened to the MND Association, or the Association but never the MNDA.

The MND Association was founded in 1979 by a group of volunteers with experience of living with or caring for someone with MND. Since then, we have grown significantly, with an ever-increasing community of volunteers, supporters and staff, all sharing the same goal – to support people with MND and everyone who cares for them, both now and in the future.

The MND Association focuses on improving access to care,

research and campaigning for those people living with or affected by MND in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

About motor neurone disease (MND):

- MND is a fatal, rapidly progressing disease that affects the brain and spinal cord.
- It attacks the nerves that control movement so muscles no longer work. MND does not usually affect the senses such as sight, sound, feeling etc.
- It can leave people locked in a failing body, unable to move, talk and eventually breathe.
- Over 80% of people with MND will have communication difficulties, including for some, a complete loss of voice.
- It affects people from all communities.
- Around 35% of people with MND experience mild cognitive change, in other words, changes in thinking and behaviour. A further 15% of people show signs of frontotemporal dementia which results in more pronounced behavioural change.
- It kills a third of people within a year and more than half within two years of diagnosis.
- A person's lifetime risk of developing MND is around 1 in 300.
- Six people per day are diagnosed with MND in the UK.
- It affects up to 5,000 adults in the UK at any one time.
- It kills six people per day in the UK, this is just under 2,200 per year.
- It has no cure.

EXTRA ITEMS GVN ONLINE

<https://glavenvalleynewsletter.weebly.com/>

Glaven Valley News

The GVN would love to have a contribution from you!

Have you got any interesting stories or experiences which you would like to share with readers of the GVN? Any comments about activities or developments in the Glaven Valley or nearby? Is there anything you particularly enjoy or dislike about life in this area? The GVN is always happy to receive letters or articles on the widest range of subjects from our readers and our editor, Lorraine, would be delighted to hear from you.

Occasionally we have to reject contributions which we consider offensive or inappropriate but in practice this happens very rarely. We will look forward to hearing from you and we hope to enable you to express your views in print.

Jim Crossley

WIVETON FLOODS – 1953 (Opposite)



In lockdown a cousin, Humphrey Barclay found this rather amazing, almost live account written by our great aunt Joan - days after the 1953 floods. There may have been more pages but this short extract at least is fascinating. At the time Joan lived in Wiveton. Her sisters, Helen next door and Polly Blount, our grandmother in Cley. It is such a real account and so indicative of the time, not long after the war.

