THE GLAVEN VALLEY NEWSLETTER



'Kestrel flying near Salthouse' Photo taken by William Hall



Blakeney Players Present

Summer 2022

at

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Curtain 8pm Licensed Bar from 7:15pm

Thurs 14th July Thurs 21st July Thurs 28th July Thurs 4th Aug

TICKETS Adult £10 Child £4

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SUPPER SHOW

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Saturday 30th July £30 per ticket. 6 for 6:30pm Max 8 tickets per booking www.blakeneyplayers.com

BOX OFFICE

From 23rd June 10am - 4pm weekdays **Blakeney Garage** Coast Road, Blakeney

Tel: 07704 220204

Please do not use Blakeney Garage landline no.



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

Treasurer's Report

Thank you to those of you who have already responded to the appeal in last month's edition. It is still not too late to donate and there are collection boxes at Blakeney Garage and Made in Cley to save postage costs.

Donations can be made by:

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

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

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QUEENS PLATINUM JUBILEE QUIZ

All questions have a two word answer beginning with

PJ ie Queens celebration for 70 years on throne Platinum Jubilee

1. China Ewer

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- 2. Assisted leap from plane
- 3. Receptacle for spiced onions
- 4. Fruit drink
- 5. Porcine meat
- 6. Cherished gem
- 7. In bad taste
- 8. Portable diary
- 9. Overseeing magistrate
- 10. Attractive narcissus
- 11. Extended trip
- 12. Always happy
- 13. South American puma
- 14. Remunerated work
- 15. Querulous horse rider
- 16. Thoughtful minor
- 17. Last but one crossroads
- 18. Allow tournament on horseback
- 19. Brave youth
- 20. Fruit preserve
- 21. Buffed up aeroplane
- 22. Field event athlete
- 23. Worn by lead cyclist
- 24. Exact prank
- 25. Unadorned riding breeches
- 26. Pale yellow lounging outfit
- 27. Fearful runner
- 28. Dog found on African plain
- 29. Alcoholic gelatin based dessert
- 30. Unattractive girl

JUBILEE QUIZ FOR CHILDREN

EXPLORE BLAKENEY TO FIND ANSWERS

- 1. What is shown on the ancient graffiti found in St Nicholas Church
- 2. What is on the village sign
- 3. What is the name of the road with jubilee connections which joins the High Street to Back Lane
- Can you find the largest nest with the largest egg in Blakeney. (Search the High Street)
- 5. What is the name of type of crab caught off the quay
- 6. Where is the Guildhall, what was its original purpose
- 7. Which mammals can be seen on a trip to Blakeney Point
- In what year was the highest flood level recorded in Blakeney(look on the quay)
- 9. Name 5 species of duck found on Blakeney duckpond.(look on information board and see if you can see them on the pond)
- 10.What is the name of the hill overlooking the quay .Why do you think it might have that name



Sunday 21st August 11am-10.30pm FREE event in Blakeney - NR25 7PG Something for everyone with fun for all ages!

ST. MARGARET'S FAIR

St Margaret's Church, Cley SATURDAY 16th JULY 2 - 5pm, BOOK STALL OPENS AT 10am Free admission



Cakes	Hannah Stevenson	07890563567
Plants	Alison Cole	740814
Books	Klaus Vollmar	740304
Tombola	Jane Peploe	741471
Raffle	Mel Kemp	07771502504

We always need help. If you can, please contact Briony on 07766545363/brionybarron@gmail.com

BRASS BAND, BEER TENT, ICE CREAM, BBQ, POSH BRIC A BRAC, MUSIC IN THE CHURCH, CREAM TEAS AND LOTS MORE....

BARKING MAD DOG SHOW 2.30pm - £3 per entry

Sponsored by Fullerton's Book Search

<u>CAKE and PRODUCE</u> <u>Stall</u>



Calling all producers to help us fill the cake stall! Cakes, bread, buns, biscuits, jams, flapjacks, tarts, puddings or preserves - anything edible is welcomed!

The cake stall is running alongside the Cream Teas in the church. Scone bakers much appreciated please! Many thanks!

Delívery & collectíon detaíls Hannah Stevenson 07890563567 hannahstevenson@me.com

GIGANTIC BOOK STALL IN CHURCH OPEN FROM 10am!

If you have any books you can contribute, I would be very grateful. Please deliver to me at Rhu-Sila, Church Lane, Cley. Many thanks, *Klaus Vollmar 740304*

HUGE TOMBOLA

I would be very grateful for any donations of bottles or gifts suitable for the Tombola. Please drop off at Hunters, High Street, Cley or contact for collection. Many thanks, *Jane Peploe 741471*

ATTENTION ALL GARDENERS

Please could you let me have any saleable plants including fruit and vegetables for the plant stall. We would like to put on the usual good show. Delivery & collection details from Alison Cole <u>740814/alison-cole@outlook.com</u>. Thank you!

GIANT RAFFLE

I would be very grateful for any good quality prizes please. If you can't get to the Fair, offering a prize would be a great way of showing your support. Many thanks. *Mel Kemp*, 07771 502504

Blakeney

Blakeney Cley and District RBL, The Harbour Room and The Wheelyboat

Thanks to one and all who made the Jubilee such a cracking good event at the Harbour Room. Sad that the planned street party couldn't happen in the street – awful weather! – but to see one and all crammed into the Harbour Room and all the wonderful preparations moved inside at seemingly a moment's notice, well this was just fantastic.

The children's party on Friday afternoon was a joy when the green came into its own!

Add the beer festival, disco, band and mix in a lot of good humour and yes it was a cracking good event!

July sees a three-day folk festival on the 8th, 9th and 10th of July, see our advertisement for all the details.

New signage calls us a "community pub ". What's a community pub you could well ask? We say we serve to communities; proud of our 100-year history in serving the Armed Forces community, but with less of them around we now serve our local community too.

Of course, we have to be very careful to make sure that money earmarked for the Forces Community is used only for that and so having two committees, one for the Blakeney Royal British Legion Branch and the other for the Harbour Room makes that much easier.

We are delighted in the increasing interest in Poppy a specially designed Ferry that takes wheelchairs and the disabled into the Harbour. In June, we organised accommodation for Respite Breaks for the disabled. And our online poetry group has been the link between a Scottish-based ex-serviceman with serious PTSD and a support network for him up there. Poetry is a wonderful medium through which to recognise stresses and frustrations.

We continue to get enquiries to use to meeting rooms which we can provide for free to new and emerging businesses.

That's a community pub!

And thanks to all who have supported Carl as he introduces a food menu at the Harbour Room.

Hope to see you at the Folk Festival!"

Tom Harrison

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Gardening & Maintenance

- Grass Cutting
- Hedge Cutting
- General garden maintenance

For more information, please contact:

07943 258828

The family of **Bob Morgan** would like to invite those who knew him to join them at **The Blakeney Harbour Room on Saturday 30th July at 6pm**

to raise a glass and celebrate his life with a few stories and possibly an auld song or two from the Old Wild Rovers. To RSVP and for more details please call Henry on 07800 538382

24th July, 2.30p.m.

Thank you Blakeney, Morston and Cley Please will anyone who knows Sue and Charlie Martineau come to a party at 20 Westgate Street, Blakeney (opposite Spar) between 2.30 and 5.30 pm on Thursday 24th July. To help us celebrate being in Blakeney for 27 years.

Coastal Rowing Association of Blakeney

Glaven Caring Thistleton Court, Blakeney 01263 740762 Join us for an Open Day At the Glaven Day Care Centre With coffee & cake

10am – 12noon Wednesday 6th July

All welcome to come & have a chat & see what services we provide. Families with elderly parents, carers (enable you to have a break) Day Care, Lunches, Foot clinic

Blakeney Sailing Club

We have had a brilliant continuation of the season in both racing and flotilla sailing.

At the time of writing, we are looking forward to the Seafly Open and Allcomers race – weather permitting! Also, the Early Summer Series is beginning at the end of June.

There are lots more Flotilla Sailing Events. Always fun with refreshments! Flotilla outings and all other events have been well attended so far.

July promises to be another great month on the water bringing the International 14 event starting on Saturday 16th July. The end of July will bring the annual Morston Regatta. What a great month July promises to be ...

Keep checking the Blakeney Sailing Club Instagram, Facebook and website <u>www.blakeneysailing.co.uk</u> or come down to the hut to find out more.

