

THE GLAVEN VALLEY NEWSLETTER



WIVETON WANDER
Stroll through Open Gardens in Wiveton
Saturday 10th June
10.30am – 4.30pm

Explore the fabulous gardens in Wiveton.

Pimm's tent, teas, delicious cakes and plant sales.

£5 admission

Tickets available on the day from the village green.

Main sponsor **Bedfords Estate Agents** and kindly supported by the Wiveton Bell and Natural Surroundings.

Organised by the Friends of Wiveton Church
All proceeds to Wiveton Church Restoration Fund



June 2023

Open Studios

Four local artists open their Studios to visitors from Saturday May 27th 10am-5pm
Check dates for each artist www.northnorfolkstudios.co.uk

Jeremy Bevan

Sunny Corner, Chapel Lane, Wiveton, Norfolk
NR25 7TQ www.jeremybevanartist.co.uk
@jeremy_bevan_artist 07950 334677
May 27, 28, 29 June 2, 3, 4, Drawing,
Mixed media, Paintings, Printmaking



Royal Society of British Artists

Carole Griffin RBA

Corner Studio, Purdy St, Salthouse NR25 7XA
www.carolegriffin.com @carolegriffinart
07831 399 151
May 27, 28 and June 3, 4
Painter in Oils and Watercolour



Callisto Azura Linnet

1 Sycamore Cottage, The Street, Wiveton,
Norfolk NR25 7TH @callistoazuradesigns
07588 895375
Open every day from May 27 - June 4
Mixed media, Paintings and Textiles



Alison Wagstaffe

28 Langham Road, Blakeney, Holt NR257PJ
www.aliwagstaffe.co.uk @alisonwagstaffe
07881 094930
May 27, 28, 29, June 1, 2, 3, 4
Paintings, Prints, Cards



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

Treasurer's Report

Urgent Appeal - Update

A very big thank you to all of you who have made one off donations or set up standing orders following the appeal in last month's GVN. The response has been very generous and shown how important and appreciated the GVN is to the community. If you haven't yet managed to make a donation, do please consider it. Just a small amount will make a difference and enable us to continue to publish GVN free of charge in its current format.

Donations can be made by

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

*Many thanks,
Martin Tyler, Treasurer, Glaven Valley Newsletter*

Standing Order Mandate

To	The Manager	
Bank (Your bank)		
Bank Address		
Bank details (your bank details)	Sort Code	
	Account Number	
Please Pay		
For the credit of	Glaven Valley Newsletter	
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	Reference	GVN Donation
Regular Amount (In figures)		
Starting on (enter date of first payment)		
Frequency Delete as appropriate	Monthly / Annually	
	And continue until cancelled by me in writing	
Signature		
Date		

ST. MARGARET'S FAIR

770th anniversary

St Margaret's Church, Cley
SATURDAY 22nd JULY 2 - 5pm,
BOOK STALL OPENS AT 10am

Free admission



Cakes	Perdi Jeffrey	07854316026
Books	Klaus Vollmar	01263740304
Plants	Alison Cole	01263740814
Tombola	Jane Peploe	01263741471
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, MUSIC IN THE CHURCH, CREAM
TEAS AND LOTS MORE....**

BARKING MAD DOG SHOW

2.30pm - £3 per entry

Sponsored by Fullerton's Book Search

CAKE and PRODUCE Stall



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

Scone bakers much appreciated for the cream teas in the church please! Many thanks!

*Delivery & collection details
Perdi Jeffrey 07854316026*

GIGANTIC BOOK STALL IN CHURCH OPEN FROM 10am!

If you have any good quality books you can contribute, I would be very grateful. Please deliver to me at Rhu-Sila, Church Lane, Cley. Many thanks, *Klaus Vollmar 01263740304*

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*

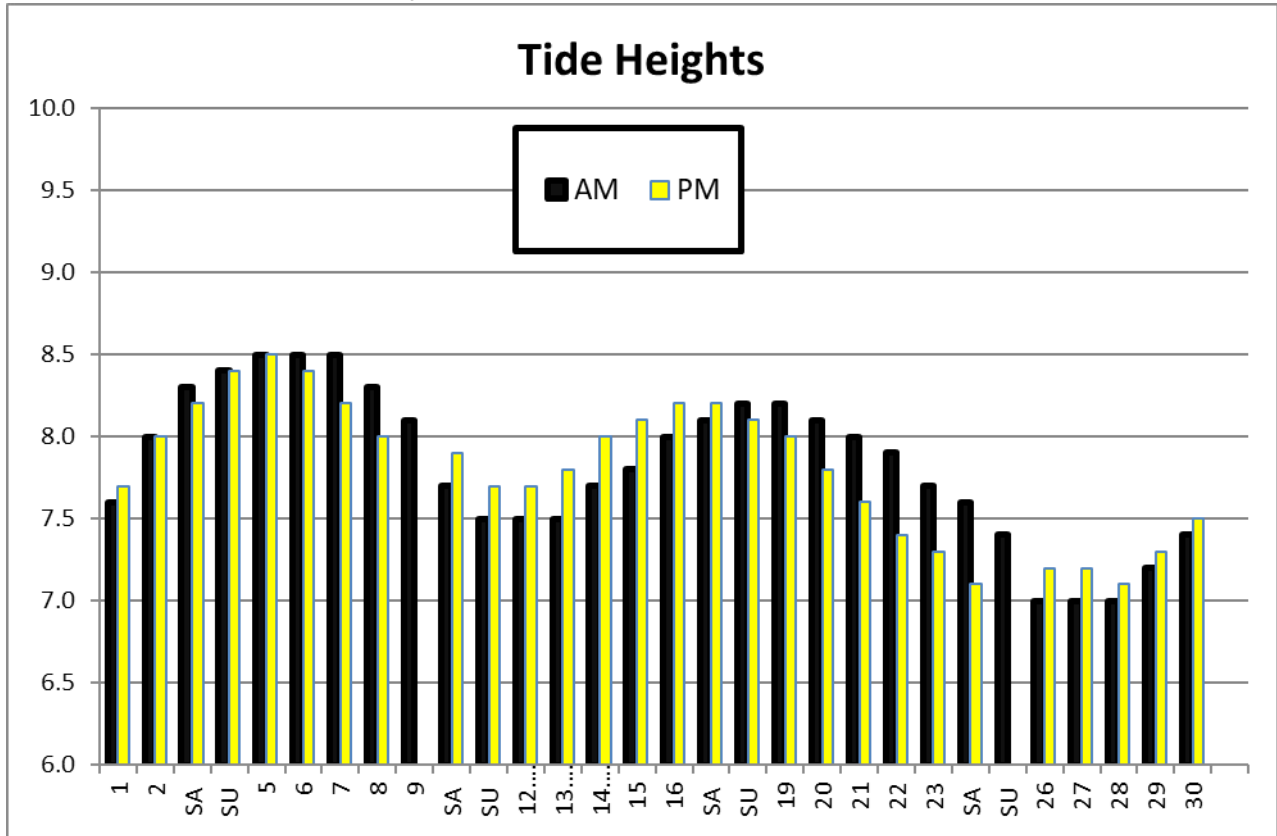
ATTENTION ALL GARDENERS

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 740814/alison-cole@outlook.com. 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*

June 2023 - Tide Details



Tide Times

	AM	PM		AM	PM
Thu 01 June	05:28	17:38			
Fri 02 June	06:11	18:23			
Sat 03 June	06:52	19:08			
Sun 04 June	07:33	19:55			
Mon 05 June	08:14	20:41	Mon 19 June	08:12	20:41
Tue 06 June	08:55	21:29	Tue 20 June	08:48	21:20
Wed 07 June	09:38	22:18	Wed 21 June	09:22	21:56
Thu 08 June	10:23	23:11	Thu 22 June	09:55	22:32
Fri 09 June	11:13		Fri 23 June	10:29	23:09
Sat 10 June	00:13	12:12	Sat 24 June	11:06	23:51
Sun 11 June	01:24	13:20	Sun 25 June	11:48	
Mon 12 June	02:34	14:31	Mon 26 June	00:39	12:37
Tue 13 June	03:38	15:37	Tue 27 June	01:34	13:33
Wed 14 June	04:34	16:38	Wed 28 June	02:38	14:39
Thu 15 June	05:28	17:34	Thu 29 June	03:45	15:54
Fri 16 June	06:13	18:25	Fri 30 June	04:46	17:01
Sat 17 June	06:55	19:13			
Sun 18 June	07:35	19:59			

By Martin Tyler

REEF HOUSE

Make & Do Workshops

Come and join me and our amazing artists at Reef House for a wide range of creative workshops and short courses.