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WIVETON FLOODS 1953

About 8 p.m. on Saturday evening, January 31st, we were both sitting in front of the fire reading when our gardener came in and said did we know there was a flood? We went out into an arctic north wester to meet the sea half way up our field over the road, 90 yards from the house. We then (for those who know the place), walked down the road to find the water was in Mrs. Pennington's garage, the house had just escaped, the edge of the water was covered with debris so you walked in up to your knees before you realised that the water was underneath. The back road was completely blocked with a hay stack and water up to Mrs. Carpenter's house, so we were completely cut off from that end of the village where the houses were submerged from depths varying from 4 to 14 feet, we only prayed that the occupants had escaped to the high ground on the Blakeney side (one unhappily, as we learnt the next day, had not, and was drowned in her cottage). For days the only way to get to that end of the village was via Blakeney, and then a frightful obstacle race over fallen trees, broken down walls and the most ghastly debris of every kind, to get to the cottages from the back. We then retraced our steps and went over the village green towards the Foysters house, but came to the water long before we got to their gate: we then, with others from the village, went into the churchyard and looked over the wall; to our horror we found the house surrounded with water up to the top of the front door and only the roof of the garage showing; we then went to the Buxtons to see if they had their boat so that we could make contact with the Foysters, but alas Wiveton no longer having a quay, it was at Morston, we left the Buxtons to see what they could do while we went to Cley to see how the Blounts were faring. All roads to Cley were feet under water, and we had to go all the way round by Holt, a distance of 10 miles instead of 1; we heard that the Holt Cley road was hopelessly blocked with lorries so we made our way by tracks over the Hangs and through the allotments and so dropped into Cley, left the car on the high ground and walked to the Old Hall; there we found them all well and feeding evacuees by candle light, but the sea in the drawing-room. It had come to the 2nd floor of the Mill and Hubert had swum over and rescued an American woman with her baby who were there at the time. Having found the Blounts alright we returned at once to Wiveton and went straight to the Foysters, by that time the water had subsided considerably, we crawled through the hedge into the garden and shouted in chorus across the water and were much relieved when we at last got an answer from the housekeeper, though we could not hear a word of what she said in the gale. However we later found that the Buxtons had the matter well in hand. Mungo dressed in a frog suit had swum across and found them upstairs and alright (over 7 feet of water in the house). He took them food and tea as soon as the water went down a bit, and arranged for the Holt ambulance to come and evacuate them at low tide 3 a.m., so as to get them away before the next high tide. We then returned to the house and got everything ready to receive the Foysters; and while I stoked up fires and got hot drinks ready at 3 a.m. Helen went off to meet the ambulance and evacuate the Foysters. By this time the water had got down to about 15 inches in and around the Foysters house. Mrs. Foyster had been exceedingly ill only about a week before, and the party were very skilfully evacuated on hand chairs up the hill (which is like the side of a house) to the churchyard wall, here steps were made with chairs and tables and the flood victims successfully carried over the wall to the ambulance waiting on the green. On arrival here we gave everyone hot drinks and thawed them in front of fires (the ambulance men were famished and frozen) and then we packed the Foysters into bed, and about 5 a.m. got into bed ourselves for about an hour. As soon as it was light I looked out from my bed on to nothing but sea between us and Cley, in fact we were seeing it as it had been in the middle ages when the Glaven was an arm of the sea and Wiveton and Cley ports on opposite sides, the difference

being that Wiveton no longer possessed any boats, which we had already learnt to our cost. Breakfast, and then we got down to it, drove to Blakeney and then back along the coast road to as near that end of the village as we could get; quite impossible to approach the cottages either by Leatherpool Lane or Marsh Lane, which were still under feet of water, so by a devious course, through fences, over fallen trees, and through the mangled remains of gardens we managed to get to them from the back. Marsh Lane cottages had had about 5 feet of water and most of the occupants were huddled round a fire in the corner house which stands a good bit higher and had only just had the water in one room. One of the party, who had been very nearly drowned, was suffering very much from shock (as they all are in a greater or lesser degree) so we evacuated her and her husband to Helen's house and put her straight to bed and arranged billets and evacuated the other two families. Miss Spurrell had come down to her house at the corner of Leatherpool Lane at 5 o'clock that evening with the dogs, and had had to get up into the attic, from which she let herself down by a rope of sheets when the water subsided a bit. A party of 3, including 2 children in the Harcastle's house, whose parents happened to be away that night, were evacuated from a bedroom window to neighbours. The occupants of the cottages in Leatherpool Lane were alright upstairs. Mrs. Harrison mercifully was not in her bungalow that night otherwise without a top story she would have stood little chance. When she returned she was met by her table floating towards her with everything on it just as she had left it. Mrs. Dix was drowned in the cottage opposite, having got trapped in her downstairs room. Having settled in the evacuees, the next thing on Monday morning was food, lots of rations and also some of the books lost, and Cley now 10 miles off instead of 1, and terribly flooded, so I went off to Holt with all existing ration books and a list of the lost ones, and came back with food for the village which we then distributed. The next thing was taking hot soup and cooked food to the flood victims, who of course had nothing to cook on, and were busy trying to get the worst of the filth out of their houses; this was followed by distribution of clothes, household utensils etc: arranging for scrubbing squads etc: Evacuees to feed in our own houses and lots of workers coming in for meals or having them taken to them; children in for the day while their mothers were cleaning up at home. Families having to be housed and fed in the Parish Room, beds made up there etc. Our daily and gardener flooded out themselves and anyhow cut off from us by the flood, so no help in the house or garden for the first few days, and we were on the go all day, but when we were out the village walked in, found cleaning things, cleaned us up a bit, and washed up for the big parties we had in for meals, went off and cooked for us; so that however many people came in we never ran out of anything; when I dashed in hectically to produce a meal I would find little packages of food lying around the kitchen, and often cooked, which saved the situation. Both houses have been, and are again (Feb. 15th), full of evacuees over the weekend because of high tides, and are stacked with clothes for distribution and endless muddy things hanging about and drying in all directions. There are numerous miraculous stories of escape, it was quite marvellous many more people were not drowned.