Happy Sailing, Amy Howes

Members of your local rowing club have been enjoying the regular social rows towards Blakeney Point or Cley. However, there has also been an element of competition in recent weeks. There were three podium finishes at this year's King's Lynn Hanse Festival on Saturday 11th June! It was a great afternoon's racing for Adrian H, Adrian M, Jeni, Humphrey, Diana, Barry, Amy, Alison and Luke. The men's crew gained second place in their race and there were third place finishes for the mixed and the ladies' crews. See further details and pictures of the races on the club website at crablakeney.wordpress.com.

On the day of the Regatta, the wind was blustery, the tide was running fast, and the organisers made the wise decision to shorten the course. There were no bridge arches to negotiate this year. Instead, there were some tight racing turns around an arrangement of buoys. The changes added to the excitement.

There were so many highlights during the afternoon. One of the great moments was the race for second place between Blakeney and King's Lynn in the mixed crew event. Coxes pitted their wits against each other amidst the clashing oars and hard rowing. The times were identical!

Many thanks to Adrian H for towing, organising, rowing and timekeeping. Thanks also to captain Humphrey for his organisation of crews. Of course, thanks also to the Wells and King's Lynn Rowing Club, and the Ouse Social Club, for arranging and hosting such a marvellous event culminating in an excellent awards ceremony and hog roast.

There was much less mud this year and credit must go to the King's Lynn Fire Brigade for clearing the slipway.

On to the next event! At the time of writing, club members are anticipating the Round Canvey Island Race which takes place on 2^{nd} July. This is a challenging row on the Thames Estuary which has been hugely enjoyed by past participants and Blakeney rowers will strive for more success this year. South Woodham Ferrers Yacht Club will be the hosts.

Why not get in touch with the club to try skiff rowing for yourselves? There is no obligation to compete. The social rows provide great exercise; they are also fun. A new event on the rowing calendar involves an early morning row followed by breakfast at a local pub. The King's Arms is hosting the first of these outings.

If you want to know more about the club, contact club captain Humphrey at <u>hborgnis@icloud.com</u> to arrange a trial row. Beginners and returning rowers are always welcome to contact the club. Remember, you can keep up with the club's activities on Instagram, on Facebook and on the club notice board on the Carnser.

Come along and enjoy a row this summer. Stay safe!

Barry Howes

News from the Methodist Church

Hello everyone,

Last month I wrote in anticipation of the Jubilee celebrations in the village, with some sentiment about the memories that I had of the village that I grew up in. Well, goodness me, what a Jubilee weekend it was! It was certainly a weekend that I shall remember for years to come, with Lantern processions, riding down the High Street in a 1929 Bentley, singing in the rain with Glaven Sings Gospel and, of course, a marvellous party in the Harbour Rooms. Throughout the long weekend there was a tremendous sense of unity and doing things together for one another, which is one of the aspects that I enjoy the most about working in a rural area.

It was lovely to see everyone who came along to our Celtic Colouring Workshop and to meet new people. We certainly felt very relaxed as Rev Jacqui guided us through a peaceful and colourful time of mindfulness. Our next such event - a Mindfulness Taster session will take place on Monday 25th July from 2.30-3.30pm, everyone is welcome.

We continue to collect items for the local Cromer and District Foodbank, with every donation making a difference in these times of rising costs of living. Our donation point is open at the following times;

> Thursdays 10am-11am Fridays 10am - 12 noon Sundays 9.30am - 11.30am

People's generosity in these times always humbles me, again last month I was able to deliver a carful of donations to the foodbank, as ever they (and I) are hugely appreciative of your kindness.

Our weekly Sunday services for July are as follows; Sunday 3rd July 9.30am - Traditional Service (including Holy Communion) Sunday 10th July 10am - Cafe Church Sunday 17th July 10am - Celtic style service Sunday 24th July 10am - Garden Church Sunday 31st July 10am - Something Different

Our mid-week prayer time; Thursdays 9.30am - Pilgrim Prayers

Our weekly coffee morning continues on Thursdays 10am - 11am

You are always very welcome to come and join us at the Chapel. If you would like to talk to someone about coming, please give me a call on 07591 509653. We're a really friendly bunch and enjoy drinking coffee, eating, worshipping and laughing together :-)

Love and blessings, Sam Parfitt

BLAKENEY FILM NIGHT VILLAGE HALL

"The Duke"(12A)

Friday 15th July

£5 on the door

The spirit of Ealing Studios lives on in this delightful British comedy drama based on an implausible true story. In 1961 Goya's "Duke of Wellington" was stolen from The National Gallery. How & why the eccentric Geordie cabbie accused of stealing the work of art used it to further his aim of getting the Government to invest more in the care of the elderly is a wonderfully uplifting tale.

A few great twists to enjoy alongside very fine performances from Jim Broadbent and Helen Mirren, with a solid supporting cast. Gloriously funny as well as moving.

> Doors open at 6.30 for a 7pm start. Refreshments available. All profits for BVH refurbishment.

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FINCH GARDEN DESIGN DESIGN – BUILD – PLANTING

www.finchgardendesign.co.uk

Jackie Finch 07776292211

"Desert Island Discs" Blakeney Style



Rev. Richard shares his choice of music and life story in conversation with Jill Hackford

Friday 22nd July 2022

Blakeney Church - 6.30 for 7.00 to 9pm

Free Admission - Retiring Collection

Bar & Nibbles available

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CHARITY NUMBER 297272

BLAKENEY PARISH COUNCIL -

www.blakeneyparishcouncil.org.uk



SAVE THE DATE(S) 2022:

PARTY ON THE PASTURES - Sunday 21st August - Look at our website and facebook page for full details: as usual this is shaping up nicely, with a return to live music in the evening once again. Do come and join us for a super fun filled day, with something for everyone...

END OF SEASON BONFIRE & FIREWORKS - Plan 'A' is for Saturday 22nd October and if the weather lets us down, the Plan 'B' is Saturday 29th October. There is no Plan 'C'.

On another note, we still have money left in our **Community Covid Support Fund** from the grant we received, and so if you or someone you know are in need of financial/hardship support, then please contact the Parish Clerk. Your enquiry will be dealt with in the strictest of confidence. We can help with supermarket vouchers, food parcels for those in isolation and possibly other items, please do get in touch. (Call 01263 741106 or email: clerk@blakeneyparishcouncil.org.uk)

Extracts from the 7th June 2022 Full Parish Council Meeting...

Reports from Police, County & District Councillors -

Wells Safer Neighbourhood Police Team - Written report circulated. Only one crime was reported for May in Blakeney, which was another theft of waste cooking oil from The Kings Arms. Two suspects were arrested in Blakeney, their van and a large quantity of waste cooking oil was seized by police. A further theft of waste cooking oil was reported the following week in Wells and two further suspects, of the same nationality, were also arrested. Their van and a large quantity of waste cooking oil was seized by police also. Cley Parish Council has reported that a white Mercedes Sprinter van, reg. LS52 ZRK was seen near a building site in Cley. This van may be linked to thefts of scrap metal in the area, so please report, via 999 if seen acting suspiciously in Blakeney.

County Councillor - Michael Dalby had circulated his report in advance. To summarise; NCC operates a 24hr countywide Norfolk Swift Response Service, for people who are aged over 18, living at home and require physical or practical support with daily tasks, to find out more call 03448 008020 and select option 1. The Bus Service Improvement Plan consultation is open for 7 weeks from Tuesday 17th Maty to Tuesday 5th July via www.Norfolk.citizenspace.com/consultation/bsip/ Finally there is a new tree planting scheme for Norfolk, please contact tree.planting@norfolk.gov.uk for more details.

District Councillor - Victoria Holliday - There were no portfolio holders reports at May's full council meeting, so no NNDC updates to share, other than Cabinet approved the 'Quality of Life Strategy'. 706 homes in Blakeney, 167 are second homes, and 145 are holiday homes, which equates to second homes and holiday homes being 44.2% of the housing stock in the village.

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

PF/22/1132 - Proposal; Outdoor swimming pool with associated ground works at; Three Owls Farm, Blakeney. Resolved – Object; This application is within the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, is intensification of the protected area, and is in a very prominent position in the open rural countryside.

PF/22/1069 - Proposal; Erection of single-storey rear infill extension at; Boat Barn Cottage, Westgate Street, Blakeney. Resolved - No objection.

RV/22/1263 – Proposal; Variation of condition 2 (approved plans of planning permission PF/21/1989 extensions and alterations to dwelling) to amend the design to add two small windows for ventilation at: Saltmarsh, 18 Morston Road, Blakeney. Resolved -No objection.

