

The Glaven Valley Newsletter



Taken by Penny Watson-Farrar of Blakeney

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Be Scam aware.

Report suspicious activity call 101 or
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****CHECK OUT FOR EXTRA ITEMS****

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

Treasurer's Report

Thank you to all of those readers who are continuing to make donations during these times. Fingers crossed we will be back in hard copy in the not-too-distant future.

Donations can continue to be made either by:

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

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Unfortunately, we are closed due to the lockdown, but are excited to reopen soon!

Find us at:

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

Open Monday to Saturday

10am to 5pm, and

Sundays - 11am til 3pm

from *Easter to Christmas only*

And visit our Facebook page at:

[facebook.com/ShirehallPlainAntiquesCentreHolt](https://www.facebook.com/ShirehallPlainAntiquesCentreHolt)

Or contact Mandy Allen at 07876 254173

if you're looking for something in particular, and we'll send you photographs of specific items.

Blakeney Antiques & Collectors Fair

Blakeney Village Hall,
Langham Road, Blakeney.

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

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

Free parking and cafe on site.

Currently closed due to the lockdown.

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

Glaven District Caring

Reg. Charity No: 270185

Open for You & Your Families Care

Still providing a service during these troubled times

Bathing Service - Mondays

Foot Clinic - Fridays - Appointments available

Hot Daily Meal Service - delivered to your door

Monday to Friday

Thistle Court, Blakeney.

Contact us on 01263 740762

THE GLAVEN VALLEY NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING RATES FOR 2021

Monthly Advertising

Advertising rates for the 'white pages'
per issue are as follows:

Local Charities & Not-for-profit Organisations (Charity Rate)

Up to ¼ page FREE
½ page £16.50
A4/full page £27.50

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one eighth page £16.50
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one eighth page £22.00
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Advert Directory (Yellow pages)

This advertising is very reasonably priced
and spaces are now available. The Advert
Directory is annually based.

For further information,
please contact the Editor:

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Mobile: 07983 287088

Blakeney

Coastal Rowing Association of Blakeney

Even during lockdown "Crabbers" have been busy via Zoom thinking of ideas for when activities resume. Outings to unexplored parts of East Anglia and further afield, new competitions, seamanship and navigation courses, radio training: these are just a few of the ideas put forward by club members in a recent survey. With the wish for more social events, away from the restrictions of Zoom, also to the fore such energy bodes well for the resumption of rowing when it arrives.

On the administrative front, a dedicated number of members have been working thoroughly and efficiently to streamline the club's main web site. The site will still be full of information concerning past outings and exciting future projects, but you may look forward to a new style of on-screen presentation for your local rowing club. It will certainly be worth a look after the long, winter months.

If you are interested in joining or supporting Blakeney Rowing Club, or perhaps you wish to try a new sport in the future, then phone club captain Humphrey on 07542371469 for further information. Find out how you can be a part of the important community activity of rowing. All types of experience will be welcome. Join in, meet some interesting people and think ahead to fun times on the water.

Best wishes and stay safe.

Barry Howes



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OBITUARY
May Stevens
3.5.1924 – 9.12.2020

May was born in Killyclogher, County Tyrone, Northern Ireland the third child of a family of eight children. Her childhood was very happy and carefree in a lovely rural setting. In her teens she played Camogie for the county and won medals. (Camogie is an Irish sport similar to hockey). She went on to Technical College where she studied Cookery, Needlework and Home Economics.

During the War she worked at RAF Kiladeas on the edge of Lough Erne in the NAAFI where she met my late Father, Jack Stevens (Blakeney born and bred) who was serving with the RAF. They married and came to live in Blakeney in 1945. They lived in the High Street and later in Queen's Close where they raised their children.

May always took a keen interest in Blakeney life and was involved with the WI, various events at the school, the Glaven Centre and several craft groups. She was also one of a small group of ladies who gave their time and hard work into making St Peter's Catholic Church the church it is today. They scrubbed floors, polished brasses, arranged flowers, made altar cloths and fund raised.

I remember Mum taking us down to sit on the slipway after school with all the other Mums and they would all be knitting and enjoying the sun. I remember going to many Regattas, Sports Days, Fetes and other village events and also Mum cooking chips for loads of kids in Queens Close and us sitting out on the kerb eating them in cones of paper. Mum's heart was always in Ireland but Blakeney was a close runner up.

Much of May's time was spent knitting, crocheting and tending to her garden and, of course, corresponding with her family in Ireland. She wrote poems, as did her sisters and they would post them to each other regularly. She also loved reading the EDP and the Glaven Valley News.

May had bowel cancer twice but after extensive surgery she was able to enjoy life again for many years until she was diagnosed with Alzheimer's. Her decline was thankfully fairly slow to start with but she was lovingly cared for at

Cranmer House, Fakenham for the last 3 years of her life. She could still crochet and knit and enjoyed seeing friends from Blakeney who popped in to see her.

In common with many people with dementia, her short-term memory became poor but she could name all the children she went to school with and her teachers and neighbours from over 90 years ago. Together we wrote down as many memories as we could while we were able to and in her final days the staff said they were "worth their weight in gold" as they read them to her when she became anxious or upset and they always soothed her.

May was a wonderful, fun Mum and a very special Nanny and Great Grandma and we treasure some lovely memories of her.

