

THE GLAVEN VALLEY NEWSLETTER



*'Swans at Little Thornage'
Photo taken by Mike Wade*

March 2022



The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Thurs 2nd to Sun 5th June 2022

Save the date!

FOR THE BIGGEST STREET PARTY EVER!

There will be street entertainment, music, food and drink and community sharing! Dancing in the streets! Singing on The Pastures, Lighting of a beacon on 2nd June and a lantern parade, The Street Party on 5th June and lots more!

Dress in you fanciest best and come along to celebrate Her Majesty's reign of wonder and longevity!

We would like to present every child who resides in the village of Blakeney with a commemorative keepsake to mark the occasion of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. If your child attends Blakeney Primary School, then they will already have been accounted for. For any child who fulfils the criteria but does not attend Blakeney Primary School, i.e. they are not at school yet, attend a different Primary School, attend High School etc, then please pass on their names and home addresses to the Parish Clerk asap; you can pop a note through the Parish Office door or email;

clerk@blakeneyparishcouncil.org.uk

Deadline for receipt of names is Wednesday 16th March 2022



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views expressed by correspondents.**

Treasurer's Report

The Newsletter depends on voluntary donations from our readers in order to remain free to all those who live in the Glaven Valley. Please consider if you can join those who do donate – all donations are gratefully received regardless of their size.

Donations can be made by:

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

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GLAVEN VALLEY CONCERTS

Beautifully Baroque

Solo cantatas by Bach and Handel,
Baroque favourites, Susannah Self premiere.
In the beautiful setting of Cley Church.

performed by

Horizon

Susannah Self mezzo-contralto

Anna Hopkins flute

Michael Christie cello

Brenda Blewett piano

Saturday 2 April 7pm

St Margaret's Church, Cley

Free admission with retiring collection

Advance booking on Eventbrite

www.cleybaroque.eventbrite.co.uk

glavenvalleychurches.org.uk

Have Your Say

The Glaven Valley Newsletter is intended to inform local people and friends and visitors to the area about events and activities in the beautiful Glaven Valley. We believe that we can make the GVN a more valued publication by adding reminiscences, snippets of local history and amusing or entertaining articles sent in by readers. Some suggestions:

- Do you have an ancestor or friend about whom you would like to write a piece for the GVN to publish?
- Is there a local issue which you think could be raised and discussed in the Newsletter?
- Do you have an event in mind which our readers might be interested in?
- Have you a good story you would like to share with our readers?

We would particularly welcome contributions from people familiar with local wildlife and flora – if anyone feels able to let us have articles about local birds, animals or even insects we would be most grateful. Please do not be shy and let our editor have a look at your draft. She will be glad to help you to ensure that anything you write is suitable for the GVN to publish.

GVN - CAN YOU HELP?

We are looking for two more people to join our small team who print and collate the GVN each month. The work involves a morning or afternoon session each month, in Glandford. Full training will be given and, initially, you would be working with an experienced member of the team.

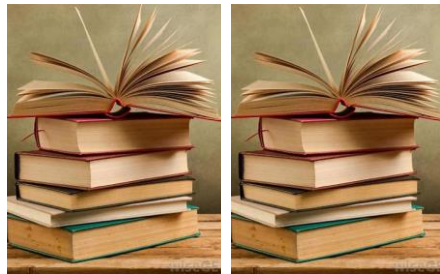
If you are interested in playing a key role in the production of the magazine, please contact:

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BOOKS WANTED FOR ST MARGARET'S CHURCH

*WE ARE LOOKING FOR BOOKS IN GOOD CONDITION TO
SELL AT ST MARGARET'S FAIR IN JULY!*

*BEST SELLERS ARE BOOKS YOU LOVE, LOCAL HISTORY,
BIRDS, WILDLIFE, BIOGRAPHIES, CLASSICS AND MODERN
NOVELS*



*WE'RE ALSO LOOKING FOR BOOKS FOR OUR RARITIES
CORNER - FIRST EDITIONS, SIGNED COPIES, RARE BOOKS*

MANY THANKS

Please contact Hanne and Klausbernd on 01263740304



Blakeney

Coastal Rowing Association of Blakeney

Rows from Barton Turf have been plentiful recently with many crews attempting timed runs for The Robin Combe Trophy.