PF/21/1657 - Overflow car park (remaining as grassed area), with a maximum of 200 parking spaces and improvements to existing vehicle access at; Land known as 'Former School Field', Langham Road, Blakeney. To consider the way forward in relation to landscaping comments from NNDC. Resolved - That we undertake no landscaping plans at the moment with regard this application. We withdraw this application for now and reconsider it in due course, in light of the impending housing development application.

FINANCE

Accounts totalling £16,097.76 were paid.

The following sections of the Annual Return (AGAR) 2021/22 were approved;

- Section 1 Annual Governance i) Statement 2021/22
- ii) Section 2 - Accounting Statements 2021/2

We accept the **Insurance Renewal** guote from Gallagher for one year, with an annual premium of £3,156.12, noting the 14-day cooling off period, should the other requested quotes arrive.

The quote for updated Litter Bin emptying had not been received, however with regard general rubbish problems, the Clerk will speak further with NNDC and others.

We will replace the Defibrilator Cabinet at The Quay (from Community Project EMR) at a cost of £525.

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

Queen's Platinum Jubilee – The weekend of celebrations had been a huge success, the BPC Events Committee was heavily involved in the Thursday evening lantern procession and beacon parade, and for the Afternoon Tea Party on the Sunday afternoon. Huge thanks to everyone involved. (The Clerk advised that the expenditure would just tip the £2k budget, when all invoices are received, not bad given we had exactly the same budget 10 years ago for the 'Diamond Jubilee'.)

Dinghy Park Management Committee – At the last meeting of the committee discussions were had around how to best manage the dinghy park as an overflow car park when it was not needed by sailors, and various options were considered and a consultation is planned. Draft minutes will be out in due course.

BPC & The National Trust – We last met on 10th May. The N/T confirmed that BPC will receive compensation for the days that the pay & display machine is out of action. The local N/T team are pushing their Head Office to get the P&D machine running as part of a pilot scheme for contactless payments, which was initially hoped for September 2021, and they are as frustrated as BPC. The N/T have provided the odd 1hr cover for the attendants when they can, to allow for lunch breaks and car park monitoring by the attendants, who cannot leave the hut due to the demand from visitors to pay using the handheld contactless method. Whilst this has worked well, it is not the preferred solution. BPC to ask for another meeting with the N/T as soon as possible, and serious consideration must now be given to resolving the contactless payment issue.

CORRESPONDENCE

Members were in receipt of the feedback from **Blakenev** Village Hall Trust regarding the signing of the unchanged Agreement for a further 12 months, as the BVHT want at least 4 years. Following a lengthy and repetitive discussion it was Resolved that; BPC will write back to the BVHT explaining; As recorded in previous minutes, (reports from the Traffic Matters Working Group) that there are real issues of concern in the village about traffic management, and that the Parish Council will be undertaking a consultation about the future use of the car park, this will take some time, and hence are wanting to sign the current unchanged agreement for 12 months, so as not to impede any consultation. There is also the lack of a 'break' clause in the agreement, which means if it is signed for 4 years, neither side can change it for that period. The Parish Council will seek legal advice about the agreement, in particular to ensure that charges cannot be made by the Trustees for access to the rear of the car park. As explained before, this will take time, and a one-year agreement should allow progress to be made on both aspects. If issues are still inconclusive at the end of that time, then a further extension of one year may be appropriate. The actual content of the agreement in fact remains unchanged as has been confirmed many times. We cordially invite all of the Trustees of the BVHT to join us at our next Parish Council meeting on Tuesday 7th June, at 7pm should they have any further questions.

We agree to the request from **Threshold Sports** to use the parish playing field site in 2023 to host the 'Mighty Hike Marathon' once again.

We agree to grant the request from a High Street resident to store a small road trailer in **Coronation Car Park**, subject to them and their family parking their vehicles on the resident's side of Coronation car park as per their free permit and not on the pay & display side. Any breach and the trailer will be removed within 7 days as per the terms and conditions of the car park. This request is subject to an annual review and the resident is to approach the Parish Council formally each time.

Cllr Jane Armstrong will undertake an audit of all **Advertising Signage** in the village over the summer season, in line with our policy/signage review, which will then allow us to revisit the NNDC Conservation Area Appraisal and any related policies.

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

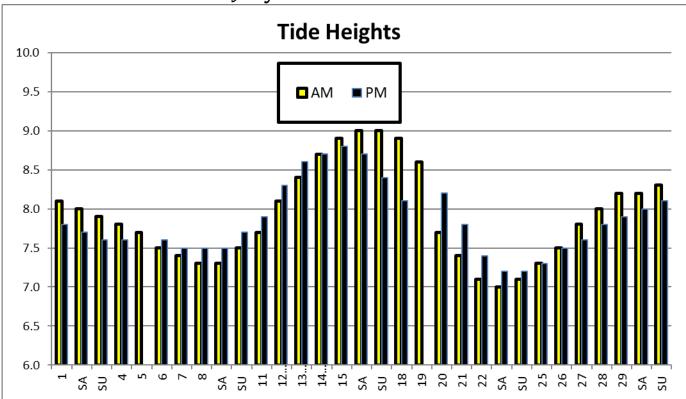
Resumption of BPC Meetings – We continue to use The Scout Hut for our Parish Council meetings for the time-being, as it is more spacious than the Parish Office. However, in order to manage numbers, we continue to ask that if you do wish to join us at a meeting, if you could please let The Clerk know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

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 Willie Weston – 740910 – 27 Queens Close Iain Wolfe

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

Our next meeting is Full Council on Tuesday 5th July



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Fri 01 July	08:52	21:23			
Sat 02 July	09:25	22:00			
Sun 03 July	09:59	22:37			
Mon 04 July	10:34	23:18	Mon 18 July	10:46	23:3
Tue 05 July	11:13		Tue 19 July	11:32	
Wed 06 July	00:02	12:00	Wed 20 July	00:25	12:2
Thu 07 July	00:52	12:51	Thu 21 July	01:19	13:2
Fri 08 July	01:49	13:50	Fri 22 July	02:18	14:2
Sat 09 July	02:56	15:02	Sat 23 July	03:20	15:3
Sun 10 July	04:05	16:22	Sun 24 July	04:20	16:4
Mon 11 July	05:07	17:30	Mon 25 July	05:15	17:3
Tue 12 July	06:01	18:30	Tue 26 July	06:03	18:2
Wed 13 July	06:52	19:26	Wed 27 July	06:45	19:1
Thu 14 July	07:41	20:21	Thu 28 July	07:24	19:5
Fri 15 July	08:28	21:12	Fri 29 July	08:00	20:3
Sat 16 July	09:15	22:01	Sat 30 July	08:35	21:0
Sun 17 July	10:00	22:48	Sun 31 July	09:09	21:4

July 2022 - Tide Details

By Martin Tyler

AN EVENING OF SONG & OPERA

with

Eleanor Oldfield - Mezzo-soprano Jacob Harrison - Baritone

&

Mark Jones – Piano

Featuring music by Mendelssohn, Poulenc, Mozart, Donizetti, Handel & Strauss SATURDAY 9th JULY at 7pm

St Margaret's Church, Cley-next-the-Sea

TICKETS - £10 on the Door

Refreshments (wine & soft drink available, cash only)

ST MARGARET'S FAIR, CLEY - SATURDAY 16TH JULY



We would be so delighted If you could bake a cake A brownie with some smarties Or a Victoria Sponge to take..

For the Cake Stall at the Fair Waits for a big surprise A table laden with cakes Bought by a passerby.





A helpful hand on the day would be so wonderful too But all we want to say is a huge big THANK YOU .

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR ANY HELP PLEASE LEAVE ANY CAKES IN THE CHURCH ON 15TH JULY A TABLE WITH A COVER WILL BE INSIDE JAMS AND MARMALADE - WOULD BE WONDERFUL TOO CONTACT HANNAH STEVENSON - 07890 563 567



Thoughts from the Rectory for July 2022

Dear Friends,

We're delighted to be welcoming our new curate (i.e., trainee vicar) to the Glaven Valley Benefice! Sarah de Bats moved here in June, and was ordained at Norwich Cathedral, along with 9 others, on Sunday 26th June. She is starting her ministry here this month, and we're looking forward to having Sarah working with us on the Ministry Team in the benefice. I thought it might be interesting for readers to hear a bit about her journey to this point, so I ask Sarah if she'd pen a few words for the GVN. Here are her thoughts:

"Hello, my name is Sarah and I am the new assistant curate in the Glaven Valley Benefice. I am very excited to arrive in the beautiful county of Norfolk and am looking forward to exploring the area and getting to know the community and the people here.