Pat Webster (daughter)



**Glaven District Caring
 Reg Charity No. 270185**

Hot Lunches – delivered daily to your home

Monday to Friday

**To older people in all the Glaven Valley villages,
 Holt and High Kelling**

Bathing Service – Mondays

Foot Clinic – Fridays, appointments available

**The Glaven Centre, Thistleton Court, Blakeney
 Contact us on 01263 740762**

Glaven Caring - NOW DELIVERING HOT LUNCHES TO CLIENTS IN LOCAL VILLAGES

The Glaven Centre in Blakeney is now offering two-course hot meals delivered to their clients' homes, from Monday to Friday each week. We deliver daily at lunchtime to older people in Binham, Blakeney, Cley, Field Dalling, Glandford, Langham, Letheringsett, Morston, Salthouse, Saxlingham, Little Thornage, Wiveton, High Kelling and to Holt.

Nourishing and appetising home-cooked meals are prepared at the Centre by Jill, our experienced and qualified cook.

Arrangements are flexible and lunches can be provided every weekday, or just on specific days, as required. Keith Barnes, our manager, telephones on a Monday morning to discuss the week's menu and agrees with each client the days on which meals will be required. It can be every day, or just on one or two days of the week.

If you would enjoy a good lunch during the week, or if you are caring for someone and would like a break from cooking some days, please give Keith a call at The Glaven Centre on 01263 740762, to discuss the details or any special requests.

PLEASE PASS THIS INFORMATION ON TO ANYONE IN YOUR VILLAGE, ADD TO YOUR NEWSLETTERS OR PRINT A COPY FOR VILLAGE NOTICE BOARDS.

Blakeney Harbour Room and Blakeney Cley and District RBL Branch Important News

Writing this on a snowy day in February and you have to wonder what things will be like when people are reading it in March? Hopefully the small sense of optimism in the air will keep growing!

Certainly, for the Harbour Room and the Blakeney Branch of the Royal British Legion the future has taken on a much rosier colour.

The last three years have been a dispiriting round of negotiations with the Legion over a significant sum of money. I'm not for airing our differences with the Legion in public-both sides may have had legitimate views – but finally there is agreement that a sum close to £1/4 million pounds that has built up in Blakeney's accounts over the last nearly 100 years can be used for Legion beneficiaries!

That has really been the shot in the arm that we have been needing. We have added two more committee members and one or two who might have been asking themselves (very legitimately) will we ever sort this out have a new confidence and sense of direction

So, our plans for the coming year? The Branch will be promoting more respite breaks as well as training and on-line outreach to vulnerable and lonely Legion members

The Harbour Room is planning a parallel set of initiatives for Norfolk Emergency Services as hopefully we see the immediate demands from COVID-19 on that group lessen

That gives Blakeney the opportunity to serve two communities- Armed Forces and Emergency Services – with parallel support networks so achieving the most efficient and cost-effective results

What does that mean for our community? There will be a need for more volunteers and a committee or two more to get all this delivered. So, anyone with some time and some skills (whatever they may be!!) please get in touch with Kim pummell61@gmail.com.

We have been working with Gerald Peploe and the Wheelyboat Committee to make a specially adapted small ferry boat for the disabled (under construction and to be delivered in early summer) a reality for Legion beneficiaries along with all those with disabilities.

And if all that were not enough then when we reopen there will be a food menu!! Lot's more over the coming months.

Mick Welch and Peter Thompson- Chair of Blakeney Cley and District Royal British Legion Branch and Club respectively.

BLAKENEY PARISH COUNCIL -
www.blakeneyparishcouncil.org.uk



Residents Car Park Permits – 2021/22

Those of you eligible for the Carnser Residents Permits, and the Coronation Car Park Residents Permits, are advised that they will be ready for distribution from **Monday 8th March 2021**. The current permits will expire on 31st March 2021, and it is your responsibility to ensure that you display a current permit at all times.

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

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

PC Jason Pegden – 07967 820518 & Email: SNTWells@norfolk.pnn.police.uk has asked us to share these details with you, and he will pick up messages as and

when he is on duty. Please do remember to use 999 in an emergency and that the Police 101 number is still in operation.

For any **Covid related breaches**, please report via the **Norfolk Constabulary website** page, under the tab headed, 'Report It', and not directly to Jason.

Extracts from the virtual meeting of **Blakeney Parish Council** which was held on **Tuesday 2nd February 2021**.

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

Application no. **PF/21/0023** – *Proposal; Single storey extension to south elevation of dwelling at, The Coast House, Back Lane, Blakeney. Resolved – No objection.*

Application no. **PF/21/0099** – *Proposal; Two storey and single storey extensions; alteration to dormer roofs; construction of detached garage and studio, including the removal of existing conservatory, garden sheds and garage at, Bramley Cottage, Coronation Lane, Blakeney. Resolved – Support, subject to there being a condition that the 'studio' is not to be used for letting purposes, i.e., it is only to be used as ancillary to the main property.*

Application no. **PF/21/0614** – Subdivision of single dwelling to form two dwellings etc. The applicant has appealed to the Secretary of State against the decision of NNDC to refuse permission; appeal ref. PINS; APP/Y2620/W/20/3260863. **Resolved – No further comment.**

Finance -

Accounts totalling £11,263.58 were approved.

Resolved to accept the following recommendations from the **Car Park Strategy Review** Working Party.

Carnser Car Park – (The following decisions have been conveyed to The National Trust in preparation for the forthcoming season.)

Whole day charge to remain, no stepped charges.

Charges for 2021; Cars £6.00, Car & Trailer £10.00, Motorhomes £10.00, iv) Summer season charge after 6pm to remain at £2.00.

BPC to continue to employ the Car Park Attendants as opposed to The National Trust.