We are still surrounded with police notices "NO ENTRY" or "ESSENTIAL TRAFFIC ONLY", hoping to keep out sight seers who otherwise block the roads and impede the clearing up gangs. All the authorities have been most prompt, and as soon as the water was off the roads were busy clearing them of debris; splendid volunteer gangs have also come along to clear the mountains of debris around the houses. Some of the victims have had extensive salvage searches, one who lived in Blakeney end of the village, found a table in a garden a $\frac{1}{4}$ of a mile away, her gate in a field rather further, and portions of her chicken house in Glandford Ford more than a mile away.

Cley, being a much larger village, had flooding on a much more extensive scale, with a lot of buildings and walls reduced to rubble; and the water came in with such a rush it broke open the doors and washed out the contents of the houses, so there are bits and pieces of every sort and kind lying about everywhere. Most of the drowned domestic animals and chickens have been collected up! but one still finds drowned rabbits and even drowned pheasants.

The volunteer squads one meets everywhere are grand men with all sorts of queer vehicles, dressed in an amazing mixture of garments, clearing up fallen trees, tumbled down walls etc, and every kind of rubbish, or taking round loads of logs and kindling; groups of women with pails and scrubbing brushes hard at work in the houses, and also taking home mountains of washing, the Red Cross figured largely over this, and have done yeoman work: we with the car and trailer packed with clothes and cooking utensils etc.

The water has all been contaminated and tanks are set about with drinking water.

The first Sunday there were no services in any of the three Churches, Cley, Glandford or Wiveton, everyone either being flooded out or helping those who were: the last two Sundays all services have been at Wiveton because Cley Church has been used as a Clothing and Rest Centre.

Two thirds of Salthouse have been wiped out, and they were so short of any sort of storage room for clothes, or anything else, that Helen has dumped the horse-trailer there to be used as a clothes store.

There are endless stories of wonderful escapes, here are two or three, At entrance to Cley we went round the old Blacksmiths Forge, and climbed into the sheds behind, most precarious, the floors full of holes and covered with debris of every sort, the whole building now condemned as unsafe, a dog had been swept out of the yard, managed to get on to some floating boards, and eventually jumped in through the bed-room window of the adjoining house when called. The mark of the 97 Flood there was 4 feet below this one.

The shoe shop opposite was practically down, and the shoes and boots in for repairs had just been washed out.

The old lady who lived alone a few doors down the street had been shut into her downstairs room, the door upstairs being slammed with the force of the water rushing in, and she could not open it; after a tremendous effort she managed to open the back door, and with water up to her arm-pits stumbled over debris and broken down walls to a cottage further down the street, and banged on the door, no one but a child heard her with everything crashing down, and the appalling gale, she heard the child saying "there is someone at the door" and being contradicted every time, but the child was so insistent they at last came to look, and got her in in the nick of time quite exhausted; the next day she was back hard at work cleaning up her cottage.

Everyone was taken by surprise, Cley had often had smaller floods when the water had come in slowly, giving them time to put things on tables or upstairs, this time it came with such a rush, and to places where it had never penetrated before, no one had time to save anything. Wiveton never expected to be flooded even when Cley was. Many people thought it was raining hard when it was waves lapping against their windows, and the next thing they found was that they were floating in their chairs. In one case a candle in an enamel candlestick floated and kept alight until it got up to the ceiling, and then they were terrified that it would put the rest of the house on fire.