Whether you want to learn a new skill or enjoy a day out with friends, we have it all: everything from floristry and bread making to willow weaving and jewellery making.

In this wonderfully warm and relaxed environment, homemade refreshments and lunch are always included ensuring you fully unwind and enjoy the perfect day.

For Bookings & Enquiries please visit the website at:

www.reefmakeanddo.com

HELP NEEDED ⚠️

Volunteer Skippers Wanted

The North Norfolk Wheelyboat is looking for volunteers to help skipper and crew the boat.

Our wonderful trips only last 1 hour and 20 minutes and volunteers need to be available for around 2 hours each trip to include getting ready and cleaning up afterwards and we only go in good weather. The times and dates vary and you can choose which trips you would like to do. Full training will be provided.

For more information on what we do visit: www.wheelyboatpoppy.org

Please email info@wheelyboatpoppy.org if you would like further details or might be able to help. 📧

Thank you in advance,
The North Norfolk Wheelyboat Team

Blakeney

The Coastal Rowing Association of Blakeney Newsletter for June

The tenth anniversary year of your local rowing club is a very exciting time. As I write this newsletter a group of Crabbers are rowing in company with hundreds of other boats in the Gulf of Morbihan, Brittany. This is a regular event in which Blakeney Rowing Club has participated many times before. The scenery, conditions and experiences are always spectacular and new friendships and contacts are forged. Read next month's newsletter for an account of the expedition. I'm sure there will be many stories to tell.

In the meantime, see the club website at crablakeney.wordpress.com and view pictures of many happy Crabbers on the local Blakeney water. There have been so many social rows, involving both club skiffs, over the last couple of months and it has been a real pleasure to see such a large number of rowers involved in outings. There has been a great demand for places in either *Hoi Larntan* or *Bluejacket*. A "reserve" slot has now been included on the booking calendar so that such keen rowers can be accommodated.

At the time of writing, all club members are looking forward to the club's tenth anniversary celebration: a drinks party at 6.30 pm on Saturday 27th May at Wiveton Village Hall. This will be another excellent opportunity for all those who love rowing to meet, mingle and swap stories.

There will be so many rowing events to enjoy during the remainder of 2023. The Broads Tour, involving many clubs, will take place between 26th and 30th June. The Midsummer Row followed by breakfast is on 20th July, the Round Canvey Island Race is scheduled for July 22nd, the Morston Regatta is on August 6th and the Blakeney Regatta will take place on August 20th. The Burnham-on-Crouch Trafalgar races will be a high point of August 28th. The Blakeney Rowing Club Picnic will finish the month off nicely on August 31st. What a great summer it promises to be!

Find out more about the club's activities, or try skiff rowing for yourselves, by contacting Humphrey at hborgnis@icloud.com. You will be made very welcome. Coaching and helpful advice will be available. There is no obligation to compete. Come along for a gentle and sociable row. Remember, you can keep up with the club's activities on Instagram, on Facebook and on the club's website at crablakeney.wordpress.com.

Treat yourself to a row in good company this summer.

Barry Howes

News from the Glaven Centre

Here at the Glaven we have welcomed new clients who have already expressed how the time spent here is hugely benefiting their life for the better. A lot of these individuals live alone and only see carers for an hour a day. As humans, we need social connection. Loneliness and social isolation has been identified by surgeon general, Vivek Murthy, as a public health priority. It is profoundly having a negative impact on people's lives. At the Glaven, we are told by clients, carers and families that we are a lifeline. We provide space and opportunity to feel well again, to enhance overall wellbeing through social interaction, shared community and an environment you can feel safe in, amongst trained health professionals, offering a warm family feel. Kindness, support and care is always available here and also finding people to be with seeking the same connection as you. We are here and ready to welcome you.

We have our ear clinic on the last Monday of every month, a great service to utilise for all your hearing requirements from ear syringing to hearing aid repair. To book, call Rosie on 07884094979

Also, you can sign up to One Lottery for your chance to win - and support the Glaven at the same time, just type in the following link.

www.onelottery.co.uk and search for: Glaven Caring

Blakeney Duck Pond

Blakeney Duck Pond continues to be a great local attraction to both visitors and locals alike.

We are currently looking for more people to help feed the ducks, it is a great opportunity to get up close to the ducks and geese and watch their antics. It can be done any time up to 12 noon, so no strict time frame required.

You can do from as little as 1 day a month to 1 day a week, depending on your availability.

Please do get in touch if you would like to know more, or join me feeding the ducks to see what is involved.

Hilary Glossop, 07731011342



BLAKENEY HOTEL

Jobs Available – full or part time

We have vacancies for:
Duty Manager / Porters / Receptionist

For more information on these or other roles please email
admin@blakeneyhotel.co.uk or call 01263 740797

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JULY

BLAKENEY
HARBOUR ROOM

7TH 8TH 9TH



BLAKENEY NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSING SOCIETY

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2023

THIS WILL BE HELD AT BLAKENEY HARBOUR ROOMS, HIGH STREET, BLAKENEY NR25 7NU

AT 19.00 HOURS ON TUESDAY 27TH JUNE 2023

AGM PAPERS WILL BE SENT OUT TO SHAREHOLDERS AT LEAST TWO WEEKS BEFORE

Blakeney Sailing Club

The season has started and the dinghy park is nearly full.

The Sailing and Rowing Clubs went to a very interesting talk by Matt Sharman in Bayfield Hall with excellent pie and mash. We learnt about the Cruising Adventures of a Wayfarer and it was a lovely evening. Thank you for Roger Combe for hosting.

We had a brilliant Coronation Racing Series and Flotilla is happening again too. We are not far from the Summer Series. Everybody is looking forward to it.

Come and join in and support Discover Sailing, Friday 2nd June and Saturday 3rd June.

Email victoriabuckingham1@gmail.com for more information.

Don't forget to keep looking at Blakeney Sailing Club on Facebook and Instagram for updates and great action pictures of sailing. Happy Sailing! See you on the water.

Amy Howes

News from Blakeney CEVA Primary School

We are back from our half term break refreshed and ready to go and we have good news! We are now able to share our Ofsted result with you and the school has maintained a "good" rating. The report is available online but here are a few of the highlights!

Teachers work closely with leaders to translate the curriculum into enriching lessons

Teachers' checks of pupils' learning accurately pinpoint the next steps pupils need to be successful. This is a school with a family feel. Pupils are warmly welcomed and supported by staff who give them expert care and attention.

Pupils feel and are safe. They say that bullying is rare.

Lessons are calm and orderly.

Pupils of all ages learn well and have fruitful discussions and debates about what they have learned.

We are all very happy with the report and thankful that it reflects what we feel about our school. There is always room to keep improving and as a team we are committed to making Blakeney the best it can be.

Over the break, our outdoor area and Rainbows classroom had a bit of a re-vamp, thanks to our new class teacher, Miss Collison. There's nothing like a bit of spring/summer cleaning to get ready for an action-packed term! The new learning theme of the World Around Us will see Rainbows class out in the village regularly. They have already completed a treasure hunt along the quay. Miss Collison has been joined by Miss

Owers, who is our very welcome new teaching assistant. Mrs Owers has lots of experience in the Early Years Foundation Stage area of our curriculum and already knows many of the children from nursery. Miss Collison and Miss Owers have both settled in beautifully, and are wonderful new additions to the Blakeney team.

Smugglers Class will also be looking at our local area and diversity, diversity in nature and society. We have trips planned to the River Glaven and Blakeney Point, to look at the many different species of wildlife and habitats we have close by. The children are thrilled to welcome Mrs Bishop into Smugglers class from KS1. Her kindness and patience are appreciated by us all in what will be a very busy term. We have made models of the course of a river, looked at key events in the history of Blakeney, and written fictional mystery stories about crimes committed in Blakeney. Reverend Richard particularly enjoyed the newspaper report written about the one entitled "Reverend Rich's Riches Lost!" Our Coronation café and bake sale was a huge success. Thank you to everyone who came and to those who baked for us, we are so lucky to have wonderful neighbours. We hope to invite friends and families to our Summer Fair, which this year will be planned by the Year 6's. Year 6 have finished much of the curriculum and cannot wait to start planning lots of fun events to raise money. Look out for their car wash posters if your car is looking a bit worse for wear!

The much-anticipated Stay and Play Group will start on Thursday 8th June and will run from 9am – 11am. If you have, or look after pre-school children, please do come along. We are a friendly bunch and would love to see you. Refreshments for children and adults will be available and we will end each session with a story or nursery rhymes.