We would like to resurrect the old Parkeon P&D machine in our store, have the software updated so that it takes contactless payments in addition to coins, and locate it on The Carnser, be it on our hut or at the rear of the car park near the dinghy park. There would be a cost. The other machine (the current one) to remain as it takes coins and scans N/T cards. So, two machines, both solar, both take coins, one taking contactless payments and one taking N/T cards. (No chip and pin and no notes. This option is as a result of the N/T not being able to

change their current machine to suit the local scenario as it comes under the umbrella of the N/T national contract covering P&D machines.)

If, and only if we cannot resurrect the Parkeon machine as just mentioned, then in principle we would like to introduce the contactless card payment machine (PDQ), this would be operated by the Car Park Attendants and the visitor would then display a ticket on the dashboard.

We understand from the N/T that the cost is £15 per month, but wish to seek clarification from them regarding the individual transaction fee.

The 'Keep Blakeney Special' leaflet drop, suggested less parking on The Carnser; to do this would mean a loss of income, people will still drive around the iconic quay. If we were to do this, we would have to get the balance right; Conservation v Access v Income; and we would need to have alternative land for use as the visitors and their vehicles will still arrive in the village. This would need a master plan, as a decision to remove a number of parking spaces from the Carnser would have a knock-on effect and push the vehicles elsewhere in the village. The village hall car park fills quickly each day during the season. (NB: This would also need to be discussed with The National Trust. For daily visitors, the car parks fill in the following order; Carnser always first, quickly followed by the village hall, then we direct to the overflow.)

Coronation Car Park – No change; i.e., fees to remain as they are for 2021, no issuing of season tickets and the permits to remain as they are.

Village Hall Car Park – The Working Party, are fully aware of the numerous user groups and the possible implications of the proposals which follow, however, the group felt that this was not sufficient reason not to explore this potential income stream fully.

We will consider in principle the implementation of a P&D system for this car park.

Discuss with the Blakeney Village Hall Trust.

Identify other stakeholders and discuss with them, i.e., Spar, Scout Group, Hotel, etc, etc.

Engage and consult with the wider community as part of the exploration process.

Initial recommendations are; Charges from 8am to 6pm, Free thereafter. 30 Minutes free parking. £3.00 a day (lower than the other P&D car parks). Free residents permit to apply in this car park.

Consider the implications, pros and cons, not only to the users but also to the Parish Council.

Would have to agree an implementation date to aim for.

Explore all costs of implementing any scheme.

Overflow Car Park (Langham Road) – Retain it as an

overflow car park.

Subject to the thoughts of NCC consider making this P&D at a charge of £3.00 per day (the charge here should be the same as any implemented for the village hall car park.)

Ensure any decision is financially viable by exploring all potential costs.

Resubmit the planning application, to permit use for more than 28 days a year, which the Parish Council withdrew pending resolving the parking on The Pastures driveway.

Consider whether this would be best served via a P&D machine or a local youngster taking contactless payments.

Agree an implementation date to aim for.

Red House Land/Highway Parking Bays – Leave as it is.

Westgate Street –

No unsightly matrix signs on the A149, wait and see what result we have from the NCC Parish Partnership funding application which is for improved NCC highway signage for the Car Parks.

Resolved that moving forward and continuing the wider theme, of **Traffic related Matters** we task a Working Party to pick up on the recommendations made, which will pick up nicely one of the points in the emerging 'Blakeney Neighbourhood Plan' as well as the 'Keep Blakeney Special' paper.

Reports from representatives on other groups -

Resolved to approve the appointment of Jane Armstrong as representative of BPC on the **Dinghy Park Management Committee**, thus creating 1 x Blakeney Sailing Club representative vacancy.

Victoria Egan and Hannah Morgan from The National Trust joined us for this part of the meeting.

'**Carnser Operational Planning** and 2021 season in partnership with The National Trust'.

BPC Members, advised the N/T of all points agreed earlier in the evening, as per the above in relation to the Carnser Car park.

Resolved – Starting from 2021 the charges will commence at the beginning of the Easter School Holiday period or the 1st April whichever is earliest each year.

The N/T agreed to take away the following points, reflect and discuss further and come back to us;

- The issue of BPC resurrecting and installing a second machine.
- BPC not wanting the N/T to run the car park in 2021.
- BPC not wanting the N/T to become the employer of the car park attendants, despite possible minimal cost

savings. (By ways in which the Parish Council did not agree with.)

- Look to incorporate the number of Scottish N/T membership holders into the agreement so that under the local agreement neither party lost out, but this would only be possible by N/T staff checking.
- Members asked if the N/T could put forward a clear case in writing as to the reasons they felt that it was more beneficial to the village for the Trust to run the Carnser Car Park, as opposed to the Parish Council, for the Full Council to then consider, as they did not feel that such a case had been put forward.

Members were in receipt of the quarterly **Summary of Income & Expenditure** (current year) including comparison with the budget as per BPC Standing Order 17c and noted that the Parish Council finances were in a healthy position.

Resumption of BPC Meetings – As things stand our next Full Council meeting is due to take place on Tuesday 2nd March 2021 via zoom commencing at 7pm.

Covid Response Team and Fund – If you know of someone that is in need of assistance in the village with either practical tasks or financial hardship, then please do get in touch. We are holding a grant on behalf of the small local response team which we obtained in order to help those in need, subject to certain criteria in the village. All enquiries will be in the strictest of confidence and in addition there are many other sources of help out there, which the team may be able to direct you to. If in any doubt please do ask.