Check the club website at crablakeney.wordpress.com to see how rowers have fared on the course between Wayford Bridge and the turning into Cox's Boatyard. The main prize is an inscribed hip flask for the crew who complete the fastest run; there are also other prizes, some humorous, for other performance aspects. Read this newsletter next month for news of how this February competition has concluded. In the meantime, surf the website to see some other great pictures of non-competitive rows for those who wish simply to row amongst great scenery.

On the social front, at the time of writing a row is being planned which will take a group of Crabbers from Cox's Boatyard to The Maltsters Pub on Ranworth Broad. This will be a fourteen-mile round trip which promises to be good exercise and great fun.

Spring is almost with us. With that in mind, members of your local rowing club are anticipating the return to rowing from Blakeney Carnser early in March. Rows can currently be booked by members in advance on the on-line calendar.

Why not get in touch with the club to try skiff rowing for yourselves? There is no obligation to compete. The social rows provide great exercise; they are also fun. If you want to know more, contact club captain Humphrey at hborgnis@icloud.com to arrange a trial row. New rowers, or those returning to the sport, are always made welcome and will be coached and looked after. Besides viewing the website, look at the club's activities on Instagram and on Facebook.

Hope to see you on the water soon. Until then, best wishes and stay safe.

Barry Howes

News from the Methodist Church

The beginning of this month marks the beginning of Lent, which is a time of preparation and reflection in the Christian Calendar. At the Methodist Church we have been reflecting and planning on the year ahead, assessing the things that we currently offer and thinking about what we can offer moving forward. So, here follows a few invitations!

On Sunday 20th March at 3pm we will be holding a special service to dedicate a painting that has been donated to the chapel, as well as launching our 2022 programme. This will be followed by afternoon tea.

D M N

Gardening & Maintenance

- Grass Cutting
- Hedge Cutting
- General garden maintenance

For more information,
please contact:

07943 258828

From Thursday 24th March the Chapel will be open for a regular weekly coffee morning from 10am-11am (following on from morning prayer at 9.30am)

We have been looking at ideas to support wellbeing and we are pleased to share that we will be starting a new group on Friday 25th March. 'The Spoonies Club' will run every Friday from 10.30am - 12 noon. The main aim of the group is to offer peer support to people living with chronic illness, although everyone is welcome to come along and see what we get up to. The first week of The Spoonies Club will offer a Wellbeing Cafe with tea, coffee and cake with a relaxing hand massage on offer too. Following weeks will offer craft sessions, guided meditations and a book club - details to follow in next month's GVN!

In February we collected our largest ever donation for the Foodbank, a huge thank you to everyone who brings things in, it really helps to make a difference to local families. Our donation point is open at the following times;

Thursdays 10am-11am

Fridays 10am - 12 noon

Sundays 9.30am - 11.30am

All of the food we collect goes to the Cromer Foodbank and helps to keep local tummies happy :-)

Our weekly Sunday services for March are as follows;

Sunday 6th March 10am - Traditional Methodist Worship

Sunday 13th March 10am - Cafe Church

Sunday 20th March 3pm - Service of dedication and afternoon tea

Sunday 27th March 10am - Mothering Sunday Cafe Church

Our mid-week prayer time;

Thursdays 9.30am - Pilgrim Prayers (followed by coffee)

The Blakeney Community Garden continues to grow, recently welcoming a hazel tree which has been planted in one of the large planters. The display of daffodils, primroses and winter pansies has continued to provide lots of colour in these duller

months. It is a promising sign of spring that people have started to picnic in the garden again and we're looking forward to the warmer months to come.