You may have seen the inflatables on Friary Fields a few weeks ago? We held our Federation Founding Day with all 4 schools present for the Church Service and fun afternoon. The children from Blakeney were asked to write a job application letter, if they wished to carry the school banner in our parade. I must share with you a part of one of the winning letters. Sophie wrote, "Personally, I think it would be great to carry the banner and represent the school since I love it so much!" It's very easy to get consumed by all of the day-to-day activities in a school and Sophie's letter reminded us how very lucky we are to have the pupils, our school, and our community. Mr Snowdon has written a report on Founding Day which follows.

*See you all soon,
Team Blakeney*

Pilgrim Federation – 10 Year Anniversary

The Pilgrim Federation of Primary Schools (Blakeney, Hindringham, Kelling and Walsingham) celebrated their ten-year anniversary on Friday 28th April.

It was a hugely special occasion to mark when the schools joined together, comprising of a celebration service at St Nicholas' Church in Blakeney that was attended by all of the pupils, current and former staff, governors and members of

our communities, followed by a family fun afternoon on Friary Field opposite the Church.

The schools proudly displayed their own banners in the Church that capture what makes them special and unique.

The family fun afternoon was a great opportunity for all of our pupils and staff to mix together and have fun, with a particular highlight being the bouncy castle and other inflatables! It was great that so many of our parents could join us for this and the weather just about stayed dry.

The day really highlighted what a special community the Federation of schools have created and how lucky our pupils are to benefit from the family feel of small, village schools that belong to a wider and supportive team.

Here's to the next ten years!!

*Tom Snowdon
Executive Headteacher*

BLAKENEY FILM NIGHT **VILLAGE HALL**

"Living" (12A)

Friday 16th June, £5 on the door

A drama set in London in 1953 as it struggles to rebuild post-war. Bill Nighy plays a senior civil servant, reduced by years of stifling bureaucracy to a shadow existence, who receives news that causes his deeply conservative & composed exterior to crack. Realising life has passed him by, he yearns to find fulfilment before it's too late and makes huge efforts to turn his dull life into something wonderful.

A standout, subtle & deeply moving performance from Nighy, with each supporting performance also pitched just right. A really simple, beautiful film about one of the big life lessons: giving is a large part of living & it's never too late to make a difference.

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

BLAKENEY VILLAGE HALL

Fabulous Craft Fair

17th & 18th June

Open 10 am-4 pm

All talented local crafters

Free Admission, Free Parking,

refreshments

(dog's welcome)

BLAKENEY HARBOUR ROOM EVENTS JUNE 2023

LIVE MUSIC

Saturday 10th June - Voodoo Room £12.00 (doors open 8pm). A tribute to both Jimmy Hendrix and Eric Clapton reproduced by top guitarist Peter Orr and his band.

Saturday 24th June - A Saucerful of Floyd £12.00 (doors open 8pm). Featuring music from 'Piper at the gates of dawn' to 'The Division Bell' taking you on a journey through the music of Pink Floyd. A four-piece power house not to be missed

FREE EVENTS

Sunday 11th June 3 - 6 pm

Folk Club Acoustic session

Come and listen, come and perform

Thursday 22nd June Quiz night in the bar 7pm

Sunday 25th June Open stage in the Harbour Room 7 - 10pm

Open to all wishing to perform folk, Roots, Americana and especially original material. Full PA, sound engineer and video recording facilities are on hand to help performers.

George Crawley (Harbour Room Committee)



King Charles III Community Coronation Event – Wow, what an amazing evening we had here in Blakeney, something for all ages and great fun. Huge thanks to all who made it happen, but especially the ladies on the Events Committee and Paul at the Harbour Room/RBL for making us so very welcome. The entertainers who did a wonderful job, whether it was Punch & Judy, or our Belly dancer, not forgetting our own local face painter, and then onto the main event; the live band NIGHT TRAIN, they were superb, dancing shoes were a must and I think we will definitely be seeing them back in the village again at some point. Thanks also to each and every one that joined us, making it a night we shall always remember... Now, let's hope that's it for a while for Royal celebrations...

DIARY DATES:

Sunday 20th August 2023 – Party on The Pastures
Saturday 21st October 2023 – End of Season Bonfire & Fireworks (Plan B, is for Sunday 22nd October, i.e. weather!)

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

Local Government Election Results – 4th May 2023 – We welcome two new local faces, known to many of you; Judy Pegden and Mike Reed, and we look forward to working with them both. We said goodbye to Edward Hackford as he decided not to stand again having served for around 8 years and also to Jane Armstrong who had served for just over 3 years. Please see the full list of serving parish councillors at the end of this article.

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

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

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

EXTRACTS FROM THE MAY FULL COUNCIL MEETING...

FINANCE

Accounts totalling £32,165.02 are to be paid - **Clerk/RFO Report** – Brief update on figures to date were given - To transfer the running of the **2023/24 Payroll** to Norfolk Association of Local Councils with effect from next pay date for the remainder of this financial year - To add **HMRC PAYE** to the monthly direct debit list with immediate effect.

To accept the **Parish Partnership Scheme Grant** for **Village Gateways** noting the much-reduced current cost of just over £700 compared with over £11,000.

Reports from Representatives on Other Committees/Groups which have met recently;

Blakeney Surgery – *Cllr Nigel Sutcliffe*.

Members are in receipt of the letter that the ICB sent dated 18th April 2023, as a response to our letter dated 4th April 2023. It states that patient feedback submitted by Holt Medical Practice does not constitute the feedback that the practice will have to demonstrate as part of this process. The Holt Area Patient Participation Group dated 20th March 2023; minutes refer to only 2 patient members. Myself and Victoria Holliday are trying to join this group.

All residents should have received a letter from our MP Duncan Baker dated 21st April 2023 explaining his support for our campaign. It contains a link to a survey that can be completed.

The survey to be distributed by 'Healthwatch', Norfolk has now been approved and will be dealt with in the weeks to come.

BBC Radio Norfolk has requested to interview patients and others involved in the campaign. We have now been approached by the EDP for a response, which we will deal with after the local elections.

Neighbourhood Plan – *Cllr Rosemary Thew summarised*. The referendum date is likely to be 20th July 2023. NNDC are preparing a referendum version of the plan which they will share with us, with modifications highlighted. Notice of referendum must be issued by 11th May. Thereafter, there will be 'some' weight to the plan with full weight post referendum. Prior to the referendum, an information statement will be issued by NNDC, and polling cards distributed and hard copies of the plan will be available, and details of the referendum will be displayed on both the NNDC and BPC website. NNDC would not accept the Steering Group's desired changes to affordable housing at BLA04. They said it was in conflict with strategic policy.

Traffic Matters Working Group – *Cllr Nigel Sutcliffe*. The TMWG met last Thursday to be updated on where we currently are.

A consideration to be able to buy into a dedicated Traffic/Civil Enforcement Parking Officer to attend at Blakeney on a more regular pattern will not happen. They cannot fill their current vacancies and we have no budget for the extra cost. So, for the time being this item has resulted in no further action.

The Traffic Signage review by NCC has been completed but the Group feel it is inadequate and have identified further work that can be completed. This issue will continue to be discussed and revisited by the Group.

Village Hall Car Park and Car Park charging. We now have the legal advice on the Deed of Trust dated the 31st March 1980. It shows that BPC own the land, but BVHT do the day-to-day administration. If car parking charges are to be progressed further, we need to enter a 'Deed of Variation' or some other agreement to achieve it. The TMWG recommend that you agree to BPC commencing a dialogue with the VHT to see what can be achieved.

Motorhome Tourism in Blakeney. We have a request for some permanent parking bays to be allocated for motor homes in the Village Hall car park. The TMWG recommend that this course of action is not approved.

Traffic Consultation – This was an issue when TMWG first started its work two and a half years ago, but now it is not as we are aware of the limitations of what can and cannot be done and therefore it requires no further action.

Keep Blakeney Special Campaign – This has been ongoing for a number of years. From the start, BPC and NT (the co-owners of the Carnser) did not support this, due to its effect on traffic displacement around the village when our other car parks are full and the effect it has on financial income streams. This has been discussed previously and the TMWG recommend no further action is taken.

COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS

Question from Cllr Jane Armstrong; With reference to the Lawful Development submission (ref. CL/23/0164) in respect of car parking in Blakeney Dinghy Park, please could you explain who made the decision to submit this in the name of Blakeney Parish Council and with what authority.

Answer; As leaseholder of the land, having had conversations with both The National Trust and NNDC it was beneficial in terms of a reduced fee (public money, cost then shared by both parties), that the application be submitted in the name of Blakeney Parish Council. The Clerk as 'Proper Officer' dealt with this item in conjunction with The National Trust as part of our joint working protocol. (It must be remembered that this is a CLEUD application, i.e. historical evidence based & not a planning application which seeks permission to do something new, i.e.. two very different items.)