YOUR SERVING PARISH COUNCILLORS ARE:-

Rosemary Thew – (Chairman) – 740555 – Moonraker, Back Lane

Jenny Girling (Vice-Chairman) – 740792 – 11 Queens Close

Samantha Arlow – 741297 – 40 Langham Road

Jane Armstrong – 741355 – 39 New Road

Alban Donohoe – 741741 – Ivy House, Back Lane

Shirley Everett – 740819 – Southside, 87 Morston Road

Barry Girling – 740792 – 11 Queens Close

Edward Hackford – 740616 – Spring Cottage, Langham Road

Nigel Sutcliffe – 741714 – Dallinga, 71 Morston Road

Jess Tutt – 01328 830973 – 37 The Cornfield, Langham

Iain Wolfe – [REDACTED]

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

**BLAKENEY PARISH COUNCIL
NOTICE TO TENDER**

TRADING SITES ON CARNSER

Blakeney Parish Council is inviting submission of tenders for the provision of the following three trading sites: -

Teas & Refreshments

Shellfish & Seafood

Arts & Crafts

**This will cover the period 1st April
2022 to 31st October 2025 inclusive.**

Further details are available from Mrs Tracey Bayfield, Parish Clerk, Blakeney Parish Council, The Parish Office, Langham Road, Blakeney, Nr Holt, Norfolk, NR25 7RB. Tel: 01263 741106, alternatively you may request a pack via email:

clerk@blakeneyparishcouncil.org.uk

The closing date for receipt of completed tenders is 5pm on Friday 12th February 2021.

Detailed information and application packs can be obtained via the Parish Clerk. In making a decision the Parish Council will not necessarily accept the highest tender.

*The Power of Hope
Today*

Today's hope is a flickering candle that dwells in a snow-dusted window,
circulating the prayers of Christmas mornings.

Today's hope is the crisp daffodil in colorless photos, containing the soul of a small child, who only wishes and knows of peace and love.

Today's hope is the sparkling eyes that truly believe in achieving anything to reach unity.

Today's hope is the palm-to-palm connection bracing each other for the climb neither expected, but couldn't abandon.

Today's hope is peering beyond the lingering barrier, but still recognizing the diversity in ourselves.

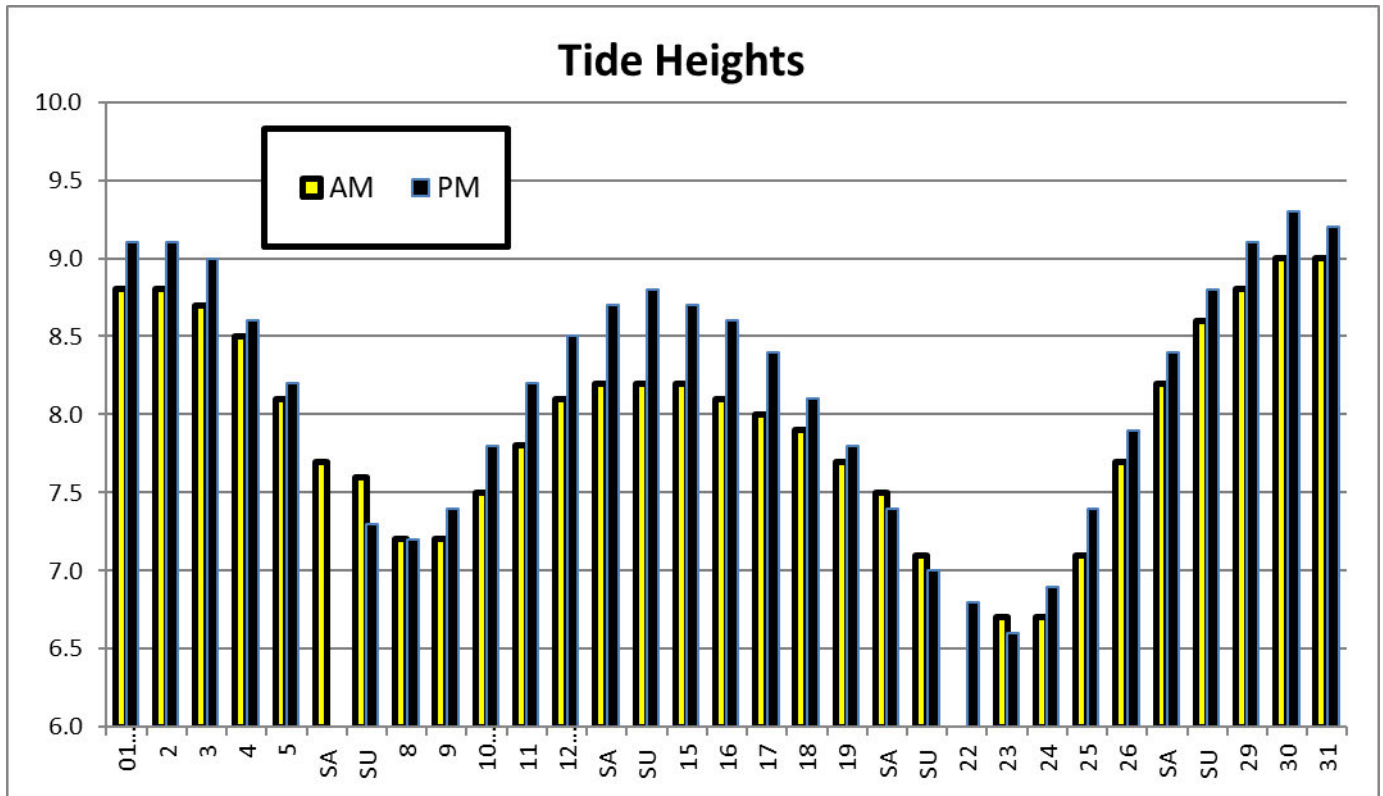
Today's hope has been dimmed and tossed recklessly, but still generously stays with us, for we cannot help but come back like wide eyed children to candy.