Many who were upstairs heard their writing desks, pianos, etc banging against the ceiling.

One man was marooned on the roof of his pig-sty for hours and eventually rescued, he spent most of the time beating off rats who tried to take refuge with him, and also tried to attack him.

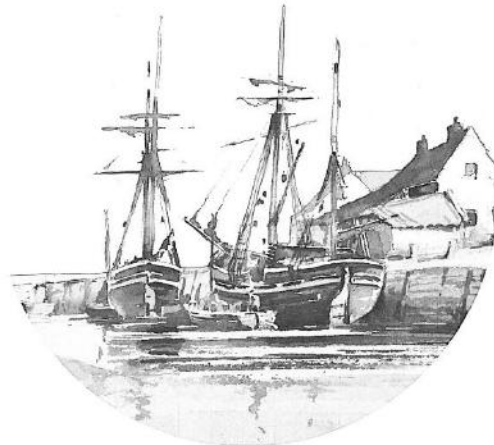
The spirit of the people is wonderful, and their efforts of clearing up, and getting straight again, magnificent.

In places the whole lie of the land has been greatly altered and many of the picturesque characteristics of the villages have disappeared, many things have been removed a long way from their natural haunts, the old life boat, washed up from Blakeney, sits in the middle of a field a good mile from Cley Quay, others are sitting about in the main street of Cley, half a haystack blocked our back road and the other half sat in the middle of the marshes, both portions having travelled about $\frac{1}{4}$ of a mile, in spite of its sea voyage "Betsie" is now enjoying some of it.

Someone flying over Blakeney Point in a storm at a thousand feet up swears that the spray was flying all over his wind-screen.

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Thoughts from the Rectory for July 2021

I'm writing this at another slightly uncertain time. We know that the easing of the lockdown won't go ahead as planned on 21st June (next week, at the time of writing), but we're not sure what that will mean for the finer details of services and events at church. However, things unfold, there will certainly be some exciting things going on in various of our churches.

The Cley Contemporary Art Exhibition is coming up at Cley Church, throughout July, organised by the North Norfolk Exhibition Project. This is now an annual event, and it's a great pleasure for us to be able to host it again this year, and accommodate a wonderful variety of exhibits and installations. It's always a draw, and always well worth a visit.

Around the middle of the month, on Sunday 18th July, at 11.15, we'll be holding a special Festival Service to celebrate both the Exhibition and also St Margaret, after whom Cley Church is named, and whose day of commemoration falls two days later on 20th. All are very welcome to join us for that service, and of course any others too. It's always a pleasure to hold services and activities in July surrounded by stimulating works of art.

Meanwhile in Wiveton Church on Sunday 25th July, we're re-starting the monthly Family Service, which, along with most other services, had to be put on ice during the lockdowns. This service has proved very popular over the years, under the wonderful leadership of Sarah and Jim Woodhouse, who, sad to say, have now had to step down and hand over the reins. They will be much missed in that capacity, as in so many other up-front ways they have served the church.

With Covid still around, we will be doing that service a bit differently – including leaving out the Communion element. But it will still involve story-telling, songs, candle-lighting and drama – possibly outside as well as in church!

So, we're looking forward to enjoying a family-friendly, informal, fun service for all ages, from the smallest upwards.

We're also looking forward to our "Summer Festival – Red, White & Blue": a series of three concerts featuring music from England, America and France. These will all be at Blakeney Church, with the first on Friday 16th July, with violinist Ben Holland and pianist Brenda Blewett. See the advert elsewhere in this edition (or our website) for more details.

Hope to see you soon!
Richard.

Services – some general information

Just to confirm we're no longer needing people to pre-book places for any of the regular services in our churches. We'll still record attenders' names, in case contact should be required later. And until the guidance changes, we'll naturally continue with the requirements for face-masks, distancing and sanitising. How quickly things will open up further is not yet clear.