CORRESPONDENCE

Cllr Alban Donohoe updated the meeting in relation to the **Blakeney Channel Coastal Community Team** and requested that BPC consider funding another survey of the area at a cost of £1,500 + VAT, the results of which would determine the next steps and whilst there was a consensus of agreement, this would be an item for the June BPC agenda.

Following a meeting instigated by Cllr Jane Armstrong in attendance, along with the Parish Council Chairman, Rosemary Thew, with NNDC Democratic Services Officer Emma Denny and NALC (Norfolk Association of Local Councils, County Officer, Sarah Bristow) to discuss **BPC Procedures** on 28th February 2023, the following were **resolved;** (though it was noted that members felt that it was unfortunate that a Parish Cllr had chosen to go to NNDC over

such matters, given that they had been considered by this council previously);

Councillor requested agenda items – If the Clerk/Proper Officer feels that wording should be changed/shortened, then this should be discussed with the Cllr.

Provision of Committee meeting agendas and minutes to all Cllrs – Given that 10 out of the 11 current Parish Cllrs do not wish to receive these items, the Clerk/Proper Officer recommended that all Parish Cllrs would be asked at the forthcoming AGM, if they wish to receive said items, and they will only be sent to those who wish to receive them in addition to the actual committee members.

Schedule all Meetings in advance for the Year – Every committee of BPC has historically been granted delegated authority which means that they choose when to hold their meetings, as opposed to being set by BPC. Based on the outcome of the forthcoming AGM, the committees can each be asked how they wish to proceed. All have in fact preferred to call their meetings on an as and when needed basis, i.e.. due to information being sought, site visits, and the nature of the unique committees and the work/life balance of the individuals.

Managing the play equipment – Should we undertake weekly visual inspections? Unless it is a legal requirement or required by our Insurance provider, then we are happy with the arrangements already in place, i.e.. professional quarterly inspections. If we are instructed to have weekly inspections, then Cllr Alban Donohoe and Cllr Jane Armstrong, would be happy to train and undertake this role.

Agreement of payments – BPC currently complies with the criteria to approve payments. Accounts are open to inspection by the public as is advertised each year.

Recording of meetings – BPC does not wish to record its meetings and neither does it have the equipment to do so.

Blakeney Parish Council are pleased to support the **setting up Nursery Provision** at Blakeney Primary School.

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

- i) **LA/23/0398 – 131 High Street, Blakeney** – Listed building alterations – **Approved.**

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

01263 741106 or clerk@blakeneyparishcouncil.org.uk

YOUR SERVING PARISH COUNCILLORS ARE: -

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

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

Next Full Council meeting; Tuesday 6th June 2023.

St. Nicholas Community Support Fund

Thanks to some very generous donations we have been able to continue to support those who might be experiencing difficulty due to the current financial situation. We have been able to support a few people in specific circumstances with payments and we have continued to deliver £ 50.00 Spar vouchers for food and household goods. We are currently on our 4th delivery round.

Over 50 households have been supported in the Glaven Valley villages of Blakeney, Cley , Glandford, Letheringsett and Wiveton and others with close connections to the area.

We are also able to support transport costs for those who are seeking debt counselling. If you would like to contribute to the fund, please contact Malcolm Jardine on 01263 741037 or E- Mail malcolmjardine@icloud.com

Alison Jewell on behalf of the St. Nicholas Community Support Fund team

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In the Nursing Home – Jane Kenyon

*She is like a horse grazing
a hill pasture that someone makes
smaller by coming every night
to pull the fences in and in.*

*She has stopped running wide
loops,
stopped even the tight circles.
She drops her head to feed; grass
is dust, and the creekbed's dry.*

*Master, come with your light
halter. Come and bring her in.*

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Thoughts from the Rectory for June 2023

Dear Friends,

How do you feel about June? For me it's a wonderful month, because it's still early summer, and, at least at the start of it, the longest day is yet to come. I love the long evenings, and being able to eat outside, when it's warm enough. In June there is still lots of colour around, not the parched hues that a hot late summer can bring, and there's perhaps the prospect of a holiday on the horizon, or a visit to or from family or friends. Summer is probably still my favourite season, because I love the heat, although I'm getting better at appreciating winter too!

Joan D Chittister is an American Benedictine nun, theologian, author, and speaker. This is what she's said about June: "June is the time for being in the world in new ways, for throwing off the cold and dark spots of life." I'm with her there. And I love the notion of "being in the world in new ways". Of course, that's a great attitude to have at any time of year, but maybe June is a time of year which helps us to look ahead and think positively and creatively.

It's certainly a time to wonder at the beauty of our surroundings. One opportunity to do that will come along on Saturday 10th June, the day of the Wiveton Wander, running all day from 10.30 to 5.00, and organised by the Friends of Wiveton. This is a wonderful chance to stroll round a collection of wonderful gardens, enjoy the beauty on display, buy plants, have tea and cake, or Pimm's, chat to others, and so on. The last Wiveton Wander drew big crowds and was a huge success, as I'm sure it will be again this time. Look out for the publicity about this.

Whether you're able to get out and about, or whether you're only able to look out through the window, I hope the beauty of this month will delight you, and the hopefulness of this time of year invigorate you. "Throw off the cold and dark spots of life, and be in the world in new ways"!

*Wishing you all June joy!
Richard.*

More information, as always, is available on our benefice website: www.glavenvalleychurches.org.uk
You may find you need to click "refresh" when returning to the website, to be sure of the latest information.

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

Other contact details are:

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glavenvalleybenefice@yahoo.co.uk

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Revd Jo Fawcett	01328 830415
Revd Dr Claude Scott	01263 740573

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Letheringsett

Ann Thomson	01263 712821
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Wiveton

Stephen de Loynes	07975 813057
Charles Killin	01263 741744

Funerals:

Funerals in May included that of Louise Nelson on Friday 5th May, and Roy Preston on 11th May, both at Blakeney Church, and Sheena Sadler at Letheringsett Church on 17th May. Please remember their families in their bereavement.

Weddings:

There are a good number of weddings in the benefice this year, with the next of them being Tom Kinver and Jessica Ollington at Blakeney on Saturday 10th June.

Ordination:

Sarah De Bats (our curate) will be ordained priest at the Cathedral on Saturday 1st July. So here is also advance notice that she will celebrate her first Eucharist the next day (Sunday 2nd July), at the Benefice Communion Service in Blakeney Church at 11.00.

St Peter's Catholic Church
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Mass Sunday - 11am

Wednesday - 9.30am

Holyday of Obligation 9.30am

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June 2023
SERVICE SCHEDULE
NB: No services in Wiveton

SUNDAY 4th	<i>Trinity Sunday</i>	
8.00	Holy Communion (BCP)	Blakeney
9.30	Holy Communion (CW) [<i>& streamed</i>]	Blakeney
11.15	Holy Communion (BCP)	Letheringsett
6.00	Sacred Space	Cley
Wed 7th	Holy Communion (BCP) 10.00	Cley
Thur 8th	Evening Prayer 5.00	Glandford
SUNDAY 11th	<i>Trinity 1 / St Barnabas</i>	
9.30	Praise and Worship [<i>& streamed</i>]	Blakeney
11.15	Holy Communion with hymns (BCP)	Glandford
6.00	Service of Contemplation	Cley
Thur 15th	Evening Prayer 5.00	Glandford
SUNDAY 18th	<i>Trinity 2</i>	
9.30	Celtic HC with Healing [<i>& streamed</i>]	Blakeney
9.30	Morning Prayer (CW)	Letheringsett
11.15	Café Church	Cley
Wed 21st	Holy Communion (BCP) 10.00	Cley
Thur 22nd	Evening Prayer 5.00	Glandford
SUNDAY 25th	<i>Trinity 3</i>	
8.00	Holy Communion (BCP)	Cley
9.30	Holy Communion (CW) [<i>& streamed</i>]	Blakeney
11.15	Family Service (All-Age)	Cley
6.30	Evensong (BCP)	Glandford
Thur 29th	Evening Prayer 5.00	Glandford

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

Cley



THURSDAY'S AT 3PM, CLEY CHURCH

Thursday June 1st Cheek to Cheek

Meg Starling (soprano) Angela Dugdale (piano)
Wyatt Earp (flute)

Thursday June 8th William Barnes: The People's Poet

Paul Hands, Steve Benson, Sue Andrews, Richard Clothier (narrators). Wyatt Earp (flute) Angela Dugdale (piano)

Thursday June 15th A Trip Down Memory Lane

John Bennett (tenor) Gill Smith (piano)

Thursday June 22nd Clarinet Fantasias, Sonatas & Idylls

Geraldine Allen (Clarinet) Brenda Blewett (piano)

Thursday June 29th Songs for the Season

Angela Dugdale & Friends

Wyatt Earp

Cley WI report

Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances, our May speaker was unable to attend, but with only an hour's notice Andrew Roe (Mary's husband) rode to our rescue. The subject was antiques and their valuation. Calling himself "an enthusiastic amateur", Andrew gave us an insight into the world of antique collecting, nowadays quite a lot of the time using online auctions. In fact when our call came, the pair were on the road having collected an item they had successfully bid for at an auction in Diss. By way of a competition, the members were shown two tea caddie spoons and asked to write down an estimate of value. Our winner guessed £205 which was the nearest estimate (she didn't win either spoon!)