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

Love and blessings, Sam Parfitt

Blakeney Cley & District RBL and Harbour Room

Hope this finds you all well and looking forward to Spring!

There are masses going on and these are very exciting times for the RBL and The Harbour Room. Don't forget that surplus funds generated by The Harbour Room from our bar, catering and events activities goes to support both the RBL and our local community.

Talking about events Our Burns' Night Supper went with a bang! What a fun night! There was haggis, neeps & tatties, with a wee dram to toast the haggis, followed by a bout of enthusiastic, if not 'professional' Scottish dancing. Here is an excerpt from an email received the next day...

"the traditional meal was superb, the music, the dancing? (Chaotic though it was!) the fun...all delightful, thank you so much. If you plan on holding another next year, please let me know in good time and I'm sure we could bring a few more people. We have told various folk of what a delightful evening it was."

Pretty good eh?

We've started our regular Quiz Nights again. They're every fourth Thursday at 7.30pm. Sally supplied her delightful homemade sausage rolls and pasties and Carl completed the ensemble with bowls of chips. It's hungry work, being a genius!

We've got ourselves a lovely new big screen TV for all those super sporting events. The Six Nations Rugby is proving a popular sport and I'm sure England will do us proud by getting into the finals in March... watch this space and watch the game at the Top Bar of the Harbour Room!

We've got lots of entertainment and events lined up for the coming year. The Queen's Platinum Jubilee weekend looks like it will be a super busy time for Blakeney. There are lots of 'planning meetings' going on within different groups around Blakeney working on what they will be doing that weekend. We are no exception to that! We have planned a Beer Festival to be held throughout the weekend. A terrific children's entertainer will be here on the Friday 3rd June to wreak havoc with the kids during the afternoon. Parents may retreat to the bar!

There will be bands, a disco, music during the afternoon and lots more.....

Our Valentine's Brunch was a real treat for those who wanted to start celebrating their love a day earlier.... Breakfast was superb, from the Full English to the delightful pastries and Buck's Fizz.... Love was definitely in the air!

Love was still all around when the Folk Club got together during that afternoon and some wonderful music was played.

There is a great buzz about our 70's/80's Disco which is happening on Feb 19th. Hopefully, there will be photos of the event to show you in the next issue... Faces may be pixilated to protect the identities of the bad dancers!

On Saturday 5th March, Carl is serving Mussels & Chips which is always a popular event. At £15.00 per head, you even get musical entertainment during the evening; how good is that!

The renowned Chris Wood is in concert on Friday 18th March at 8pm. Chris is a songwriter, composer and outstanding singer, not forgetting winner of six (yes six) BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards.

So, you see, the Harbour Room is back in business after all the Covid, and we look forward to welcoming you for a coffee, glass of wine or a beer.

As to our community activities, the new Community Room is available, freshly decorated and carpeted. The Wheelyboat timetable gets underway in April and a whole bunch of willing volunteers are involved in that – thank you all so much.

Addressing Loneliness and Isolation in the Armed Forces through Poetry workshops is really gaining some traction and it's soon to be offered to the emergency services here locally.

We are looking forward to welcoming the Armed Forces community to Away Days and short respite breaks. It's sometimes overlooked that anyone who's drawn just one day's pay serving in the Armed Forces is an RBL beneficiary whether they're a member or not. Beneficiaries are also carers for Forces Veterans. We can't promise to help but if you fit that category and have a problem, we would love to hear from you. Until next time.....