We are said to be weak to rely on such strength,
but we are only believers.

That spark,
That gives science a baffled case
And oceans an infinite plane,
is the eagle that dips and soars and fights,
which stands for the hope of
today.

*Gabrielle Marshall
(3rd place winner of the [2021 Inaugural Poem Contest for Students](#),
[Academy of American Poets](#))*

March 2021 Tide Details



Tide Times

	AM	PM		AM	PM
Mon 01 March	08:12	20:15	Mon 15 March	08:08	20:08
Tue 02 March	08:51	20:55	Tue 16 March	08:33	20:39
Wed 03 March	09:30	21:37	Wed 17 March	08:59	21:10
Thu 04 March	10:10	22:21	Thu 18 March	09:26	21:42
Fri 05 March	10:55	23:11	Fri 19 March	09:57	22:16
Sat 06 March	11:47		Sat 20 March	10:31	22:55
Sun 07 March	00:12	12:58	Sun 21 March	11:12	23:46
Mon 08 March	01:44	14:25	Mon 22 March		12:08
Tue 09 March	03:22	15:39	Tue 23 March	00:56	13:37
Wed 10 March	04:38	16:41	Wed 24 March	02:44	15:22
Thu 11 March	05:38	17:33	Thu 25 March	04:03	16:22
Fri 12 March	06:26	18:18	Fri 26 March	04:58	17:09
Sat 13 March	07:07	18:58	Sat 27 March	05:44	17:51
Sun 14 March	07:41	19:35	Sun 28 March	07:27	19:32
			Mon 29 March	08:08	20:13
			Tue 30 March	08:47	20:54
			Wed 31 March	09:26	21:37

Remember BST starts in Sunday March 28 - times shown are BST

News from County Cllr Dr Marie Strong
Marie.strong@norfolk.gov.uk- 07920 286 597

Dear Readers,

Apprenticeships: I am delighted to offer the following information – delighted because of the many young people who I know have benefitted from apprenticeships. Hopefully many more will have the opportunity in the future so please read below and share with any young people or organisations who could participate.

Details of Apprenticeships in Norfolk, including opportunities now open for applications, can be found on the Apprenticeships Norfolk website at <https://apprenticeshipsnorfolk.org/>

Opportunities for Employers: Employing an Apprentice does not only give apprentices an opportunity to learn new skills but it is also a rewarding option for employers. Government incentives of up to £3,000 are available until 31st March 2021 and Apprenticeships Norfolk are offering additional £1,000 incentives for non-levy businesses in Norfolk to recruit a young apprentice. Further information is available at <https://apprenticeshipsnorfolk.org/recruit-retain-reward>.

Elections: This time the elections are for County Councillors and the Police & Crime Commissioner. Also, where applicable there are bi-elections for Town, Parish, District councillors (this is where a position has fallen vacant during the four-year term of office).

May 2021 local polls statement and delivery plan – On 8 February, the Minister for the Constitution, Rt Hon Chloe Smith MP, published a [Written Ministerial Statement](https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-statements/detail/2021-02-08/hcws773) (<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-statements/detail/2021-02-08/hcws773>) in Parliament on the Government's plans to proceed with the local elections on 6 May 2021

The Minister also announced the publication of a [delivery plan](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/may-2021-polls-delivery-plan/may-2021-polls-delivery-plan) (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/may-2021-polls-delivery-plan/may-2021-polls-delivery-plan>) for the May elections - addressing public health and social distancing, nominations and campaigning, voting, delivery of elections. An estimated £92 million of funding will be provided to councils for the elections – to include £31 million to directly address costs associated with making the elections COVID-secure.

VOTING in the May 2021 elections : Norwich North MP Chloe Smith, whose role as minister of state for the constitution and devolution includes elections, previously, [told the House of Commons a "high bar" would need to be crossed for the government to delay the elections.](#) It would now take an 'extraordinary high bar' but whether or not anything delays the elections best be prepared. So, for the sake of your health and that of staff at the polling stations a postal vote seems a very good idea. Apply for a postal vote from NNDC – postalvotes@north-norfolk.gov.uk or 01263 513811 (press 5).

Young People & Mental Health: Norfolk County Council's 'This is how... #wevegotthis' campaign for young people's mental health, promotes improving their mental health and wellbeing. For more details about the campaign go to: <http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/feelgood>

Advice and Support for Bereaved Families: I was undecided as to whether to offer the following information but then recalled the times I would have found it helpful so here goes:

To book a death registration appointment call Norfolk County Council Registration Offices on 0344 800 8020. Further information about this service can be found on this link: [Deaths - Norfolk County Council](#)

Further information about support including links to specialist organisations can be found here: [Bereavement support - Norfolk County Council](#)

COVID-19 Information: Keep these websites for future reference since they are kept up to date:

Information on the national tiers is available at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/local-restriction-tiers-what-you-need-to-know>

www.norfolk.gov.uk/coronavirus: this site includes local services as well as the latest regulations for Norfolk and reference to many if not all of the government schemes

www.gov.uk/coronavirus: all the government schemes are to be found on this site

www.nhs.uk/coronavirus; separate site if required but linked with the government site.