Andrew's presentation showed that he has a lot more knowledge on the subject than the description 'amateur' suggests, and we were very grateful to him for saving the day. His reward, joining us for our delicious afternoon tea.

There will be no meeting in Cley next month as members are going to Mannington Hall to enjoy the delightful gardens.

Di Garner

Mary Elizabeth Austen (nee High-Caston) of 1 Hillside, Coast Road, Cley next the Sea, died peacefully on 21st April 2023, aged 87 years.

Cley Parish Council's Chairman's Report May 2023

We held our Annual General Meeting preceding the Annual Parish Council Meeting on May 11th. The annual Chairmans Report is attached.

The Coronation Picnic was a huge success. About 225 parishioners and friends enjoyed cream teas, ice creams, cakes, beer, wine and children's games in glorious sunshine. Very many thanks to our clerk, Gemma, for organising and running the day. Also, very many thanks to all the organisers and helpers, to the church for allowing us to use the Garden of Rest, and the Village Hall and the Swallows for kindly lending us essential items such as chairs and urns.

The Community Café continues to welcome parishioners and visitors. Thank you to our cake makers – they are delicious. The afternoon bingo is popular – do come along if you haven't tried it! Many thanks to our volunteers without whom this could not happen. If you'd like to join our friendly team, please do get in touch with me.

We still have plenty of money available for hardship support from our £2,500 Community Support Grant so do please contact the Clerk if we can assist you at all, clerk.cley@gmail.com or 07812384889. All enquiries will be treated confidentially.

We still have a vacancy on the Parish Council, to which we need to coopt. Being a Parish Councillor is a great way to get involved in and help your community. If you are eligible and interested in standing, please contact the Clerk for more details (clerk.cley@gmail.com). We would love to hear from you.

Members of the Public have the rights to view last year's Parish Council accounts from 5th June to 14th July. Please contact the Clerk on 07812384889.

We have been contacted by residents complaining of dog fouling on parish footpaths especially the East and West Banks and the boardwalk. We believe this is likely to be visitors unaware of the location of dog bins – we do have 6 in the parish. We'll be putting signage on the relevant paths.

**Glaven Valley
Bereavement Support Group
will meet on Monday 12th June
at Merchants House, Blakeney
4.00pm to 5.30pm.
Anyone who has suffered
bereavement is very welcome.
Refreshments at 3.50pm**

Several of you have mentioned the Hilltop footpaths are unsafe through uneven ground due to soil erosion. They have been inspected by the Footpaths Officer but we're asking for another visit to review. We're also requesting – again – that handles be fixed on the descent from the Coast path at Artemis and before Zetland House.

You'll be pleased to hear that our Roadside Nature Reserve on Holt Hill opposite the intersection with Bridgefoot Lane has been extended and will be resigned. It is a good location for wild orchids.

Noise disturbance from events continues to be an issue. Whilst we are very grateful for the 12MN cut off at Barn Drift, we had complaints the other weekend with an unlicensed musical event (or rave) on the Hangs which went on until broken up by police in the early hours. We're hoping to get a list of events at the various venues (including Wiveton Hall, Knotting Hill Farmhouse and the Windmill) so that we can decide who to contact in the case of noise disturbance- ie Environmental Protection or the venue itself if planned, or the police if unplanned.

A councillor questioned the need for the National Trust to drive along the shingle bank to Blakeney point given the bank's importance as a flood defence. The Trust says it has been carrying out repairs to the Lifeboat House which needed to be compressed into a tight window based on seal and bird breeding seasons. There were therefore more vehicle movements than usual. Normal wildlife management traffic uses the same track along the ridge but during breeding season goes along the sandy beach at low tide.

The next Parish Council Meeting is on Thursday June 8th in the Village Hall at 6.30pm. The agenda will be published on the Notice Board, on the website (www.cleypc.info) and we'll mail it out to those on the Parish email list (if you want to be included in this please email the Clerk) and the village WhatsApp group. Please comment on or ask general questions about Agenda items before the meeting by getting in touch with the clerk or myself, or come along and participate. Minutes are posted as usual on the noticeboard and website.

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Cley Parish Council Chair's Report 2022 - 2023

2022-23 was another hugely successful year for Cley Parish Council, due entirely to our outstanding Parish Clerk, Gemma, who goes over and above her duties to serve our parish, and our hard-working Cllr's, who are always prepared to help out.

We had two outstanding royal celebrations. At our jubilee party in June 2022, a hog roast and the Old Wild Rovers were enjoyed by about 150 guests and raised an impressive £627 for Ukrainians in Norfolk fund. At our coronation picnic in May 2023, for which Gemma very cleverly obtained a lottery grant of £1100, about 225 parishioners enjoyed cream teas, ice cream, music and children's games in glorious sunshine. Many thanks to our inspirational committee members for organising and hosting.

We received a grant of £2000 from the Norfolk Community Foundation to set up a Warm Space, and the Village Hall very generously gave us a reduced rate for the Club Room which allowed us to open three days a week for 4 months over the winter. A very generous parishioner and her sister donated a fabulous coffee machine and we served delicious coffee and cakes to and played bingo with about 561 parishioners. By popular demand we are now running a community cafe on Wednesdays, which is supported by generous donations. We are very grateful to all our helpers who offer a cheery welcome.

A great deal of work took place on the allotments. We employed professionals to clear away asbestos. Many more plots have been let and more than 300 hedge trees planted. We were fortunate to receive a grant of £1840 from Norfolk County Council to put in a fifth tap and install 20 water butts. We also held two well attended and enjoyable allotment socials. Special thanks are due to Christine and Roy Williamson for the enormous amount of time and effort they put into keeping the allotments running smoothly.

New this year was our Toad Patrol under the direction of Richard Sear supported by a grant of £360 from Norfolk County Council, which paid for signs, hi viz jackets and head

torches. 24 volunteers went out in all weathers to save 1129 toads, 105 frogs and 11 newts. This was a brilliant result and we are very grateful for everyone's hard work.

We received a Community Support Grant of £2500 from Norfolk Community Foundation which we have been distributing to parishioners who need help.

Many thanks to all the volunteers who helped with our litter pick in March which collected 18 bags of rubbish from the Parish.

Our Heritage Walk has proved popular and we are very grateful to Richard Jefferson and Sarah Poppy for the historical content, and to Gemma for organising a grant of £3000 from North Norfolk District Council's Art and Heritage Fund to pay for very eye-catching leaflets and the to-be-produced information boards.

The initial drop-in session to launch our Neighbourhood Plan was well attended. The work in the initial phase, which is to gather the evidence supporting the need for a Neighbourhood Plan, is funded by a grant of £9990 from Locality.

We hoped to reduce the number of bins incorrectly placed outside properties. We counted 100 bins where they shouldn't be, but so far have had little impact.

This is the fourth year we've been asking for NWT to install a temporary loo on the beach. This is to no avail. Though we know 'unsanitary instances' occur, frustratingly we are now being asked for evidence in order to restart discussions.

We've tried twice to start a Speedwatch group to check speed into the village, but haven't had enough volunteers to make this possible.

We've still to complete the Newgate Green (in front of the church) improvement works which will see limited church parking and the grass banked and restored.

We're participating in the campaign to save Blakeney Surgery.

We've deferred any action on traffic problems in Cley. None of the many alternatives considered seemed entirely satisfactory or guaranteed to be effective, so it was deemed inappropriate to invest large sums. Parking seems less of an issue than previously so we've removed the cones and will review.

*Cllr Victoria Holliday
Elected Member, Coastal Ward
Chair, Cley Parish Council
Director, NorfolkALC
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Wiveton

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**WIVETON WANDER
SATURDAY 10th JUNE
10.30-4.30pm**

Our popular Thursdays @ 3 Music in the Afternoons runs till July 20th. We now regularly have audiences of up to 100, a testament to the work Wyatt Earp puts in organising the concerts, for which we are extremely grateful, and to our cake bakers, who are so much appreciated.