Tom Harrison

Quotable quotes on Money:

"Anyone who lives within their means suffers from a lack of imagination"

Oscar Wilde

"All I ask is the chance to prove that money can't make me happy"

Spike Milligan

"Money often costs too much"

Ralph Waldo Emerson

BLAKENEY FILM NIGHT

VILLAGE HALL

"The Courier"(12A)

Friday 18th March, £5 on the door

Based on the incredible true story of Greville Wynne, an unassuming British businessman in the 1960s who was unwittingly recruited by MI6 and a CIA operative into one of the greatest international conflicts in history. Having formed an unlikely partnership with an experienced Soviet officer hoping to avoid a nuclear confrontation, the two men became friends and then risked everything to provide the crucial intelligence used to defuse the Cuban Missile Crisis. A highly convincing lead performance from Benedict Cumberbatch with great support from Merab Ninidze & Jessie Buckley. A gripping old-school espionage thriller which hooks the viewer in while the slow-burning story shifts into gear. Moody cinematography and an engaging score add to the period feel.

Doors open at 6.30 for a 7pm start.

Refreshments available.

All profits for BVH refurbishment.

Please observe any current COVID guidelines.

Wanted at The Harbour Room!

Join our happy team at the Blakeney Harbour Room. Full and part time staff required. Good rates of pay! We are looking for bar staff, catering staff and general assistants.

Please call 01263 741666 or email

jacquie.ogrady@btinternet.com

THE GREAT BLAKENEY BREAKFAST!

**in St Nicholas' Church, Blakeney will be held on
Wednesday 2nd March 8.00am to 11.00am.**

Please do come and join us for cereal, croissants, bacon and eggs, scrambled eggs on toast, and ofcourse great bacon rolls. It's a great place to bring friends and to make new ones.

Visitors to Blakeney are also most welcome.
Donations welcome.

Thoughts from the Rectory for March 2022

Dear Friends,

Every Friday, a certain man walks into the pub and order 3 beers. Then he sits at a table, drinks each pint by himself, and leaves. Eventually the landlord becomes so curious he has to ask him about this routine.

"Well, you see, I have two mates, and we'd always have a beer with each other when we were together. But now they've both moved to different parts of the country. We still keep up the tradition where we are, and separately have one beer for each of us on Friday nights." His curiosity satisfied; the landlord goes back to serving his other customers.

This goes on for several months, until one day the man comes in and orders only 2 beers. Seeing him looking rather sad, the landlord serves him his 2 beers and offers condolences for his loss. Confused, the man asks why the landlord is offering his condolences? "It's just that since you normally order 3 beers, but tonight you only ordered 2, I just assumed something must have happened to one of your friends?" "Oh no, we're all fine", he says. "It's just that it's Lent and I've given up drinking till Easter."

Creative logic! This year, the start of Lent (Ash Wednesday) falls on 2nd March. Some people give something up for Lent; others take something up; some do both. However, we approach it, it's a good time to reflect on how fortunate we are in this part of the world, and to respond to the suffering and hardship in many other places. In our churches in the Glaven Valley, we're organising an appeal for

Afghanistan throughout Lent, since we're very aware at the moment of the desperate plight of so many there. If you'd also like to contribute to this, do please get in touch for details.

In Blakeney, our various churches are also holding ecumenical Lent events, including a 5-week course exploring "The Lord's Prayer" (St Nicholas' Church, Wednesdays from 9th March, 6.00pm), and reflections on the Stations of the Cross (St Peter's RC Church, Fridays from 11th March, 6.00pm). All are very welcome. We're looking forward to preparing for the coming celebration of Easter in this and other ways. Do contact us (see below) if you'd like to know more.

Wishing you a fulfilling Lent, and a very happy March.

Richard

NB: Please note that, under present circumstances, there may still have to be changes to some services, events and activities for Covid reasons. It's always worth checking our benefice website: www.glavenvalleychurches.org.uk

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

Other contact details are also on the website, and the contacts page of this magazine.

Funerals:

Funeral or Thanksgiving services were held in February for Richard Long, Tina Loder, Jill Lipscomb and Ann Wootten. Do keep their families in your prayers.

Baptisms:

It was a joy to welcome Georgie Wolfe into the Church family at her baptism on 6th February at Blakeney.