Light Relief: You may have read of my hope to persuade spouse to keep the Christmas lights on past the deadline - we compromised. The lights in the front of the house were packed away but three of the 'Christmas' trees were moved to the conservatory and remain lit as year-round 'decorative lighting'.

Again, I would like to express my admiration of those who continue to help others in so many ways and not only regarding Covid-19 but the weather. Many who help do so without anyone knowing about their good works – so thank you.

Warm wishes to you all.

Marie



Thoughts from the Rectory for February 2021

Dear all,

One of my favourite novelists is Julian Barnes. Among his books is one which is not a novel at all, but a sort of part memoir, part meditation, called "Nothing To Be Frightened Of". It starts with the arresting sentence: "I don't believe in God, but I miss him." And one important strand of the rest of the book is a discussion about the existence of God. Later in the book, he says: "Perhaps the fact that God is incomprehensible is the strongest argument for his existence."

I'm also a great fan of Bill Bailey, and had been for some time before his recent triumph in *Strictly Come Dancing!* His most recent book is "Bill Bailey's Remarkable Guide to Happiness", which I can recommend highly. At one point in the book, he says: "I am not especially religious, but... [which often means "I'm actually quite interested in that side of things, but would rather not talk about it"!] but to stand in a church and sing hymns with others is one of life's great pleasures."

I've now just read about the production of a new film about CS Lewis, which quotes his own words, looking back at a time before his conversion: "I did not believe God existed, but I was angry at God for not existing."

For all of us, whatever our belief, or lack of it, at any stage, it's one of life's most fundamental questions, and one we're bound to ask: "Does God exist?" And then there are the supplementary questions, like: "If he does exist, what's he up to?"

The 40 days of Lent, covering all of March this year, echo Jesus' 40 days in the wilderness. It was a time of retreat and questioning and temptation for him. For Christians, his experience was important, because it demonstrated graphically his solidarity with the human condition and all our struggles and questioning. And it was also important because he came through it victorious. As ever, love, truth and trust prevailed over deception and darkness in the end.

Our current experience, in this pandemic, perhaps feels a bit like a desert experience. Which makes it a good time, I reckon, to ask some big questions. Being human means, almost by definition, seeking for truth. My own conviction is

that when we're really open to the truth, we'll find it. CS Lewis again: "Thirst was made for water; inquiry for truth." And one more: "There are far, far better things ahead than any we leave behind."

*Happy searching! God bless,
Richard*

Services & Streaming

At the time of writing, it's very hard to know what we'll be able to offer by way of services through March. There are bound to be restrictions still, but what, and for how long? Whether or not we're able to hold public worship again imminently, we'll certainly be continuing to stream our main Sunday service from Blakeney Church at 11.00 on Youtube. This will be available live or at a later time.

The link for the "St Nicholas Church Blakeney" youtube channel is:

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

and you then just scroll down to the relevant day's service.

You're all, of course, very welcome to join us whenever you can. We will also be holding a short Morning Prayer on Wednesdays during Lent at 11.00. These will go out via Zoom, with the link varying according to the person leading. If you'd like to know more, please contact me, and I can put you on my general email list to receive further information.

As ever, please do get in touch, if we can help in any way.

You can contact me on revrichardlawry@gmail.com or by phone on 740686. Other information is available on our benefice website: www.glavenvalleychurches.org.uk Incidentally, we're currently re-vamping our website, but I hope that by March it will be fully operational again with a "new improved formula"!

Glaven Valley Benefice

Blakeney Church
will be hosting a Benefice Service
every Sunday@11am on
St Nicholas Church Blakeney
YouTube Channel with the link:

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Blakeney Church

Open for Private Prayer Wednesdays & Sundays 12noon-
3pm

Cley Church

Open for Private Prayer Tuesdays & Saturdays 12noon - 3pm

Wiveton Church

Open for Private Prayer Mondays & Thursdays 12noon - 3pm

Glandford Church

Open for Private Prayer Tuesdays & Fridays 12noon - 3pm

Letheringsett Church

Open for Private Prayer Saturdays 12noon - 3pm

Unfortunately, the churches are not yet open for general
visitors.

All details on our website: glavenvalleychurches.org.uk

Cley

Cley Parish Council's Chairman's Report February 2021

We are very grateful to Holt Medical Practice for the sterling work they have done on the vaccination roll out and for making sure so many of our residents are now protected to a large extent against Covid. This is such welcome news.

In March, we will be getting out the Traffic Management consultation document showing our proposal to replace the areas where traffic cones have been effective by primrose yellow lines, and to install village gates and possibly additional speed cameras. There will be a questionnaire on this for you to complete.

There has been discussion about the Parish Council's vision to return the green space at the bottom of Old Woman's Lane to its original state, thereby providing a safe waiting space for children using the school bus. We are responding to a request from a parent for a bench on which to wait. There is a maintained unsurfaced road across this land which has been opened up and there will be parking spaces along this roadside verge, but these need to be away from the children's safe waiting space. Any works by the Parish Council will meet with Highways approval.

We are surprised to hear that the new roof on the Barn on Cooks Marsh has been deemed lawful development by NNDC Planning. The basis of this decision is that the building's appearance as a whole hasn't been changed by the new roof (despite it being a different material, higher, and containing 6 residential standard Velux roof windows where previously there were only apertures for corrugated roof lights). Part of the Planners' argument is based on the fact that the roof windows are not publicly visible, which is incorrect given they can be seen from across the marshes and from Wiveton. We mustn't forget that this building is in an area with multiple environmental constraints including fluvial and tidal flood risk, and, should any accommodation be created here, it comes with real risk to life.