Exciting concerts are planned for the summer, the first being the Lucy Cavendish Singers on June 17th, who if you remember were mesmerising last year! We are delighted that the Norwich Cathedral Choir is coming on 2nd July at 3 pm (followed by a cream tea). We are, of course, part of the Five Churches Festival by the Chaos Collective which runs from 12-15th July in the Benefice, with concerts in St Margaret's on 13th and 15th July.

This year is the 770th anniversary of St Margaret's Fair. Put the date – 22nd July - in your diaries and come join in an amazing tradition! We will have teas, stalls and games, our famous dog show, a BBQ and beer tent, brass band, ice cream - everything you need to celebrate summer in Cley.

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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12 lovely gardens

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Emma Bridgewater mugs for sale

Pimms Tent

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Green*

CHURCH CLOSURE

St Mary's Wiveton is closed until approximately the end of July for repairs to the Chancel roof to be carried out. Huge thanks to everyone for your incredible support, which has enabled this much-loved church to be saved.

Emma Bridgewater Wiveton Church Mug - I still have some of these very beautiful mugs, designed by Matthew Rice.

There were only 500 produced so they will definitely be Collectors' items in the future! If you would like to buy one/some - or look at them - or if you know any avid Emma Bridgewater collectors, please contact me (details below).

The mugs are £25 each. Payment can be made either by bank transfer to:

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200 Club

May's 1st Prize Winners were Ed and Claire

Kenyon, with a prize of £65 .

Can you help us get to 300, making it a 300 Club!? There's no minimum monthly amount and you have the chance to win one of 5 prizes each month, with a 1st prize of £65.

Just email me and I will let you have an application form.

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Glandford

*There is no news from Glandford
this month*

Letheringsett

On 17th May it was so good to see a packed St Andrew's for the funeral of Sheena Sadler and how poignant too to have a Piper.

John Pridham

COMMUNITY NEWS

District Councillor's Report May 2023

From NNDC

Elections

Following the elections, the composition of the council is now Lib Dems 25, Conservatives 12 and Independents 3.

Coastal

Coastal maintenance works have been undertaken at Wells, Sheringham, East Runton, Cromer, Overstrand, Bacton, Walcott, and Happisburgh.

Planning

NNDC has joined the Joint Venture in Nutrient Neutrality (with Natural England etc) so the brake on many planning applications should be lifted late spring.

The Enforcement Team are down to 176 cases from historically high levels: new cases are logged within 24 hours and site visits within prioritised case requirements.

Benefits

The 4th round of the Household Support Fund has just gone live. This will help those eligible with energy costs. Discretionary Housing payments are available for those struggling to stay in their homes.

NNDC has been given 1.25mill to provide 11 additional affordable homes for Ukrainian and Afghan refugees by December 23. Long term these will become available as temporary accommodation or affordable homes.

There are 20 plus affordable housing developments coming forward in the next 2-3 years which should result in 350+ houses.

There are 2775 households on the housing list and 69 households in temporary accommodation.

The criteria for energy efficiency improvement works has broadened so more homes are eligible.

Wellbeing

The Community Connectors are on Poppyland radio every Monday at 3pm discussing community groups and what support is available.

Environment

A solar car port is being built in the Reef car park to provide renewable energy for the leisure centre.

Please contact me regarding bin collection issues.

Sustainable growth

The first allocation of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund has been received (£150k). Some of this will go to the Sustainable Communities Fund to which you can apply.

Finance

Alternative Fuel payments (for those who don't use gas) and The Energy Bills Support Scheme Alternative Funding (for those not eligible for the £400) are available from the government

(alternativefunding@ebss.beis.gov.uk, 08081753287).

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The Blakeney Lunch will be held on
Wednesday 21st June
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.**

**Visitors to Blakeney are also most
welcome. Donations welcome.**



St Nicholas' Church, Blakeney Mini-Food Bank

We are very pleased to announce that Spar at Westgate Street, Blakeney, has very kindly agreed to provide a donation box in the shop for anyone who would like to donate items for our Food Bank at St Nicholas' Church, Blakeney.

We would be very pleased to receive any of the following items:

Coffee and tea, cereals, long life products, tinned meat or fish, tins of soup, vegetable oil, jams and preserves, puddings and any types of toiletries, toilet rolls, washing detergent and cleaning items.

All items gratefully received will go straight back to the community, working together within the Glaven Valley.

Richard and the team at Blakeney.

THE GREAT BLAKENEY BREAKFAST!

in St Nicholas' Church, Blakeney
will be held on
Wednesday 7th June
8am to 11am

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

Please do come and join us for cereal, croissants, bacon and eggs, scrambled eggs on toast, and of course, great bacon rolls. It's a great place to bring friends and to make new ones. Visitors to Blakeney are very welcome. Donations welcome.

**Summer Evening Concert – Saturday
17 June 7pm
Lucy Cavendish Singers return to
Cley Church!**

Cambridge-based chamber choir, the Lucy Cavendish Singers, are returning to give a concert in St Margaret's Church, Cley-next-the-sea on Saturday 17 June. The choir were enthusiastically received when they gave a concert in the church in June 2022, with one audience member commenting: "We thought we had been transported into heaven and were listening to Angels".

This year they will present another vibrant programme of traditional, classical and contemporary songs, inspired by the concert's title song, *The Rose of Jericho*, a desert plant native to Western Asia and the Middle East. Also known as the 'Resurrection Plant', it can lie dormant for up to 50 years, detach itself and tumble with the wind, then spring back into life when its roots find moisture. Themes of regeneration and renewal, journeying, hardship and hope weave through the choir's programme of traditional songs such as *Shenandoah* and the hauntingly beautiful Swedish *Trilo*, together with contemporary pieces including Elton John's *Goodbye Yellow Brick Road*. Gorgeous classical settings of love poetry from *The Song of Solomon* and Hildegard von Bingen's celebration of divine love, round off the programme.

The Singers are directed by Katharina Megli and will be joined by musicians
Ivan Garford on piano and Giulio Lampronti on double bass.

Tickets £15: book in advance via www.lucycavendishsingers.org.uk or pay on the door.

June at the Museum of the Broads

Our popular Boat and Fishing Jumble Sale returns on Sunday 04 June 0930 to 1230. Entry is £1 and stall holders can pre-book online or by phone. The Museum will open to visitors at 1300.

June is a perfect time to bring family and friends to the Museum at the historic Stalham Staithe. The weather's good and it's generally a bit quieter. Take a boat trip, bring a picnic, and make a day of it by the river. Dogs are welcome, and remember, all 12s and under visit the Museum for free in 2023!

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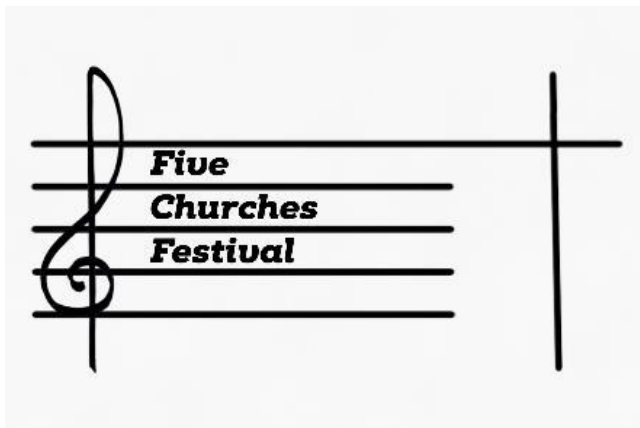
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Introducing a new Arts Festival in North Norfolk!

Five Churches Festival is a vibrant programme of concerts, cultural and community events based around the five churches of the Glaven Valley Benefice – Blakeney, Cley, Glandford, Letheringsett and Wiveton – from 13 -16 and 29 July.

The festival has been curated by the pianist **Brenda Blewett**, who, before moving to Norfolk in 2019, was Head of Accompaniment at Chetham's School of Music in Manchester. She has created the festival in collaboration with **Chaos Collective** – an exciting string quartet of established professional musicians based in North Norfolk.

Joining them for the concerts and events will be the eminent violinists Benedict Holland and Madeleine Mitchell, renowned actor Jeremy Northam (*Gosford Park*, *The Crown* and Mr Knightley in *Emma*) in an evening of poetry and music in Glandford Church, the pianist and entertainer James McConnel in a touching tribute to Kit Hesketh-Harvey in Cley's Cabaret night with Ella McCready, Lynne Roper and James Boyd. The wonderful mezzo soprano Susannah Self– much known and loved in North Norfolk - joins Madeleine and Brenda for a final 'Encore' concert on 29 July.

There's also a Picnic Concert on Wiveton Green and a 'Come and Sing' Festival Evensong with Mark Jones conducting, as well as artworks on display by Guy Allen. All accompanied by fizz, cream teas, summer cocktails and on Friday, pizza at Glandford Deli!