St Peter's Catholic Church
Back Lane, Blakeney, NR25 7NP
Mass Sunday - 11am
Wednesday - 9.30am
Holyday of Obligation 9.30am
www.catholicparishofwalsingham.org

Jab Cab

NHS Norfolk and Waveney CCG is offering a free Jab Cab service until 31 March 2022 which offers everyone in Norfolk and Waveney a free return taxicab return journey to a vaccination site to receive a COVID-19 jab. This can be arranged from school, home, or your place of work, so it's easy and convenient.

The service is eligible for people who are having a first, second, or booster jab, and you can attend any vaccination site or walk-in clinic that's convenient to you.

In order to claim your free journey, simply book your COVID-19 jab online or check which walk-in centre you'd like to visit. Then call a participating local taxi company and book your journey.

[Click here to see a list of participating taxi companies](#) and find out more about the Jab Cab.



MARCH 2022 SERVICE SCHEDULE

Wed 2nd Ash Wednesday	HC & Ashing (BCP) 10.00am	Cley
SUNDAY 6th	<i>Lent 1</i>	
8.00	Holy Communion (BCP)	Wiveton
9.30	Holy Communion (CW) [<i>& live-streamed</i>]	Blakeney
11.15	Holy Communion (BCP)	Letheringsett
4.00	Taize	Cley
SUNDAY 13th	<i>Lent 2</i>	
9.30	Praise & Worship [<i>& live-streamed</i>]	Blakeney
11.15	Holy Communion (BCP)	Glandford
6.00	Service of Meditation	Wiveton
Wed 16th	Holy Communion (BCP) 10.00am	Cley
SUNDAY 20th	<i>Lent 3</i>	
9.30	Celtic HC with Healing [<i>& live-streamed</i>]	Blakeney
9.30	Morning Prayer (CW)	Letheringsett
11.15	Café Church	Cley
6.30	Evensong (BCP)	Wiveton
SUNDAY 27th	<i>Lent 4 / Mothering Sunday</i>	
8.00	Holy Communion (BCP)	Cley
9.30	Holy Communion (CW) [<i>& live-streamed</i>]	Blakeney
11.15	Family Service (All-Age)	Wiveton
6.30	Evensong (BCP)	Glandford

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

Residents Car Park Permits – 2022/23

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 **Thursday 17th March 2022**. The current permits will expire on 31st March 2022, 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, I would ask that you apply by email or a note through the door in the first instance, just to simply try and keep the footfall out of the office. So, please do drop the required information through the letterbox or in an email, ie. 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.

Annual Parish Meeting
Thursday 24th March 2022 – 7pm (Doors open at 6.30pm)
In Blakeney Village Hall