The 9.30am weekly service at Blakeney will continue to be available on our "St Nicholas Church Blakeney" Youtube channel.

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

Please keep checking the website, where you'll find details of all services, and links where needed, and much more besides:
www.glavenvalleychurches.org.uk

You may find you need to click "refresh" when returning, to be sure of the latest information.

Or do contact me on:

revrichardlawry@gmail.com or by phone on 740686, if you need information, advice or help. Contact details are also on the website, and the contacts page of this magazine.

Weddings, Funerals, Baptisms

The following weddings have recently taken place in the Benefice, or were due to happen by/in July:

Saturday 12th June – Chris Aldous & Olivia Brown (Cley)

Saturday 19th June – Tom Bacon & Millie Carter (Letheringsett)

Monday 21st June – Jack Pointer & Kate Tabrett (Blakeney)

Saturday 10th July – Tim Hipperson & Victoria Hovenden (Blakeney)

Saturday 24th July – Calum Lamont & Elena Verseckaite (Cley)

Our congratulations, best wishes and prayers for all those couples!

The funerals of the following people have taken place in the Benefice recently:

Jacqueline Ward – 19th June – Wiveton

Viola Buxton – 17th June – Wiveton

Ian Moy – 22nd June – Blakeney

Ian Moy will be much missed by many of us here. He looked after the churchyard in Blakeney for a number of years. He loved his work there, and was held in great affection by many people, not least for his gentleness and humour.



JULY 2021 SERVICES SCHEDULE

NB – because of ongoing restrictions, this is not the full pre-Covid schedule

SUNDAY 4th	<i>Trinity 5</i>	
8.00	Holy Communion (BCP)	Wiveton
9.30	Holy Communion [<i>& live-streamed</i>]	Blakeney
11.15	Holy Communion (BCP)	Letheringsett
6.00	Taizé	Cley
Wed 7th	Holy Communion (BCP) 10.00am	Cley
SUNDAY 11th	<i>Trinity 6</i>	
9.30	Praise and Worship [<i>& live-streamed</i>]	Blakeney
11.15	Holy Communion (BCP)	Glandford
6.00	Service of Contemplation	Wiveton
SUNDAY 18th	<i>Trinity 7 [<i>& St Margaret's w/e</i>]</i>	
9.30	Celtic HC with Healing [<i>& live-streamed</i>]	Blakeney
9.30	Morning Prayer	Letheringsett
11.15	Festival Service (St Margaret's Day & Art Exhibition)	Cley
6.30	Evensong (BCP)	Wiveton
Wed 21st	Holy Communion (BCP) 10.00am	Cley
SUNDAY 25th	<i>Trinity 8</i>	
8.00	Holy Communion (BCP)	Cley
9.30	Holy Communion [<i>& live-streamed</i>]	Blakeney
11.15	Family Service (All-Age)	Wiveton
6.30	Evensong (BCP)	Glandford

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

As ever, all welcome!

The churchyards at Blakeney and the Glaven Valley

In a country where nature is under greater threat than ever, with the last 50 years witnessing a decline in over half of our native wildlife species, churchyards can be both burial places for tranquil reflection on the lives of relatives and friends as well havens for wildlife abundant in flowers, birds and butterflies.

At Blakeney this was recognised by groundsman Ian Moy who sadly died recently after a short illness. For several years Ian worked diligently in this role, and it was clear from his comments that for him it was not just a job. He clearly loved looking after the churchyard.

The combined wildlife value of the five churchyards in the Glaven Valley is enormous. Each church is responsible for the care and management of its churchyard. This can be both a considerable financial and manpower challenge, made recently worse by the effects of the pandemic. On the positive side, during the last year, more and more people have come to better recognise the well-being benefits of taking time to be close to nature. The very wet weather this Spring has meant that all growth has flourished, but churchyards have been a riot of colourful flowers. Managing churchyards for wildlife and people demands considerable time, knowledge and effort, so the churches and those who enjoy them are particularly grateful to all who work or volunteer in them.