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It's a sad reflection on society how many people are shocked by honesty, and how few by deceit.

Letter's & Articles

Glittering prizes - a personal view

It was one of those wonderful sunlit winter mornings when the low sun caught the underwings of a group of Pink-footed Geese heading for the Blakeney fresh marsh. Another nearby flock swung south to land in a field on the southern edge the village. I have enjoyed this view from our house over many years in all weathers; Curlews probing the wet ground for worms or one of the wonderful village-nesting Barn Owls quartering the rough ground along the field boundary.

All changed recently when this prized visual 'window' of a view between the trees slowly began to disappear as yet another, probably million-pound mansion, emerged from the site of a demolished rather outdated and frankly ugly small bungalow. Understandably, unless we are lucky enough to overlook open areas with restrictive covenants or are living on the very edge of the tidal zone, none of us have rights over our views. Of course, this is nothing new. In line with a government initiative to give more control to local communities over planning and development decisions, Blakeney Parish Council boldly took on the writing of its own Development Plan. 'Great' we all said! Hundreds of voluntary hours and public consultation over several years has attempted to distill what Blakeney people think are the priorities to both conserve and enhance our village. We are told that the country is massively short of new homes, but we all know that within the Glaven Valley and other popular villages in NR25 this is particularly challenging, since, because it is such an attractive place to live, work and play, and however many houses are built, prices are likely to stay way above the national average and out of reach of most people. This remains a source of worry and frustration. Whatever else the Blakeney Development Plan manages to achieve, it is hoped that a way will be found to re-balance the situation to provide more 'affordable homes' for rental or purchase, so that one of the key aspects of the Plan will become more than just an aspiration.

So, who are the winners?

In Blakeney, if my experience of seventy years living and working in rural villages including Blakeney, is correct, I see that the many new houses and smart modernisations throughout the area have been a significant bonus for those who have inherited property, and a great win-win for those with large gardens who have parcels of land to sell to developers or direct to builders for second-homers, and fortunate first-timers and retired people joining the community. Sadly, there may also be some opportunist buyers speculating on property simply as a commodity, benefiting from the fact that property prices have risen considerably faster than inflation. The property boom continues.

The question of second-homes and holiday homes remains a fertile topic for provocative TV documentaries, but with acknowledgment that tourist areas provide both seasonal

financial boom and winter gloom. The popularity of North Norfolk is very good news for numerous trades, local shops, the hospitality industry, the boating industry and eco-tourism. It is recognised that these provide considerable local employment, without which communities would be even harder hit.

Some would say that the sale of 'Council Houses' in the past has added to the housing problems throughout the country, but against the almost universal difficulty of finding affordable housing, the local provision of rental properties through the Blakeney Housing Society and other organisations is something to be gratefully celebrated, as is the great voluntary work behind the scenes to facilitate these visionary charities. Volunteers seem to be in increasingly short supply these days, but Blakeney is very fortunate that its generous number of clubs, societies, our school and churches and other organisations and facilities are still able to flourish, often due to the hard work of selfless volunteers, regardless of how long they have lived in the village.

Congratulations to the winners of the recent Parish Council elections! Thanks, and good luck in your deliberations and actions in continuing to steer Blakeney into the future and balancing the aspirations and needs of current and future generations, and not least in the conservation and promotion of green spaces so vital for our well-being and our struggling wildlife biodiversity.

TQG

Boots along the Coast Path, Part 2 Wells to Brancaster



The sun felt good on our backs as we made our way down the bank toward the Lifeboat House. The day had become pleasantly warm, so halfway down we had a break, and while we sat, I sketched. I spent about 30 minutes trying to capture the scene – wind on the water and the bright contrast between dark pines and bright sand. I failed. At least 30 windsurfers were zipping up and down, and several colourful Sharpies were racing out in the channel at high speed. With quite a few holidaymakers still around it had a busy feel after the solitude we'd had up till then.

Coming off the bank we had a short debate as to which way to go. Along behind the pines past Abraham's

Bosom? Or straight onto the beach to enjoy the beach huts? I remembered coming to Abraham's Bosom on a primary school outing and wondering why it had been called that, because I didn't think men had bosoms, and also, I couldn't bring myself to say where we'd been when I got home. We went straight on. I think for a stranger coming over the ridge the beach huts would be a surprise. There are so many, stretching away in a line as if poised for the gun to race down to the sea. Once it would have been a sprint now it would be a distance race. Their line decays gently to the west, from a slight decline in their appearance and upkeep to an ending of just four posts sticking out of the sand. As the dunes and pines gradually receded on our left the great sweep of Holkham bay unfolded ahead, the curve of the shoreline carrying the eye gracefully to Scolt Head in the far distance.

The fast-moving cloud shadows continually altered the perspective, one moment the pines across the bay seemed close enough to touch then, as the middle ground darkened, they fled miles away. I have known this beach all my life and it has never been the same twice. Our passage over its expanse seemed slow but the walking was firm and we made our best progress here travelling in a straight line.

As we walked, I reflected on the ways I had known it – all seasons; day, night, summer, winter, warm nights in the sea up to my chest on the end of a trout net, to snowy gale-swept days on the end of a fork, and a fishing incident that had explained an old story. Billy Long told me how just after the war a shipmate of his from London came to stay and he took him netting. Wading into the shallows his friend stood on a flounder that buckled under his foot. It gave him such a fright that his legs gave way and he collapsed into the water, something we thought might only happen to a landsman.

Many years later pulling a net here on a warm still starry night, walking slowly backwards with a steady dreamy rhythm, lost; a star field of phosphorescence swirling in my wake and the real thing blazing above me, its glory only offered to night-attuned eyes. Suddenly there was an eruption and snort as a seal surfaced right alongside me. My legs gave way and I was floundering, unable to stand as the chest waders filled up and I was going under; I thought I was about to drown. Stanley Webster on the other end of the net thought it was a great joke. I wonder if all the strength going out of your legs might be a kind of fear/flight reaction. I guess if a big cat were to spring at you a sudden drop might just save your life – although people also wet themselves when frightened and I'm not sure how that helps, but it does explain the saying, 'going weak at the knees.' It also prompted recollections of another day, very unlike the breezy one we were experiencing when the lack of wind had given the sea a glassy smoothness, my eye could slip down the sky from its zenith to the sea at my feet and nowhere detect an horizon. I had tried to paint it using seawater but had been foiled by Boots. Excited by the feel of sand under his paws and frustrated by my staying still for so long began to run round and round me, getting faster and faster spraying sand all over me and ruining the sketch. And I remembered a time spent digging here with another friend. I had discovered a large area of good-sized lugworms almost where Mike and I were at that moment. At the time bait was scarce in other places so this new find seemed like a gift from heaven. But it was going to need two of us to get at them as they were under water and

we would have to dam and bail. Otherwise, it was perfect. We could cycle along the track behind the pines and then just walk through the dunes and be there. We spent several enjoyable weeks getting good bait in a short time – one of the few occasions I got some enjoyment from bait-digging.

Thinking, talking, and walking go well together, ideas bounce back and forth and the passing scene offers inspiration to brains benefiting from an increased oxygen supply. We had the most wonderful banter for the whole journey. Imagine sitting in a room with one other person for an entire day – how long could you keep talking? We both began to feel some fatigue in our legs, and across that expanse even a good stride doesn't move the scenery past very quickly. But eventually we left the flat easy walking of the bay and made our way into the dunes. This called for increased effort. Struggling up even the smallest of them came hard on the legs, particularly the knees. Nevertheless, we climbed the highest of them for a better view. What we got was a surprise. The sand that was stinging our faces as we climbed should have been a clue.

Reaching the top, we saw that the whole dune had become an enormous blowout, a whirling cauldron of sand, a particulate hurricane with a calm centre of exposed pebbly beach at the bottom. Bits of wood long entombed in the dune were exposed along one side, while the other side, blurred by a fast-moving veil of sand, was perfectly smooth. As we watched we could see its otherwise impassive countenance slip into small avalanches which, when they reached the bottom were whipped away on the wind. We wondered just how long those bits of wood had been there. They had the look of ship's timbers, if they were, then the first Elizabethans may well have shaped them.

G.S

**Continuing our quest to become a
Quality Parish Council
Wiveton Parish Council's report, this
month, comes from our sports
correspondent, Gladys Smutts**

Wiveton's Village Sports Report 2004

Rather badly delayed I'm afraid owing to the struggle to find words to describe them. The day was fine and sunny and all assembled on a sloping field by the Glaven River. The events in Wiveton's annual sports are of an unusually eclectic variety chosen to make the best of the particular talents of its inhabitants. The first event, the high jump, was expected to be won by Peter Comins a great athlete in his youth who arrived late and wearing First World War shorts. Thinking perhaps that the event had already started he made a rush at the bar which was at rest at 14 inches; he cleared this easily.