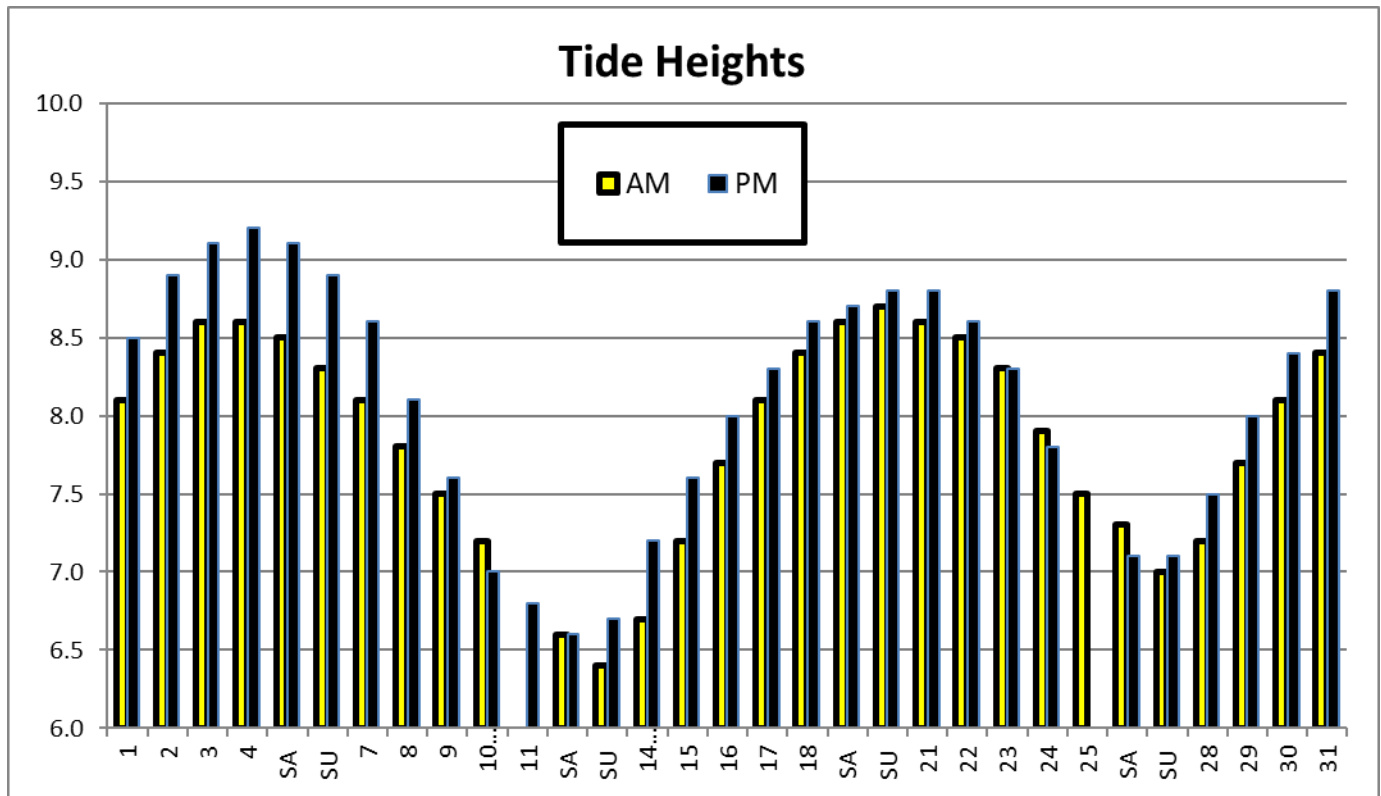
There will be an update on the production of **The Blakeney Neighbourhood Plan** along with other items of community interest. The agenda will displayed in due course and can be viewed at www.blakeneyparishcouncil.org.uk

The doors will open at 6.30pm for you to browse the displays and grab a quick cuppa. The meeting itself will commence at 7.00pm. Please do come and join us.

This is the meeting of the village. It is not a Parish Council Meeting. We offer this opportunity to local groups to produce a display, showcase what they do and use this event to gather more interest. *If you are interested, in setting up a stand or display, do get in touch.* Those receiving the Parish Council Community Fund grants are invited to say a few words about their organisation. In the past this event has attracted anywhere between 45 people and just over 100.

We look forward to seeing you there..., but if we have to change the plans due to Covid, then we will, so do keep an eye out nearer the time...

March 2022 - Tide Details



Tide Times

	AM	PM		AM	PM
			Mon 14 March	04:00	16:23
Tue 01 March	05:48	17:48	Tue 15 March	04:55	17:09
Wed 02 March	06:40	18:35	Wed 16 March	07:20	17:48
Thu 03 March	07:24	19:19	Thu 17 March	06:19	18:25
Fri 04 March	07:31	19:59	Fri 18 March	06:56	19:00
Sat 05 March	08:37	20:36	Sat 19 March	07:32	19:36
Sun 06 March	09:07	21:11	Sun 20 March	08:07	20:12
Mon 07 March	09:34	21:45	Mon 21 March	08:43	20:50
Tue 08 March	10:03	22:20	Tue 22 March	09:19	21:31
Wed 09 March		12:08	Wed 23 March	09:57	22:15
Thu 10 March	11:15	23:43	Thu 24 March	10:40	
Fri 11 March	00:00	12:05	Fri 25 March	00:20	00:00
Sat 12 March	00:45	13:34	Sat 26 March	00:12	12:47
Sun 13 March	02:41	15:22	Sun 27 March	02:57	15:24
			Mon 28 March	04:35	16:41
			Tue 29 March	05:46	17:41
			Wed 30 March	06:40	18:31
			Thu 31 March	07:25	19:15