Several churchyards, including Blakeney, are now managed under the guidelines of the national 'Churchyard Conservation Scheme' adopted by the Diocese of Norwich in conjunction with the Norfolk Wildlife Trust, as indicated on the small finger-posts provided by the NWT near the gates.

To encourage a better understanding of our individual and corporate responsibilities and lifestyle actions regarding the future of the planet, our local community and global engagement, all of our churches in the benefice are now also registered with the Eco Church scheme.

If you have not recently visited the Blakeney village graveyard you will always be welcome, and we hope that you will take advantage of the various carefully mown access paths, the Memorial Garden near the school and the 'garden benches'. The Tower is once again open to visitors three days a week during office hours. The view over Blakeney and Cley and the coast is spectacular, and well worth the safe climb. All details can be found on the website glavenvalleychurches.org.uk

Tom Green

'MILL ANTIQUES AND BROCANTES'

An exciting new addition to the already vibrant Holt Antiques Trail has just opened its doors at Letheringsett Water Mill – Norfolk's only remaining flour producing working Mill.

Situated in a converted stable building, 'Mill Antiques and Brocantes', has an eclectic mix of top-quality English antique furniture, tastefully blended with more flamboyant Asian pieces, decorative glass, china, rugs, ornate mirrors, and interiors items, as well as an Art Wall of local and more prominent artists.

The business compliments and supports other ventures within the Mill complex, including the well-stocked Letheringsett Village Shop, and Fryers Original Pies.

Letheringsett Water Mill is well worth a visit, and can be seen in operation producing top quality flour from locally grown grain.

**Open Monday - Friday 11.00 – 3.00pm
Saturday 9.00 – 1 pm. Closed Sunday.**

*We look forward to welcoming you
Malcolm Mellor*

WHAT'S ON INFORMATION

Charity Sale Blood Cancer UK

Saturday July 17th Langham Village Hall
10am-11.30am

Lots of bargains for all Tea/Coffee available
We shall follow Government guidelines to
keep everyone safe.

We shall follow COVID guidelines

Summer at the Museum of the Broads July - a great time to visit the Museum of the Broads!

We are working hard to improve your visitor experience with a brand-new entrance area - we hope you like it! We re-opened briefly for half term and are aiming to re-open again in early July when we can show off our changes.

Why not get those summer outfits out, visit our lovely Museum and bring a picnic - our riverside location is just the ticket. See our Wish You Were Here exhibition, and take a boat trip. We recommend advance booking, either through our website or by phone. And, of course, we will follow all regulations regarding social distancing.

Check our website for opening days and times.

The Museum of the Broads, Poor's Staithe, Stalham, NR12
9DA, 01692 581681

www.museumofthebroads.org.uk

@MuseumBroads on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram

Binham Priory Concerts

Saturday 24th July – Norwich Baroque
Saturday 7th August – Brook Street Band

Matinee Concert at 4pm
Evening Concert at 6.30pm

Entrance by pre-booking only. Tickets limited to 50 each concert under Covid precautions of May 2021. Could be subject to change. £20 including a glass of wine or fruit juice.

Booking from 01328 830362 or
Davidfrost226@btinternet.com

Contemporary Art Along the North Norfolk Coast

All about Cley 21 Nowhere
Exhibition Open 1 July – 1 August

Cley Contemporary Art is looking for a few innovative, fun-loving and capable individuals to join our team. Cley Contemporary Art, North Norfolk Exhibition Project, NNEP Charity Commission 1156869 is looking for talented people to contribute their skills towards our organisational infrastructure. This year, more than ever enjoying art, spending an afternoon among friends, and being inspired takes on a whole new meaning. We look forward to welcoming you to our team.