Clearly heartened by this he was very ready when the event began in earnest and the bar was lifted to its starting height of 4 ft 6 ins. He made a long and very spirited run in but the bar broke across his chest; he continued running until he was no longer visible. Air Vice Marshall Sir Roy Austen Smith was the winner of the 'pretending to be an aeroplane' race with

arms spread wide he came in last but was unanimously declared the winner on account of his very convincing Spitfire impersonation, so convincing in fact that several German visitors ran for cover.

The ladies Shot Put was less successful Janet Harcourt being disqualified for dropping the shot on Anna Welbourn's foot; twice. This left Liz Ford the winner by default with a roll of 5ft 8 ins, there were only three competitors. All the distance events were won simultaneously by Ronald Beresford Dew, who is not only the oldest but is also the fittest man in the village, although we had expected a serious challenge this year from his son-in-law who has just been issued with a new electric leg. The chicken chase was won by Paul Veitch catching a leg with a spectacular and obviously well practiced dive that left Roger Wood trailing badly, although he did stop to pick up eggs. The highlight of the afternoon was the 'Drag' hunt organised by Annett Grundy, the hare 'as usual' was John Ramm who gave a wonderful performance despite a very voluminous frock, but the event was won by John Ratcliff, who competing as Dolly Parton and had had to overcome considerable wind resistance, comfortably (for both of them) brought him down long before he could get back to the village.

The only competitors not to win anything were the Parish Council Chairman who was talking when it was his turn to run, and his wife who when competing in the egg and spoon race, and who suffers from compulsive Bed & Breakfast disorder succumbed to an irresistible urge to run home and plunge hers into a pan of boiling water. It was a wonderful day of great high spirits and fun and each year it gets bigger, as do the Health & Safety Manuals which in the evening provide the closing bonfire. We hope that next year it will be even better as we intend to introduce several new events, some of a more eccentric nature.

G.S.

The Wells/La Ferté Twinning Link is as strong as ever

The latest visit by our La Ferté friends took place between 18th April and 23rd April. What a tremendous visit it was! Many people from Wells and the surrounding area kindly agreed to host and therefore had the opportunity to participate in a wide range of activities. Highlights of the week included an excellent lunch of fish and chips at *No 1* restaurant in Cromer, a screening of the film *Seaside Special*, a Broads trip on *The Southern Comfort*, another afternoon meal cooked and beautifully served by Wells WI members at their hall and a tour of Ware Hall House guided by Christine Adams.

Finally, there was a memorable Gala Meal at The Maltings. Friends were able to meet, dine sumptuously and dance the night away to music provided by local rock 'n roll musicians. Many thanks to the staff at The Maltings for their great service during the evening. The speeches by Jilly Francis, President of Wells Twinning, Christian Rosé, from La Ferté, and Roger Arguile, representing the Town Council, were well-received as they aptly summed up the enduring

friendship between the people of La Ferté and Wells-next-the-Sea.

Find out more about the Wells Twinning Association on the web site at wellstwinning.wordpress.com.

Barry Howes

FAKENHAM CHORAL SOCIETY SUMMER CONCERT ST NICHOLAS CHURCH WELLS-NEXT-THE-SEA SATURDAY 17TH JUNE 7.PM

Fakenham Choral Society draws its season to a close with John Rutter's delightful 'The sprig of thyme' teamed alongside the very best bits for choir from the greatest classical composers.

Rutter's arrangements of traditional songs of the British Isles are beautiful in their simplicity. By contrast, expect a heady mix of your all-time favourites - extracts from Faure and Mozart's Requiems, Haydn's 'Creation', Mendelssohn's 'Elijah', plus Handel's 'Zadok the Priest' and his unmistakable 'Hallelujah chorus'. Led by choir musical director, Mark Jones, we guarantee you'll leave feeling uplifted and joyfully humming those iconic tunes

Tickets are £12 (under 16s free) and can be purchased by calling 01485 544335, via the website www.fakenhamchoralsociety.org or at the door.

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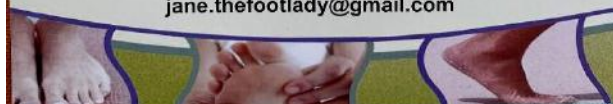
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Future dates for The Venue's 'Arts Forum' and 'My Norfolk, My Holt' interviews in 2023.

These are part of a series of monthly interviews/conversations with Norfolk based artists and art professionals working in a diverse range of fields and disciplines, discussing the importance of creativity and the arts, personally as well as for society at large; their inspiration, and influences; and, where relevant, reflecting upon living in Norfolk.

Wednesday May 17th – a panel discussion about the importance of education through art, with artist/workshop leaders Hannelore Smith, (Director Artpocket - an education in creative arts), Rose Feather (illustrator, participatory picture book maker and arts facilitator), Cora Mullenger (a practicing artist who runs a variety of art workshops in the wider community), and Mary Blue (arts based learning programme for Holt Festival, teaches at Groundwork Gallery, and piloted 'Paint at the Museum' with the Norfolk Museum service) - each of whom will bring a slightly different slant or perspective to our discussion.

Wednesday June 21st – a **panel discussion with** David Morris, Ed Lee and John Worrall (photographers) discussing the art of photography

David Morris's *background is in Graphic Design and Art Direction, he also lectures in Creative Advertising. He has a long-term body of work called 'Barlife'; the study of the places people go to meet others or be alone. In 2016 he had a three-month solo exhibition of the work at Hull International Photography Gallery. A book is planned. In 2009 he won the Professional Photographer of the Year Award. In 2012, along with Candy Whittome, he produced a book 'The Last Hunters', an oral history, and black and white photographic study, of the Cromer fishermen, which won the Jarrolds East Anglia book award. His work is an eclectic mix of land and seascapes, portraits, street photography, dancers, performers, and things dark. A permanent display of David's work is in The Red Lion, Cromer. And both the Bircham Gallery Holt and the Garden House Gallery Cromer hold a selection of his work.*

Ed Lee *specialises in automotive photography with commissions for major car manufacturers here, in the USA and Europe. His most recent client has been Honda Motors. He also has a great interest in fine art photography.*

John Worrall *produces illustrated features on a range of subjects for a range of publications. He is the east-of-England correspondent for the industry newspaper, Fishing News. He has produced three photographic books: East Anglia in Colour, (1996) reprinted three times, and East Anglia Through the Seasons, (2002) both published by Ian Allan;*

also, North Norfolk, the Heritage Coast, (2004) by John Nickalls Publications. His next book, 'East Coast Fishing Today (...but tomorrow...?)' will be published next year by Amberley Publishing."

*With practically everyone having easy access to a camera (on their phone), what marks out a professional photographer from an amateur? How does someone become one? We will be discussing photography, as an art form, as well as, as a means of reporting and recording people, places, objects, memories and events, **for them personally and professionally, and discussing whether it's true that the camera never lies!***

Wednesday July 19th – 'My Norfolk, My Holt' – **Simon Walters** (Headmaster of Holt Primary School)

We take a break in August and September, starting again on: Wednesday October 18th – H.J Jackson (Printmaker – '70 years of Lino-cuts')

Wednesday November 15th – Martin Eaton (saxophonist with, amongst others, the Martin Eaton Quartet and The Jonathan Wyatt Big Band)

Tuesday December 12th – Raffaella Barker (author)

Arrive at 6.30pm when the bar will be open, **for a prompt 7.00pm start. The evening will finish 8.30pm-ish** after questions.

Though events are usually free donations for The Venue are gratefully accepted.

Booking is helpful, for all events, so that numbers can be gauged.

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Norwich Cathedral Choir to visit Cley Church!

On **Sunday 2nd July at 3.30pm** we are thrilled to welcome Norwich Cathedral Choir to Cley Church where they will lead us in a service of full Choral Evensong.

The choir are of course usually very busy in the Cathedral on a Sunday, but we are amongst a small group of privileged parishes to host them on one of their 'out and about in Norfolk' visits.

The choir are an incredibly high standard as you can imagine – the sound they make is uplifting and beautiful and this will be a memorable and moving occasion. The service will be followed by a cream tea!

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THURSFORD OPENS ITS GARDENS!

Sunday June 11th 2023 10.00 – 4.00

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Tickets are £10 per person under 12's are free. This includes entrance to the Collection. Feast on delicious homemade refreshments at various points in the village. Be assured of a warm welcome and a great day out for all the family. Please encourage your friends and family to visit too!

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