REMEMBER : BST STARTS SUNDAY 27 MARCH - SHADED DATES ARE BST

By Martin Tyler



Extracts from the meeting of **Blakeney Parish Council** which was held on **Tuesday 1st February 2022** in **The Scout Hut**.

Chairman's Announcements –

Blakeney Neighbourhood Plan – NNDC have confirmed that the documentation supplied meets the statutory requirements in relation to submission, and the 6-week public consultation period will be advertised in due course.

Norfolk County Council has launched the **Community Environmental Action Incubator** (2022 Pilot) which aims to uncover the most effective ways NCC can facilitate environmental action at local level by equipping parish & town councils with the information and support they need to undertake community projects that make a positive difference to nature.

Wells Safer Neighbourhood Police Team had sent the following report;

- On the 09/01 a domestic related Harassment
- On 13/01 a highway disruption (Pigs in the road)
- On 15/01 a single vehicle RTC (Morston Rd junction with Westgate St, Male driver arrested for driving whilst under the influence)
- On 22/01 a Concern for safety (mental health related)
- On 28/01 a Highway disruption on the Langham Rd (dead deer in the road)
- On 29/01 a Concern for safety (mental health related)
- On 29/01 a Highway disruption (fence in the road, New Rd)

No crimes have been reported in Blakeney during January.

County Councillor – Michael Dalby had circulated a generic report in advance.

District Councillor – Victoria Holliday gave a verbal report.

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

PF/21/3475 – *Proposal; Removal of rear conservatory, erection of single and two storey extensions with first floor balconies; re-modelling of front porch, replacement windows and horizontal boarding over external brickwork at first floor, at, Four Winds, 13 Kingsway, Blakeney. Resolved* – Object; as we have concerns over the larger of the balconies, in terms of overlooking and privacy of the neighbouring properties.

PF/22/0077 – *Proposal; Demolition of existing single storey dwelling and erection of replacement detached dwelling and garage; alterations to access at, 21 Kingsway, Blakeney. Resolved* – Object; this application is totally out of character

within the setting of Kingsway, it does nothing to enhance the area, the materials are not at all in keeping with the surrounding properties.

PF/22/0160 – *Proposal; Use of land for stationing of a kiosk trailer to provide catering between April and October and operating between 9am and 9pm daily at, Harbour Room, 139 – 141 High Street, Blakeney. Resolved* – No objection.

The Chairman welcomed Mark Ashwell (Planning Policy Manager & lead for the new Local Plan; NNDC); Mark gave an overview of the content of **North Norfolk Local Plan Proposed Submission Version** and answered questions from members. He then encouraged everyone to now submit comments by the deadline of midnight on Monday 28th February 2022. Members noted immediate key concerns for Blakeney were; i) Affordable Housing (affordable housing for local people), ii) Employment opportunities, iii) Overdevelopment of a site (one house demolished, and up to 8 or so built on the site), iv) The number of second homes, (the overall impact this has on the local community).

Arcady, Holt Road, Cley-next-the-Sea – *Resolved* that we fully support and reinforce the objections to this entire development, and to both applications. We feel that this is in fact a 'stress test' of the NNDC planning system and the Friends of North Norfolk, as objectors, have our full support.

FINANCE

Accounts totalling £13,301.20 were paid.

Planning applications & parking – We have received an update from the Director of Planning at NNDC, which advises that if the Parish Council have concerns over any potential parking issues which they think may arise in association with the development of any property, then this should be raised case by case at the time the planning application is considered and should be factored in, as a potential planning condition.