We've received our new grit bins – on Holt Hill, Bridgefoot Lane towards the Glandford bridge and towards Holt near the Bayfield Brecks turning. Please report any accidents on Holt Hill to the police so there is a record to serve as evidence for Highways to act.

The Glandford Road treatment works was trucking sewage out all day and night over the holidays. We told Anglian Water that we think this is an unacceptable method of dealing with under capacity and excess demand. We are therefore very pleased to hear their plans to change one of the two sludge tanks to a treatment tank, which only requires the addition of a blower rather than extensive construction activities, and hopefully will lead to fewer tanker trips. This should be in place for the summer.

We're in the process of finalising estimates for the proposed Electric Vehicle charging points at the Village Hall which will allow us to start putting in grant applications to fund the project.

The Arcady appeal has been postponed as the parties are seeking mediation. The Hangs footpath inquiry will be in the next few months.

Don't forget our new website! Check out www.cleypc.info for PC and village matters. If you Google CPC the old site comes up (which is decommissioned) but not the new, so you need to remember the new address! Cley Parish Council Facebook page is also a place to check for new events.

Our next Parish Council meeting is Tuesday, March 2nd 2021 at 6.30pm via Zoom. The Agenda will be published on the Notice Board and on the website, and you are very welcome to join us – you can phone in if you prefer. Contact details will be on the Agenda. Otherwise, please comment on or ask general questions about Agenda items before the meeting by getting in touch with the clerk or myself. Minutes are posted as usual on the website.

Dr Victoria Holliday, Chair
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Friends of Cley Church



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Holy Week

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There will also be a nature trail for all the family: come and explore the plants, animals and mini-beasts you can find in the churchyard!

For more details, please check into our newly updated website <https://glavenvalleychurches.org.uk/friends-of-cley/>, or follow us on Instagram, @cleychurch or Facebook, www.facebook.com/groups/friendsofcleychurch

We have cancelled St Margaret's Fair this year because of Covid uncertainty, but we are planning to bring it back with a

bang in 2022. In the meantime, we will celebrate St Margaret's feast day in July.

With the help of Hanne Siebers and Klausbernd Vollmar, who have done such marvellous work selling books in St Magarets, we are planning a Book Fair in the church on the August Bank holiday weekend. We would be most grateful for book donations; could these please be to Hanne and Klausbernd at Rhu Sila, Church Lane, 01263740304.

Please think about shopping online via easy fundraising to make money for the Friends. The retailer makes a donation on your behalf each time you buy something so it doesn't cost you a penny more and it does mount up!

It really is straightforward to get started, just visit www.Easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofcleychurch.

*Thank you very much indeed.
Victoria Holliday, Chair, Friends of Cley Church*

Wiveton

There is no news from Wiveton this month.

Glandford

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Letheringsett

There is no news from Letheringsett this month.

Blakeney Area Historical Society

Tuesday 30th March

The Grand Tour & Beyond

Victoria Draper, Norfolk Record Office

Tuesday 27th April

**Travels in the footsteps of
James Baillie Fraser**

Dr Ben Cartwright

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Steve Wiles

(June 1955 - December 2020)

Steve's Life Story

Steve was born on a farm in Lamas near Buxton. He had two older brothers and a younger sister. He loved playing on the farm as a child, helping with the work on the farm and also in the kitchen with the cook. He was sent to boarding school at Old Buckingham Hall when he was seven. Steve always described this as "being sent to prison"!

When he was 12, Steve was sent to Gresham's school as a boarder. While he was at Gresham's, he bought a fire engine for the vehicle maintenance course and had it delivered to the school, then proceeded to drive it around the grounds much to the delight of his mates and the dismay of his teachers! At 15 years old, Steve passed his 'A' Levels early and at the same time got expelled for going to the pub which he was always very proud of!

Steve married his first wife, Polly in 1982 and they lived in Gunthorpe. They had two sons, Jack and Harry. Steve had many jobs including: working in a saw mill, working on the Holkham estate, catching and selling shrimps on the boats in Wells and starting his own business 'Steve Wiles Furniture'

In 1990, Steve bought some old barns in Letheringsett which he and many talented friends converted into beautiful homes. Steve moved into one of the converted barns. He married his second wife Lyn in 1994 and they had a daughter Emily.

Steve was editor of this very magazine for a while and was inspired to create the Glaven Valley website in 2000 (www.glavenvalley.co.uk) which promoted holiday homes in Norfolk and still does.

Steve loved North Norfolk and especially enjoyed sailing his Albacore dinghy around Morston and Blakeney. He was also very involved with the Blakeney Dinghy Park Committee. Steve was never happier than when he filled the house with friends and made food for them. He loved a good party: it encompassed everything that was important to him: family, friends, food and music.

Steve was in many bands over the years playing bass, keyboard, saxophone and double bass, often teaching himself how to play. He encouraged many people to develop their musicality and built up their confidence with his encouragement and enthusiasm.

When Steve was diagnosed with Fronto Temporal Dementia in 2014, he maintained his love for food, friends, family and music and definitely kept his sense of humour. He started a band called 'Playing For Cake'. So that "we get paid in the right currency"! Steve continued playing the double bass with them for a few years even after his diagnosis.

Life was never boring around Steve. He always believed there was a solution to every problem and found ways to make exciting things happen (such as travelling around New

Zealand for 6 months in a campervan called Shirley!) Steve has left a very big hole in many people's lives and we will miss him terribly.