My journey of faith began when I was only 12 years old and had just watched the film 'Gandhi', which moved me to pick up the Bible and read it from cover to cover. Although I felt called to the priesthood from a very young age, women were not ordained so I was unable to imagine what such a calling could look like. Instead, I became a classical flautist, studying at the Royal Academy of Music in London and then playing professionally in symphony orchestras (Royal Opera House Covent Garden, BBC Symphony Orchestra, Philharmonia) and in West End shows (The Lion King). Playing music lifts my soul and gladdens my heart, and is still the place where I experience God's presence most vividly. I have taken a circuitous route to ordination but God has caught up with me at last! I recently spent two years at a theological college in Oxford completing a theology degree whilst at the same time participating in the ministerial courses.

Norwich and Norfolk are not areas I know well, but the open skies and extensive beauty of the county are already alluring. I will thoroughly enjoy living by the sea and being part of a rural Benefice. I look forward to meeting you all."

Sarah will be living in Holt, so just outside the Letheringsett edge of the benefice. I hope lots of you will have the chance to meet Sarah soon, and I'm sure we'll all look forward to giving Sarah a warm Norfolk welcome!

God bless, Richard.

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

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

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Funerals:

Funerals in June included those for Zoe Ford (14th), Dani Gates (16th) and Robert Gillmor (17th). Prayers for their bereaved families would be much appreciated.

Weddings:

June saw the wedding of Georgie Davies and Dom Titcomb in Wiveton.

In July we look forward to the wedding of Vanessa Woodhouse and Will Foster, also in Wiveton on 30th.

Our congratulations to them!

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

Mass Sunday - 11am Wednesday - 9.30am Holyday of Obligation 9.30am <u>www.catholicparishofwalsingham.org</u>



JULY 2022 SERVICE SCHEDULE

SUNDAY 3 rd	Thomas the Apostle (Trinity 3)			
8.00	Holy Communion (BCP)	Wiveton		
9.30	Holy Communion (CW) [& live-streamed] Blakeney			
11.15	Holy Communion (BCP)	Letheringsett		
6.00	Taize	Cley		
Wed 6 th	Holy Communion (CW) 10.00am	Cley		
SUNDAY 10 th	Trinity 4 [Sea Sunday]			
9.30	Praise and Worship [live-streamed]	Blakeney		
11.15	Holy Communion with hymns (BCP)	Glandford		
6.00	Service of Contemplation	Wiveton		
[6.30	Songs of Praise (Deanery Service)	Weybourne]		
SUNDAY 17 th	Trinity 5			
9.30	Celtic HC with Healing [& live-streamed] Blakeney			
9.30	Morning Prayer (CW)	Letheringsett		
11.15	Café Church	Cley		
6.30	Evensong (BCP)	Wiveton		
Wed 20 th	Holy Communion (CW) 10.00am	Cley		
SUNDAY 24 th	Trinity 6			
8.00	Holy Communion (BCP)	Cley		
9.30	Holy Communion (CW) [& live-streamed]	Blakeney		
11.15	Family Service (All-Age)	Wiveton		
6.30	Evensong (BCP)	Glandford		
SUNDAY 31 st	Trinity 7			
11.00	Benefice Communion [live-streamed]	Blakeney		
6.00	Glaven Sings Gospel Blakeney Quay			

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

Thursdays At Three

(Half an hour of relaxing music in Cley church at 3pm)

Thursday July 7th

Victorian Ballads and Drawing-Room Songs with Desmond Holmes (tenor), Wyatt Earp (baritone and flute) and Graham Douglas-Hoskins (piano)

Thursday July 14th

A programme of music by composers who also happen to be female for flute (Wyatt Earp) and Piano (Angela Dugdale)

Thursday July 21st

An afternoon's entertainment by our very own local dynamic duo of Brenda and Richard Lawry to round off our current season.

Thursdays At Three will be taking a break over the summer but will restart on September 1st. We hope you have enjoyed this series of music in Cley church and will want to support us again in the autumn.

Wyatt Earp

Cley Parish Council's Chairman's Report June 2022

The Jubilee Picnic was a huge success. Enormous thanks are due to all the councillors and parishioners who worked so hard to put it on. The weather was against us but, luckily, we could move into the church. It was wonderful to see so many Cley faces, both old and new. The Old Wild Rovers were their usual tour de force and we are very grateful they could fit us in. Many thanks to Graves for their delicious hog roast, the WI and others for their scrumptious cakes, and Mark Lynton for his delectable rose. Thanks also to the very generous raffle prize donors – we made £627 for the Supporting Ukrainians in Norfolk Fund.

We launched the smartphone version of the Cley Heritage Walk on the Jubilee weekend. You can download this from cleypc.info. We're looking for grant funding so we can produce leaflets which will be available at the Cley Curloo, and an information board at Newgate Green. Local historian, Richard Jefferson, led two guided walks which were also very well received, and may be repeated in the future. Norfolk County Council are undertaking a Bus Service Improvement Plan for Norfolk. Even though we're very fortunate in Cley to be so well served by the Coasthopper and other Sanders services, you may have ideas about how our bus connectivity could be improved. For example, would you prefer more frequent, smaller buses to go shopping? Would you like them on demand rather than on a timetable? Would you ever consider going to a hospital appointment by bus? Would you like to catch a bus to Norwich Airport? Given the price of fuel and our desire to reduce our carbon footprint, this is a really important consultation so do have your say. You'll find it on Norfolk.gov.uk under 'consultations but hurry, it closes 6th July.

Just to remind you, Age UK have a weekly minibus service to Fakenham for those over 55. It is deservedly popular but I'm sure there's room for a few more! You get several hours in Fakenham to shop and run errands and are picked up and brought back to your door. Do contact us if you're interested. Have you heard of the Swift Response Team from Norfolk County Council? It's a free 24-hour service to call if you have an urgent unplanned need at home but don't need the emergency services. They can help with anything from a noninjury fall to personal care to shopping. The number to call any time day or night is 03448008020.

I hope you've noticed the new boardwalk is open! It's so good that coastal path walkers can now safely avoid that difficult set of steps down to the Coast Road and walk along the reed beds to the Mill instead.

We have been informed by Anglian Water that they will be closing the High Street for works opposite the George for three days, starting either the 19th September or 1st October. Obviously, we want to support our popular local pub but recognise the inconvenience for locals. We are asking that Old Woman's Lane is signed as an unsuitable diversion to hopefully reduce the heavy traffic we have seen on previous High Street closures.

We have the local toad patrol coordinator joining us at the next meeting to discuss how we can reduce the horrific toad mortality in the spring on the Coast and Glandford Roads. Other local villages have been running successful campaigns. I know some of you have already signed up but if anyone else is interested in getting involved do come along or get in touch. The next meeting is Thursday July 14th in the Village Hall at 6.30pm. The agenda will be published on the Notice Board and on the website <u>www.cleypc.info</u>. Please comment on or ask general questions about Agenda items before the meeting by getting in touch with the clerk or myself, or come along and participate. Minutes are posted as usual on the noticeboard and website.

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

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Music in Country Churches

The Friends of Wiveton Church are thrilled that Music in Country Churches has chosen Wiveton Church as the beneficiary of their 2022 concerts.

> 26th July at 6.30pm in St Margaret's Church, Cley The English Chamber Orchestra Craig Ogden, guitar

> 27th July at 3.00pm in St Mary's Church, Wiveton Young Musicians Showcase

> 27th July at 6.30pm in St Margaret's Church, Cley The Tenebrae Choir

> > Tickets selling fast – BOOK NOW! www.musicincountrychurches.org.uk

For all friends of Wiveton event details and to donate please visit: www.wivetonchurch.co.uk



The Gloriana concert on Jubilee Thursday was very aptly named – it was truly glorious. About 100 crowded into the church to hear the moving apposite Elizabethan music and readings. A mix of period and modern instruments complemented the carefully curated words and scores. I'm sure the Queen would have really enjoyed it had she been able to attend - it was certainly a fitting way to start the celebration. Very many thanks to all participants.

Very many thanks also to the very generous donor who gave Jubilee mugs to any Cley child who attended the Jubilee picnic.

Thursdays @3 Music in the Afternoons will be taking a well-earned summer break after the July 21st concert till 1st September. Many thanks to Angela Dugdale, Wyatt Earp, and all the other musicians who have entertained us so magnificently, and of course to the tea ladies who have plied us afterwards with a refreshing cuppa and delicious cake.