- Finance Support: Our Treasurer is stepping down this September and we need someone with strong accounting skills to support budget development. You can chat with our current Treasurer if you have questions.
- Publicity Support: We could use help putting out the word with press releases and submitting information to local newsletters, papers, and radio. We need you to help us share what we do with the community.
- Technology Support: Work alongside our dedicated trustees to support the website, advertising, and video production for NNEP.
- Fundraising Support: Enjoy researching and applying for local funding opportunities, including local business. We have developed a case for support to work from to tailor applications.

Interested? Or have questions? Contact Kirsti Crofts,
Administrator
Tel: 01362 668641
contemporaryartcley@gmail.com

GOOD THINGS COME TO THOSE WHO WAIT

.... and the Briston Organ Shows are no exception! These wonderful evenings of exciting live music are back as from July 9th at the Copeman Centre, Briston, when the superb organist, pianist and singer Matthew Bason will be back with us once again with his own brand of musical magic! We will have full safety measures in place if they are still need by then (hopefully things will be a little more relaxed by July!) so if you fancy a night of live music to suit all tastes, in a comfortable venue with free parking right outside, with great refreshments and a super raffle too, get in touch. The evening raises much needed funds for the Copeman Centre itself.

Tickets are currently £8 each (we hope that when we can again fill the hall to its capacity, we will be able to revert to our former £6 per head), and the show is from 7.30pm (doors open at 7pm) on Friday July 9th - the Copeman Centre is in Hall Street, Briston, NR24 2LG. Advance booking is essential at the moment by 'phoning us on 01263 860844 anytime - and you can pay by major debit or credit card too. We do hope you will be able to join us.

Mick Leary and Carol Parsons
01263 860844

Mob. Mick - 07767 796395

Mob. Carol - 07901 954056

email - emjaymusic@waitrose.com

www.emjaymusic.com

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Absence

I visited the place where we last met.
Nothing has changed, the gardens were well-tended,
The fountains sprayed their usual steady jet;
There was no sign that anything had ended
And nothing to instruct me to forget.

The thoughtless birds that shook out of the trees,
Singing an ecstasy I could not share,
Played cunning in my thoughts. Surely in these
Pleasures there could not be a pain to bear
Or any discord shake the level breeze.

It was because the place was just the same
That made your absence seem a savage force,
For under all the gentleness there came
An earthquake tremor: fountain, birds and grass
Were shaken by my thinking of your name.

Elizabeth Jennings

July Sudoku: Easy

		8	2					
		6	4			3	8	
5	3					2	1	
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	8	5					6	4
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Fill the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the numbers 1 to 9.

Medium

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	1		7		9		2	
		7				3		

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

Hard

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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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GLAVEN VALLEY CONCERTS

Summer Festival

'RED, WHITE AND BLUE'

A series of three concerts

featuring music from England, America and France

Friday 16 July

Ben Holland – violin Brenda Blewett – piano

Elgar, Korngold

Wednesday 4 August

Horizon Ensemble

Susie Self – soprano Anna Hopkins – flute

Michael Christie – cello Brenda Blewett – piano

Ravel, Gershwin, Kern

Saturday 14 August

Julian Godlee – bass Brenda Blewett – piano

'Le Chemin d'Amour'

A summer soir e of beautiful French songs

All concerts 7pm in Blakeney Church

Free admission with retiring collection

More details and booking at glavenvalleychurches.org.uk

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 collectibles.
Free parking and cafe on site.
Currently closed due to the lockdown.

For further information
please visit our Facebook page
[facebook.com/BlakeneyFair](https://www.facebook.com/BlakeneyFair)
or call Mandy Allen - 07876254173.



Find us at:

2c/2d Shirehall Plain, Holt, NR25 6HT

Open Monday to Saturday

10am to 5pm, and

Sundays - 11am til 3pm

from *Easter to Christmas only*



A Club Secretary, and an Administrator for the Blakeney Harbour Room

The Blakeney Harbour Room operates a successful bar, kitchen and events hall with garden, located in Blakeney High Street. Rebuilt 15 years ago the property offers modern hospitality and events space with on-site car parking.