Community News



NORFOLK COAST PARTNERSHIP

PROTECTING AN AREA OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY

Beach clean guardians needed

Through our small grant fund, we'd like to fund a Norfolk Coast Partnership sponsored beach clean station, or 3, and need volunteer guardians at each site to manage the day-to-day running of these. Guardian responsibilities include putting the information board out each morning and bringing it in at night with regard to weather and tides and so a storage facility and nearby, suitable waste disposal will be essential. We think this would suit a beach-side café, shop, or other coastal business perhaps? Full training will be provided.

Of course, we would be looking to place new boards once the current Covid-19 restrictions are ended.

Beach clean litter picking stations are provided by the 2 Minute Foundation, a registered charity devoted to cleaning up our planet 2 minutes at a time, who believe that simple, achievable acts can add up to make a great difference. Communities and visitors are encouraged to spend 2 (or more) minutes picking up marine litter from their #2minutebeachclean station boards. Further details are on their website <https://beachclean.net/> and see the Norfolk coast locations (you'll see that there is quite a gap between Hunstanton and Cley!), along with other excellent local beach clean initiatives, at <http://www.norfolkcoastaonb.org.uk/partnership/beach-clean-events/691>

New boards would be part of an innovative project where low grade waste, the kind picked up on beach cleans which cannot be easily recycled, is put to good use. Alongside several other organisations, including Reworked and The Ocean Recovery

Project, the 2 Minute Foundation are turning this low-grade plastic into the litter picking stations, making a completely closed-loop operation.

For an informal chat about becoming a guardian email aonb@norfolk.gov.uk or phone us on 01328 850545.

Catherine Leigh

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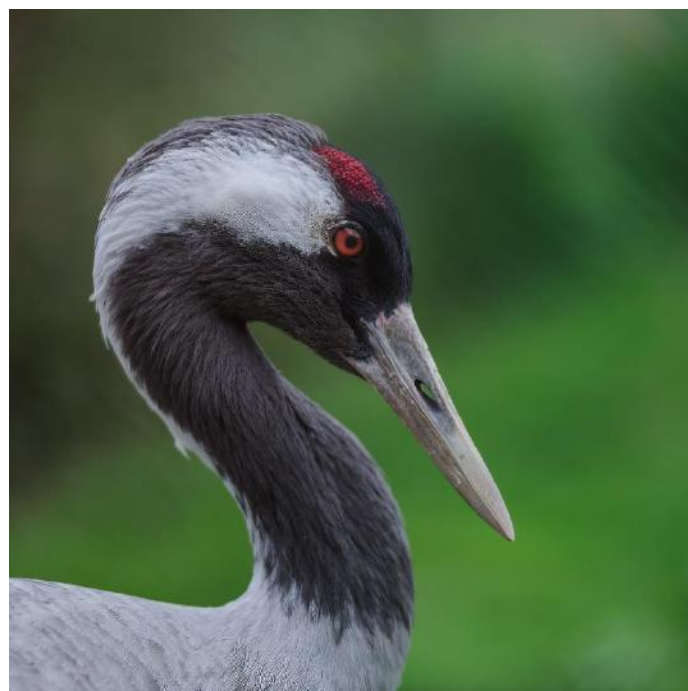
National Trust

Comeback for Common Cranes

Cranes have hit record levels in the UK after becoming extinct almost 400 years ago, with a recent survey revealing an unprecedented 64 breeding pairs in 2020. Successful conservation efforts and a reintroduction programme has given them a chance at survival, after a trio of wild birds were blown off course and returned to Norfolk in 1979. There has been a huge boost over the last five years, with their numbers now thought to be over 200 in total. Cranes are famous for their elaborate dancing, which they do to reinforce pair bonds, and are the tallest UK birds standing at around 4 feet.

Stephen Prowse, from the National Trust said: “This is a significant milestone for cranes in the UK. The first wild breeding pair since the reign of Henry VIII was recorded on National Trust land in the Norfolk Broads. Careful protection has allowed their spread to surrounding counties, with a significant breeding population now located in the Broads. With a focus towards more habitat creation in the future, we hope to see the fortunes of these amazing birds continue to improve”.

Last year the UK welcomed 23 chicks, with at least 85% of breeding cranes found on nature reserves.



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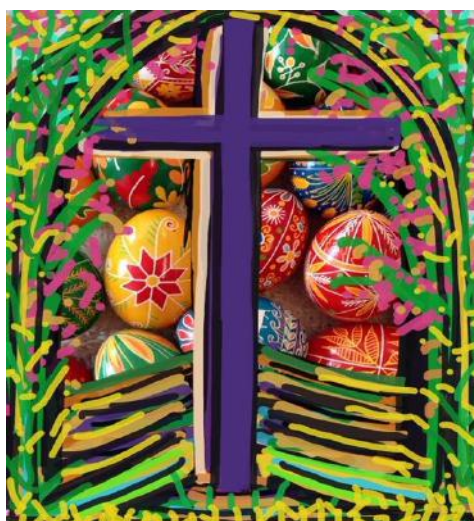
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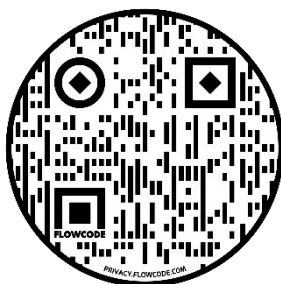
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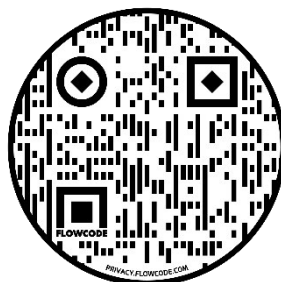


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March Sudoku: Easy

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