St Margaret's Fair, is Saturday July 16th, from 2pm. Cley was first granted a weekly market and annual fair in 1253, so there is a rich heritage to our summer fete! Thanks to everyone's hard work and extremely generous contributions, it promises to be bigger and better than ever. It will be the quintessential country fete – with delicious cream teas, an enormous plant stall, a huge tombola, a giant raffle, a discerning dog show, a lavish cake stall, ice cream, a brass band posh bric a brac, a BBQ, a beer tent, and all the usual traditional games. The Book Stall especially is so extensive we'll be opening at 10am!

The next concert in Cley Church on Saturday July 9th is An Evening of Song and Opera from Jacob Harrison and Eleanor Oldfield, accompanied by Mark Jones. Featuring music by Mendelssohn, Poulenc, Mozart, Donizetti and Strauss, the concert starts at 7pm and tickets are £10 at the door.

Charlie Ward's Juno talk is postponed till October: we realised that it's impossible to create a cinema like ambience in the church in the summer!

We will be holding a Cley Churchyard Discovery Day on Sunday August 28th. This will showcase the wonderful nature and history we have in our own God's Acre. More details next month.

Become a helper for the Concerts @ Cley Church series! In return for welcoming concert goers, pouring the wine, (and a bit of washing up), you'll have a great night out! Contact Philippa Besant <u>philbesant@btinternet.com</u> to be on the list. Our church book stall continues to thrive: thank you so much Hanne and Klausbernd for all the effort you put into this. Donations of books are very welcome; they can go in the box near the stall in the church or contact us for collection.

Thank you very much indeed.

Victoria Holliday, Chair, Friends of Cley Church

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in St Nicholas' Church, Blakeney The Blakeney Lunch will be held on Wednesday 20th July 12noon to 2.00pm.

With the warm summer days now with us we are introducing our special summer menu which includes ploughman's, ham salad or homemade quiche and salad followed by a choice of homemade desserts Donations welcome.

CLEY WI

Programme August-November 2022

Aug 4 th	What you can do with a Nun's Dress Secrets of the Costumiers
Sep 1 st	Georgian Stagecoach Travel Its perils and pleasures.
Oct 6 th	Langham Dome The Dome's history and exhibits – a guided visit (<u>members & guests only</u>)
Nov 3 rd	Suffragettes & Suffragists of Norfolk Who they were, including the first Lady Mayor of Norwich.
Unless oth	erwise stated, all meetings take place in

Cley Village Hall, NR25 7RJ, at 2.30pm

Members Free Visitors Welcome - £5.00 (includes afternoon tea) Further details 01263 740225

THE GREAT BLAKENEY BREAKFAST! in St Nicholas' Church, Blakeney will be held on Wednesday 6th July 8am to 11am

Please do come and join us for cereal, croissants, bacon and eggs, scrambled eggs on toast,

and ofcourse great bacon rolls. It's a great place to bring friends and to make new ones. Visitors to Blakeney are also most welcome. Donations welcome.

Wiveton



St Mary's Church, Wiveton - 'A Church for The Future'

Wiveton Parochial Church Council (PCC) is delighted to announce that The National Lottery Heritage Fund has awarded a significant grant of £135,997 to St Mary's Church. This grant, made possible thanks to National Lottery players, together with grants from charitable trusts, generous donations from private individuals, substantial funds raised by the Friends of Wiveton Church and money from the Listed Places of Worship VAT recovery scheme, will enable the PCC to deliver its ambitious '*Church for The Future*' project. This focuses not only on the conservation and restoration of the chancel roof, but also on an innovative activity programme of learning, interpretation and engagement.

These activities include delivering an Environmental Day Conference in the summer of 2023 to prepare and equip all churches across the Diocese of Norwich (and beyond) to respond to the climate emergency. The Bishop of Norwich will deliver the keynote address and the conference will form the centrepiece of a year-long programme of nature conservation activities including a haymaking day, a bat tracking evening, a 'Dark Skies' event and a churchyard survey by the Norfolk Wildlife Trust. Other project activities will include a Science and Symbolism STEM Day of learning for local schools and new interpretive signage and trails exploring the church building and the habitat and biodiversity of the churchyard.

Upon completion of this project, this beautiful medieval building will be preserved for the use and benefit of future generations and we will have inspired other churches across the Diocese to increase their positive environmental impacts through a focused programme of nature conservation, enhancement and interpretation.

The project will begin in July 2022 and will be complete by December 2023.

Charles Killin, Project Manger

THE FRIENDS OF WIVETON CHURCH

We are absolutely delighted with the news of the award from The National Lottery Heritage Fund. This, together with donations from Grant Making Trusts, the amazing generosity of so many private individuals and funds raised by The Friends, will mean that we are able to complete urgent repairs to the church in addition to repairing the Chancel roof.

The project will start now, but the building works will not begin until the beginning of next year.

We will continue to fundraise, however, as inevitably there are still works required for the continuing maintenance and upkeep of the church.

Tuesday 26th and Wednesday 27th July Music in Country Churches

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

Don't miss out! Book your tickets now!

Tickets must be booked in advance and are only available through the Music in Country Churches website: www.musicincountrychurches.org.uk

For details of programmes please see separate full-page ad.

In aid of Wiveton Church restoration fund.

Wiveton Church 200 Club

Bud Mills is June's 1st Prize winner in the 200 Club Draw. The 1st prize stands at £65.

Anthea de Loynes

Community News

District Councillor's Report June 2022

Coastal - additional funding will be required for Cromer and Mundesley Coast Protection Schemes owing to increased construction costs. Work is being done to improve access to the beach at Overstrand and Happisburgh. There's no current update on the share of a £36 million investment to explore innovative approaches to adaptation to coastal erosion. The following are being worked on - coastal loss innovative funding and finance, coastal processes gap analysis, shoreline management plan, coastal adaptation supplementary planning document, and monitoring the sandscaping scheme at Bacton.

Housing - 160 new affordable houses were built last year, with 52 expected this year. The number is lower due to lack of sites and the impact of the building pause due to nutrient neutrality.

The new Energy Officer is liaising with parishes to promote energy efficiency improvement works. Contact NNDC for details. A Discretionary Hardship and Support Grant is also available, as is the Household Support Fund, extended till March.

There are currently 49 households in temporary accommodation in the district, and 2525 households on the housing waiting list.

Culture - the next meeting of the Community Arts Funding Panel is July 28th and submissions are welcomed.

Leisure - there will be a bid for Levelling Up funding to build a new swimming pool in Fakenham.

Six blue flag accolades have been awarded to beaches across the district.

RNLI lifeguard are in place at Sheringham West, Cromer East, Mundesley and Sea Palling: the remainder will start in July.

Cromer Pier came second in the annual pier of the year competition. **Well-being** - funding has been received for 8 community connectors, each working with one of the district's towns and surrounding villages. These community connectors will work with community leaders and organisations to identify priorities, needs or gaps in support, facilities or service provision, and the work with the community and NNDC to fill those gaps.

North Norfolk Waiting Well project will help those waiting for nonurgent orthopaedic surgery with, for example, housing adaptations.

Sustainable growth - the Economic Growth team are working on an Employment and Local Skills Strategy and a Business Engagement Plan.

UK Shared Prosperity Fund - NNDC s allocation of this Levelling Up funding is £1.2 million over three years. The first submission date is August 2022. The first year's funding of £150,000 can either go to boost existing projects or start new ones in the following areas-communities and place, supporting local business, or people and skills.

Environment - composition analysis shows food waste is the biggest single element of residual waste. There are plans for food collection from next year.

The Net Zero Action Plan has been adopted which aims to reduce NNDC's carbon footprint to net zero by 2030.

The environmental team has been identifying areas across the district which are suitable for rewilding.

Finance - NNDC was sixth in the country at paying out the Omicron Hospitality and Leisure Grants and 24th at paying out coronavirus business grants.

90% of eligible properties have received the Council Tax Energy Rebate.

Customer Services - 10% of customer contacts are not trying to access NNDC but alternate services e.g., Norfolk County Council. Telephone options have been updated to direct customers to the right place first time.

Public convenience refurbishments at Wells are progressing.

Planning - consultants have been appointed to work with NNDC and the other affected Norfolk councils to develop a short-term mitigation strategy for the Nutrient Neutrality issue by August, and a long-term strategy by February 2023. The majority of householder applications and commercial development in the Wensum and Broads catchment area can still be determined, but new housing and tourism development is restricted till mitigation is developed. The Planning Department is working on a Planning Service Improvement Plan using soundings from a customer satisfaction survey, and engagement with developers, town and parish councils. A draft improvement strategy will follow in the autumn. The building control team has a higher workload than usual and the enforcement team currently has 245 live cases.