In addition, the RBL Club delivers the following from the property;

1. access to a specially designed ferry boat for the disabled
2. recreational away days
3. live streaming arts activities to address loneliness.

Clients are sourced from cohorts of Royal British Legion beneficiaries and others from the Emergency Services. We have formed delivery partnerships with the North Norfolk Wheelyboat Project, Home-Stage Arts, and local activity centres.

We are looking for an organised and experienced paid secretary and administrator to support our predominantly volunteer workforce to deliver these services and assist in administering the Harbour Room.

Hours, plus or minus 15 hours a week. Job share a possibility. Remuneration according to experience. You would work predominantly from home. You will possess a reasonable range of computer skills.

CV to aireson@morstonpalatine.co.uk or call
07785731804.

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per issue are as follows:

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JAM SESSION

There's nothing like a shelf of home-made jam to make you feel like a real country cook. The gleaming jars indicate a sort of alchemy converting a basket of fruit and some sugar into a lovely fresh-tasting preserve. Jam-making is not rocket science.

First collect your jam jars: there are always hundreds around. Make sure they have screw tops which are best for storage. They won't let in dampness or insects, and the contents won't dry out in today's central heating. Wash them very well, dry and keep warm in a low oven. You will also need a packet of jam covers to give them preliminary protection. Choose a large saucepan or preserving pan so that the cooking jam does not boil over. You need a wide top to help moisture disperse quickly. Now you are ready for action. You need basic fruit, granulated sugar, lemon juice and pectin. Don't bother with expensive fancy sugars, and you can use bottled lemon juice rather than fresh lemons (once again economy and no wastage). Pectin is the setting agent which is released by using acid. Some soft fruits like strawberries and raspberries are low in pectin, so the resulting jam is often runny, while apples, redcurrants and gooseberries have plenty and can be used to assist in setting low pectin fruit. Here's my favourite summer jam, which is useful for using all the oddments of fruit in the garden, and the mixed fruits balance each other beautifully and the jam sets well. It's also handy for clearing out the freezer of all those odd bags of fruit which are not used up in time for the coming season.

Fruit Salad Jam

- 8 oz (225g) blackcurrants
- 8 oz (225g) redcurrants
- 8 oz (225g) strawberries
- 2 lb (1kg) granulated sugar
- 1 tablespoon of lemon juice

Remove stems from the blackcurrants and redcurrants, and rinse all the fruit quickly in running cold water with a colander. Put the blackcurrants in the pan and just cover with cold water. Simmer for 5 minutes until tender. Add remaining fruit and lemon juice and simmer for 10 minutes. Stir in the sugar (this will dissolve quicker if the packets warm gently by the side of the stove). Stir in over low heat until sugar has dissolved. Raise the heat and boil hard to setting point, stirring occasionally. To test for setting, chill a saucer in the fridge and drop a spoonful of the boiling mixture on the cold saucer. Leave for a minute, and then push the mixture with your finger. If it has started to firm up, and wrinkles with your finger, it is ready. Take off the heat and stir to distribute the fruit. Use a jug to fill the jars. Fill them right to the top and put on a waxed disc and label and a Cellophane circle, then screw on the lids tightly. Wipe the jars.

225 Miles

6 Hotels over 6 days

2 Blakeney's

1 Probable sore ~~ars~~ backside

All for charity - On a bike

So, after missing a year, it's that time to do something outrageous for a charity. This year, starting the 26th June I shall be (electro) cycling with my son, James (trad cycling), from 'Blakeney' to 'Blakeney'. All proceeds will go to the local charity 'The Blakeney Twelve'.

This is my last season at Friary Farm so I would like to raise at least a £1000 as a leaving present for this deserving local charity.

So dig deep and sign the form, or you could just give me some cash when you see me, or take a photo of this and contribute via my Just Giving Page or even pledge some cash by giving me a call. Huh. Even send me an email if you like.

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/stephen-lake-1>

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Blakeney

18 hr 50
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