> Dr Victoria Holliday Elected Member, Coastal Ward 07557054629

North Norfolk Chamber Opera The Coronation of Poppea

Author: Susan DuPont

After performing last year in concert version at St Margaret's Church with the excellent acoustics, what a good idea to return to the venue, although now performing at west end in Crispin Clark's minimalist atmospheric set. A return of the production team meant a very hard-working MD Mark Jones playing keyboard throughout, conducting with his string quartet, and controlling those in action on stage.

A piece of the period, (early Baroque), Coronation of Poppea offers 10 female leads which must prove an excellent choice for the group with talents, although this Monteverdi proved challenging and required extra tuition in rehearsal to reach the required standard so that all could be satisfied with the product, which was much enjoyed by the sell-out audience on first night.

A Prologue with Goddesses Fortune, Virtue and Love introduced the action with Love (Catherine Joule) in control. The beautiful Poppea (Melissa Sampson) is the honey pot in Rome with Emperor Nero (Katharine Jones) amongst the many in thrall to her, and what a wellmatched pair for looks and voices, convincing throughout particularly in that finale duet when all has gone their way. Sadly, for Otho (Julie Bjerregaard) a previous lover, his time is over and after an episode to destroy Poppea for Octavia (Alexandra Denman) the current Empress, returns to his previous love Drusilla (Denise Bridge, lively and clear diction) to give one satisfactory ending. Lively Valetto (Lizzie Hawes) as page offered some mischief in intrigue. The nurses still hold sway over their charges and offer timely advice, Arnalta from Gilly Morgan to Poppea in strong words and soothing songs, and Susanne Smith to Octavia, although advice not taken.

Nero has his friends and advisors when he says he will make Poppea his Empress, Lucan in strong voice from Des Holmes, and the philosopher Seneca from Peter Walters, the latter being threatened to death for his advice (to the delight of Poppea), both good vocals as contrast to all the sopranos, as well as Guy Hewitt as Mercury, who delivers the death message to Seneca.

Good ensemble concerted moments with all cast involved in the set piece, of stylised movements, after the death of Seneca preceding the moment of Coronation of Poppea.

Concentration was needed to remind one of who is playing a 'in tunic soprano male' to keep the story in mind, but many highlights from the score in this rarely performed opera.

Letters & Articles

Robin Combe Memorial Sail – Sunday 3rd July at 09.15

Amongst the many activities that Robin Combe was involved with locally was as a Stiffkey Cockle Sailing Club member. Robin was a founding member in 1997 and he supported The Club on the water right up to the time of his passing last August. He entered every World Championship held including the 2021 race and was usually on the start line for all the races. He loved being on the water in his Cockle sailing boat *Water Rat*.

The Club is arranging a memorial sail to celebrate Robin's life afloat which is on Sunday 3rd July 2022 in Blakeney Pit. Everyone is invited to join in, sail and power, including Blakeney Sailing Club, the Coastal Rowers and all other boat users along with the Cockle Club It would be good if all boats were decorated or 'dressed overall' to make a great spectacle in Robin's memory.

Please gather to the North of the Morston Creek (keeping clear of the seal ferries) and follow Robin's son Roger Combe in Water Rat around Blakeney Pit including rounding buoy no 15 (inside the Point) which was Robin's favourite mark. High water on the day is predicted to be at 09.59 so please be near the mouth of the Morston Creek at 09.15 to begin the procession. See you out there!

> Charles Tyndall Chairman and Sailing Secretary, Stiffkey Cockle Club



'George Long using a Wim'.

Part 6 - Three-Quarter Boots

The old fishermen who worked the mussel beds were tough characters, born in another age, an age that allowed no concession to youth. In that culture a boy would need to be hard if he were going to be any good. Powerfully built and very strong, Billy Long was part of a tough community. His father, 'Will Watch', grim and weather-beaten had one arm* and pale blue powder burns splashed across his face, he was every inch a Henry Morgan. Small wonder I wanted to be on the same ship, wear thigh boots and be one of them. Much sooner than I expected I got my wish - my first lesson in be careful what you wish for. They didn't make thigh boots small enough for a nine-year-old, but they did make three-quarter boots. They didn't look quite the same but I was growing fast. I was also too young for a flat cap. I had a woolen one but I still thought I looked the part. Apart from 'Tippney' and 'Bugle' Baines, all the mussel-fishermen from Blakeney were Longs, and apart from Billy they were all well over sixty -Will Watch, George, Sammy, Freddie and Fatty Long; men who had rowed the Blakeney lifeboat, fought in the First World War and grown up in a place that had hung on in an older age. A tough, hard lot that gave no quarter, not even to a child. The only time they noticed you was when you made a mistake, and then you could only tell that you had by their even more pointedly ignoring you.

The oldest of them, George Long, was the exception. He would always find a few words for me. George's ill-chosen nickname was 'Wongy', so for years after his death, and years after mussel-grading finished at Blakeney, the L-shaped corrugated iron structure he built to shelter us from storms and which rattled in the wind, was known as 'Wongy's Latty Tat'. The mussels were brought up from 'below' (the lower harbour) in flat-bottomed boats called canoes. Outboard motors were not used when I started, so the canoes were either rowed or punted with an oar. Rowing was easy but punting required skill. The first time I had to do it was 'down below', where the water on the ebb ran like rapids over the mussel banks into the lower harbour. I was told 'go and bring that canoe down'. When I got to it there was just one oar. I succeeded in maneuvering it through the channels but got swept a long way down the harbour at the finish. It took an age to drag it back to where they were working, where I was met with their backs and stony silence. I eventually learned to do it and, as you will see in a later chapter, in a more dangerous situation found the use of an oar saved my life.

Mussels were brought round as seed from the Wash every three years or so in the Jane Hannah, Billy's converted Liverpool Class lifeboat, and sown in the lower harbour. They took three to four years to mature depending on where they were sown. Summers were spent thinning them out as they grew. A hand net and rake were used to gather them on the dry; a large hooped rake with a net attached, on a ten-foot handle called a wim, in deeper water. This was another task that had a special knack to it. It was weeks before I could bring it up with a net more than half full. A few years into the job I had one made with a couple of extra tines welded on each side of the hoop, and immediately the knack wasn't needed.

Thursday, Friday, Saturday and occasionally on a Sunday, the mussels were brought up from 'below' to the New-Cut at Blakeney. We took a canoe each. Will Watch's single hand was big enough to grip and pull two oars, and sometimes when we had the tide under us, I would look across to see him with the oars shipped in his lap filling his pipe. I don't recollect there being anything he couldn't do. Each canoe would be loaded as full as the weather would allow, often with just a couple of inches of freeboard. This made the return journey quite hazardous, the biggest danger being to hit a sandbank when running up on a big tide. The canoe could come to a dead stop and the fast-running tide would just pour in over the stern;

not good in a January blizzard. Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday they would be picked by hand - I suppose because it had always been done that way. The sheer masochism of it was never questioned. It was painfully hard on the hands, the mussels sharp with barnacles and broken shells. It took three to four eight-hour days to pick them all. It was mind-numbing. Picking would begin by raking out a spread of mussels to about the area of a small room. This had to be done vigorously and for quite a time to loosen the immensely tough threads* that bound them together. The mud was washed off with buckets of water another task with a trick to it, the bucket having to be flicked in a particular way so as to get the most effective spread of water. A trick I was to employ years later making a protest in the Blakeney Hotel. It wasn't just mud that had to be washed off. Often it was ice and snow. We then had to squat astride a small basket, pick up the clumps of mussels and pull them apart with our fingers. The baskets were not strong, so a certain amount of lift had to be kept in the legs so as not to squash them. Gloves were either a hindrance or were just disallowed on the grounds that they made the job more comfortable. Fingernails became so worn down that at school I was accused of biting them. My fingers were hardly strong enough to pull the mussels apart at the best of times, when they were numb with cold it was almost impossible. In retrospect, it was as if the job was deliberately being made as hard as possible.

The first mechanical mussel-grader appeared at Morston years before the men at Blakeney could be persuaded to even look one. Even then they had to go through a brief period of using primitive, inefficient hand-cranked versions before getting to those with engines. It seemed like Luddism but it was more likely inertia, as if the hands of their forebears were hanging onto their jackets holding them back in the world they knew. I came to musseling – indeed to Blakeney – at the cusp of two ages. In the space of ten years, it moved from the 18^{th} to the 20^{th} century. What I took for cruelty and hardship was just the way life was. Those tough old men were so used to the levels of hardship they endured that they didn't notice. They had known nothing anything else.

The first purpose-designed machine we used had a singlecylinder petrol engine mounted on top. To stop it, a small metal tab had to be pressed against the spark plug to short it out. On the first day we used it, Billy put a wet finger to the tab and was hurled backwards howling in pain. That ought to have been enough to ensure that he never did it again, but it wasn't. He did it again and again. He never remembered to dry his hands, so most grading days were rounded off with an un-choreographed rain dance and hand-flailing howls of anguish. Waiting for it to happen, I would have to steel myself not to laugh. He was after all much bigger than me, and fully charged with electricity would have been far more than I could handle. After a while he appeared to become immune, but he wasn't. He was using willpower to overcome the effects. When he put his finger on the tab a palsy would grip him, and if I listened hard, I could hear a faint whimpering as his body slowly absorbed the power the engine needed to run. It became a contest, with the engine spluttering and struggling to grab enough power to keep running, while

Billy, fully insulated in rubber boots, slowly built up enough charge to, in the words of wind farm developers, power 1,000 homes.

Perhaps those last mussel fishermen were just not suited to the modern age. * Over a quite short period all those old men left the cut and were not replaced. One of them sold his beds to John Wallace, who joined us on the cut, and – when he could get there before the tide – the mussel beds.

* This was the result of the accident with a punt gun that brought Billy home. Another wild-fowler saw Will that day running off the marsh as fast as he could with the shattered remains of his forearm bundled up in his bloodsoaked coat. If pressed, he would recount the gruesome detail of how he trimmed up the stump.

*We sent one bag of mussels each week to a dental laboratory specifically for the study of those threads. It would have been a very pleasing symmetry if that research had developed a stronger glue for holding false teeth.

*On the other hand, Billy could be stubborn. He went and had all his teeth out and was told to return in a month to have the false ones adjusted for the shrinkage of his gums. Unfortunately, during that month his dentist ran into the back of one of the mussel canoes and knocked the outboard off. He was spotted doing it but didn't come and own up. This infuriated Billy, as it did me, but Billy decided to boycott him and so he didn't go back for the shrinkage adjustment. This was a bad mistake. As time went by his gums shrank a lot more and the space between them and his teeth grew large. Walking beside him one day over the rough ground of Morston Strand, I could hear them rattling in his mouth even though it was closed. He bought enormous casks of false teeth adhesive but it didn't make a lot of difference. On one occasion at sea when they became clogged with cake, he coughed them out into his hand and Allen Pells, who had been at sea all his life with never so much as a hiccup, had to leave the wheelhouse and be sick.

PS: I noted in last month's mag that Mike Mirams, in his excellent piece about the Blakeney Harbour Association suggested that the founders of the Blakeney Boatman's association 'would be' amazed at how much has changed. The 'would be' suggests that there are no founder members left alive? I can assure Mike that this one most certainly is and is indeed surprised at all that has been achieved.

Godfrey Sayers *Once upon a Tide is available from Holt Bookshop & Crabpot Books, Cley*

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LOOKING FOR A HOME

After six years of faultless tenancy, the property I currently rent is being sold, and I have been given notice to vacate by the end of July.

At the age of seventy-eight not quite what I was anticipating, so I am now urgently searching for a new 'home' - for the remainder of the journey.

I'm looking for an affordable long-term rent, a small cottage in Holt, or near villages, for myself and my well-behaved Jack Russell. A patch of garden and a parking space would be a bonus.

I would be very grateful to hear of anything suitable. References available, many thanks, Malcolm Mellor.

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RESCUE : WOODEN : BOATS

This is a reminder about our exciting Maritime Heritage Festival, which is taking place at Tugboat Yard, East Quay, Wells-next-the-Sea on <u>Saturday and Sunday July 23 & 24</u>. Plans are well under way! We are expecting at least eighteen historic local wooden crab boats and whelkers to gather on Tugboat pontoon, arriving on Friday July 22 and being on display on both Saturday and Sunday July 23 and 24.

There will be a spectacular Flotilla on <u>Saturday 23 July</u> <u>starting at 2pm</u> when all the boats will motor in convoy to the harbour mouth and back so they can be viewed by visitors. The Flotilla will be led by our two flagships, Dunkirk Little Ship and former relief lifeboat at Wells, <u>Lucy</u> <u>Lavers</u>, and former Wells whelker, <u>Harvester</u>.

There will be plenty of information available about the boats and our Maritime Heritage, and we are delighted there will be members of the fishing and boatbuilding families who worked or built these boats joining us.

As well as the boats, there is much more to entertain you over the weekend! Rescue Wooden Boats will have a stall with lots of information and merchandise, there will be food stalls (Norfolk Thai, BBQ), a drink stall (Black Shuck Distillery), a model lifeboats display, activities and competitions. In addition, the Nelson Shantymen and Anto Morra (Irish folk singer) will be performing.

While you are nearby do visit our <u>Maritime Heritage</u> <u>Centre</u> - open on Sundays and Bank Holiday Mondays until the end of October from 11.00 - 4.00. Come and see the fascinating displays, stories and films of our local Maritime Heritage, set in the old Military Camp at <u>Stiffkey Greenway</u> <u>NR23 1QF</u>

And NEW is the Little Blue Hut on Wells Quay, where you can now book tickets for memorable trips on *Lucy Lavers* (you can see details of trips and also book online <u>here</u>), as well as book trips on other boats, hire gillying sets and more!

<u>Wells Carnival</u> www.wellscarnival.co.uk We are delighted to also be present at the main Wells Carnival with a stall in the Buttlands on both August 2 and August 6 - do come and find us!

Projects and fundraising

Our next major project is to restore local whelker <u>Bessie</u>, a significant historic boat, also involved in the Dunkirk evacuation. We have started fundraising, but the costs are large so if you feel able to contribute, we would be most grateful. We welcome donations to support our work – if you are not already, do <u>become a Friend of Rescue Wooden Boats</u>

If you would enjoy helping in any way, please email us at <u>info@rescuewoodenboats.com</u>, <u>fill in the form at the</u> <u>Centre</u> or call the Hon Secretary on 01485 210196. <u>www.rescuewoodenboats.com</u> charity no. 1144180

WHAT'S ON

SOUTHREPPS CHORALE SALUTES COXSWAIN HENRY BLOGG G.C.

At Cromer Parish Church, on Saturday 2nd July at 7.30pm, with the support of the Cromer Ladies' Lifeboat Guild & Supporters, who will provide refreshments. There will be a collection at each concert for the R.N.L.I. Tickets £12 (under 18s free) are available online via ticketsource.co.uk (no booking fee) or telephone Olga on 07979 833124, or on the door.

Southrepps Chorale supported by the Edith Murphy Foundation

Sheringham and Cromer Choral Society are very pleased to be returning to St Peter's Parish Church, Sheringham on Saturday 16 July at 7.00 pm for the first time since the pandemic to perform *Before the Ending of the Day*.

This concert will be a delightful evening of choral and piano music perfect for mid-summer with composers ranging from the renaissance period to the 21st century in an elaboration of the monastic office of Compline.

Pieces being sung will include traditional works by Tallis, Palestrina, Byrd, Blitheman and Parsons as well as music by the contemporary composer Bob Chilcott. His beautiful *Furusato* is a set of five Japanese songs which will be sung in English.

The programme will also include piano nocturnes by Chopin, Fauré and others.

The performance will be conducted by David Ballard and accompanied on the piano by Philip Adams. Both David and Philip will play the piano nocturnes.

Booking Information: Tickets cost £12 (under 18's free) from the box office at Sheringham Little Theatre. Telephone 01263 822347 or online at www.sheringhamlittletheatre.com

July at the Museum of the Broads

Just before the summer holiday rush, the Museum of the Broads, at the heritage Stalham Staithe, is a perfect place to bring a picnic, family and friends. We also have trails and activities for families, and dogs are welcome too!

For a unique river trip, book seats on our steamboat, Falcon, or our accessible electric boat, Marsh Harrier. We are celebrating Norfolk Day on Wednesday 27 July with free entry to the Museum.

Blakeney Craft Group

Blakeney Village Hall Enquiries & Bookings Please contact: <u>der740@btinternet.com</u>

Dates for 2022

July	16 th & 17 th
August	20 th & 21 st
September	3 rd & 4 th
October	15 th & 16 th
November	19 th & 20 th

Open Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday, full details on our website: <u>www.museumofthebroads.org.uk</u> @MuseumBroads on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram The Museum of the Broads, Poor's Staithe, Stalham, NR12 9DA, 01692 581681

PICNIC 2 JAZZ Saturday 9th July

A great opportunity for family and friends to enjoy a relaxed picnic in Binham Priory's ancient ruins, accompanied by music from DixieMix Jazz Band. Bring your own table, rugs, cushions, wine and beer. Grounds open at 4.15pm, free parking,

music from 5 - 8pm. Box Office: Tickets from the Chequers Inn, Front Street, Binham, 01328 -830297

GLAVEN VALLEY CONCERTS Summer Series

Friday 1st July 7.00pm St Nicholas Church Blakeney

Violin & Piano Recital

Summer Sonatas

Benedict Holland violin Brenda Blewett piano Sonatas by Schubert, Debussy and Grieg Free admission -retiring collection- interval refreshments

Saturday 9 July 7pm St Margaret's Church, Cley RISING STARS! featuring young artists at the launch of their performing careers An evening of Song and Opera

Jacob Harrison baritone Eleanor Oldfield mezzo-soprano Mark Jones piano Songs and arias by Handel, Mozart, Mendelssohn, Poulenc, Strauss Tickets £10 on the door. Pre-concert & interval refreshments

Saturday 17 September 7.30pm

St Margaret's Church, Cley

Reflections of Divine Love

by Susannah Self North Sea Orchestra and Voices Tickets £15 from <u>cleyrevelations.eventbrite.co.uk</u> or on the door

ANSWERS TO QUEENS PLATINUM JUBILEE QUIZ

- 1. Porcelain Jug
- 2. Parachute Jump
- 3. Pickle Jar
- 4. Pear Juice
- 5. Pork Joint
- 6. Precious Jewel
- 7. Poor Joke
- 8. Pocket Journal
- 9. Presiding Judge
- 10. Pretty Jonquil
- 11. Prolonged Journey
- 12. Perennially Jolly
- 13. Peruvian Jaguar
- 14. Paid Job
- 15. Peevish Jockey
- 16. Pensive Junior
- 17. Penultimate Junction
- 18. Permit Joust
- 19. Plucky Juvenile
- 20. Plum Jam
- 21. Polished Jet
- 22. Pole Jumper
- 23. Pink Jersey
- 24. Precise Jest
- 25. Plain Jodhpurs
- 26. Primrose Jumpsuit
- 27. Phobic Jogger
- 28. Prairie Jackal
- 29. Port Jelly
- 30. Plain Jane

QUOTABLE QUOTES

Three quotes on the theme of Friendship

"Don't walk behind me, I may not lead Don't walk in front of me, I may not follow Just walk beside me, and be my friend" *Albert Camus*

"I would rather walk in the dark with a friend, than alone in the light" *Helen Keller*

"I get by with a little help from my friends" *The Beatles*

POETRY CORNER

The Diameter of the Bomb The diameter of the bomb was thirty centimeters and the diameter of its effective range - about seven meters. And in it four dead and eleven wounded. And around them in a greater circle of pain and time are scattered two hospitals and one cemetery. But the young woman who was buried where she came from at a distance of more than a hundred kilometers, enlarges the circle greatly. And the solitary man who weeps over her death in a far corner of a distant country includes the whole world in the circle. And I won't speak at all about the crying of orphans that reaches up to the seat of God and beyond, making a circle with no end and no God.

Yehuda Amichai Translated from the Hebrew by Yehuda Amichai & Ted Hughes

PARTY ON THE PASTURES is back with a bang! – Sunday 21st August 2022 -11am til 10:30pm – FREE ENTRY!

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

We are back with the Party on The Pastures format that we know and love, a whole day of fun and activity with something for everyone, followed by an evening of live music to dance the night away to, or to simply listen to whilst sipping a glass of something and catching up with friends and family. Make sure to pop the date on the calendar. We will now start to add details on our Facebook page or you can visit www.blakeneyparishcouncil.org.uk or The Party on The Pastures dedicated Facebook page, all of which we will update as we go along.

As usual we will have a whole variety of stalls join us, car booters, food and a bar, and plenty of entertainment for all ages. We have also just launched our Community Volunteer Award for 2022 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.

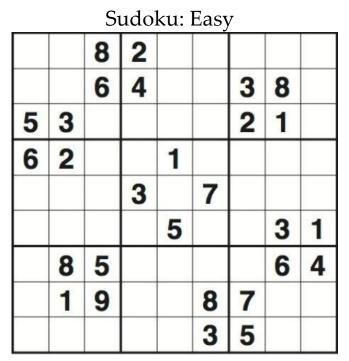
If you are interested in having either a stall or a car boot pitch, then please do get in touch asap as slots are filling up very quickly.

Car boot fees are just $\pounds 6.00$, strictly no business/commercial car booters. Stalls start at just $\pounds 30$ for a 1 x 4m pitch this year and 1 x 7m pitch is $\pounds 60$. First come first served.

Events like this simply would not happen without volunteers, and so if you think you could help, please do get in touch. Mostly a few extra pairs of hands to set up the day before and pack away after the event is what we could do with.

Please do get in touch: 741106

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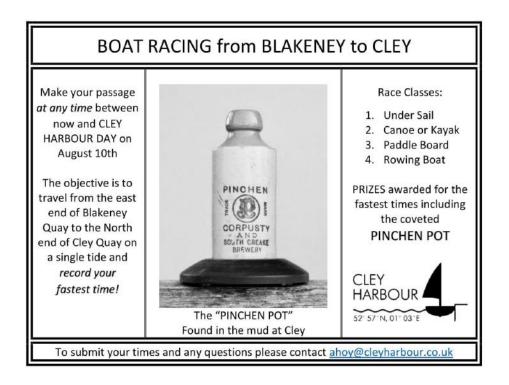
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	8/10 th	Poetry Folk & Beer Festival A full weekend of beer, song, and hopefully sun!
	14th	Open Mic Night 7pm at the Top Bar Share your voice/musical ability or just come and enjoy the atmosphere!
July	15 th	The Stones Tribute Band 9pm – Tickets £15.00 More of a reincarnation than a tribute! A fantastic show exactly like the young rolling stones - high energy and great to dance to!
	24 th	Rich Young 2.30pm at the Top Bar A singer/songwriter who also writes commercial music for radio and TV. Rich has played and recorded with artists such as Iron Maiden, Dave Stewart, Nigel Kennedy, to mention a but few.
	28 th	Monthly Quiz Night 7.30 £2.00 entry – Max 6 per team. Cash prize for the winning team! Bring a team or come along and join up with others on the night – unless you think you can do it by yourself!
	31 st	Folk Club in the Evening 7pm – 10pm Like minded folk enjoying an evening gathering to sing/play/listen.

	6 th	Mods & Rockers 9pm – Tickets £10 The Mods and Rockers have made peace to celebrate one of the greatest eras in popular music. So, whether you had a parka or a leather, or a scooter or a Norton, get ready for a night of pure entertainment from one of the best bands on the live circuit.
	11 th	Open Mic Night 7pm at the Top Bar Share your voice/musical ability or just come and enjoy the atmosphere!
August	14 th	Folk Club Afternoon 3 – 6pm Like minded folk enjoying an afternoon gathering to sing/play/listen.
	19 th	Double Barrel Reggae & Ska Band 9pm – Tickets £12.00 Back by popular demand! A great night of music!
	25 th	Monthly Quiz Night 7.30 £2.00 entry – Max 6 per team. Cash prize for the winning team! Bring a team or come along and join up with others on the night – unless you think you can do it by yourself!
	28 th	Folk Club in the Evening 7pm – 10pm Like minded folk enjoying an evening gathering to sing/play/listen.

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BLAKENEY QUAY Sunday 31st July 6pm

PHOTOS FROM THE JUBILEE WEEKEND AT LETHERINGSETT



Gill Inglis winning the egg and spoon race on the Friday afternoon



Bishop of Norwich The Right Reverend Bishop Graham Usher and Anne Thompson the very long serving Church warden at St Andrew's Letheringsett, planting a tree on Thursday evening to start the celebrations off in the Glaven Valley for Her Majesty the Queen Platinum Jubilee.

Monday 25th July 2.30 - 3.30pm

@ The Pilgrim Methodist Church Blakeney

An hour's introduction to Mindfulness OR a refresher for those who are already familiar with this aid to a more stress-free life.

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