The Police & Crime Commissioner for Norfolk; Giles Orpen-Smellie, will join us at our full council meeting, on **Tuesday 5th April 2022**.

Vodafone have informed us that they plan to retire the Rural Open Sure Signal devices from within the parish, as the 3G signal is now available through the main network.

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

Members noted the draft minutes of the most recent meeting of the **Events Committee**; i) Queen's Platinum Jubilee & ii) Party on The Pastures. *(These can be viewed on the Blakeney Parish Council website.)*

Cllr Nigel Sutcliffe, gave an update from the **Traffic Matters Working Group**;

- i) **Traffic/Civil Enforcement Officer** – we are looking to see if we can buy in hours to target days/areas in the village,

- i) **20mph throughout the entire village** is a ‘no go’ as advised by NCC Highways and we will be taking no further action on this item,
- ii) **Community Speedwatch Group** – if we are unable to get a team of 6, then we will look to see if we can merge with neighbouring parishes,
- iii) **Live Vehicle Information Sign** – we await the outcome of the most recent NCC Parish Partnership funding scheme,
- iv) **Traffic Signage Review** – we are waiting to hear back from NCC Highways,
- v) **Residents Parking Permits** for the High Street, NCC Highways have advised that Blakeney would be a long way off being considered for such a scheme and we will therefore take no further action for the time being,
- vi) **Motorhomes/Caravans** – small steps to try and reduce the number which turn north of the A149 and head to the quay, ie. signage for other parking, revisiting fees for the Carnser and we await the outcome of the conversation our District Cllr, was having with neighbouring parishes and then NNDC as alluded to previously,
- vii) **High Street Traffic Consultation** previously agreed to go to all properties on the electoral roll in the parish, but given that time has moved on, members are now asked to revisit the previously agreed questionnaire and consider any amendments/additions they may wish to make, whilst remembering a) What is the aim of the questionnaire, b) Not to over promise – Much work has been done by the TMG in the past 12 months, and answers obtained from the authorities,
- viii) **Consideration of possible parking charges at the Village Hall Car Park** – we are not quite ready to go out to consultation, further discussion within the TMG is required.

Rosemary Thew (one of our representatives on the **Dinghy Park Management Committee** gave a verbal report on the most recent meeting, and the draft minutes will be available shortly. **Resolved** that going forward, this committee is to appoint a Vice Chairman at the time it appoints its Chairman each year.

Rosemary Thew, had circulated in advance a report from the meeting with the representatives of the **Blakeney Village Hall Trust**, which in turn had raised other questions over the management of the car park in relation to two separate documents, i) the Trust Deed executed when the hall was built in 1980 and ii) the local Management Agreement, which gives all financial and maintenance liability to the Parish Council,

exonerating the BVHT. Given the implications for either party ahead of renewing the soon to expire ‘maintenance agreement’ it was **resolved** that each member views the historical documents and that we seek legal clarification over the wording, to ensure mutual understanding in order to move forward.

Carnser Car Park pricing structure for 2022/23 was agreed as follows;

- i) Off-peak (Nov-Mar) to remain at £3.00,
- ii) 4pm (Mar-Oct) a new fee of £3.00 (a stepped down fee from the £6.00),
- iii) Do away with the After 6pm (Mar-Oct) £2.00 charge, the 4pm fee to run throughout the evening,
- iv) Peak season daily fee to remain unaltered at £6.00,
- v) Weekly peak season ticket to increase from £15.00 to £20.00,
- vi) Weekly low season ticket to remain unaltered at £15.00,
- vii) Motorbikes to remain FREE,
- viii) Trailers and motorhomes to increase from £10 to £20,
- ix) Season tickets will require further consideration between both parties.

Subject to a few noted, minor amendments, we are happy with the revised **Carnser Car Park Signage** for 2022/23.

CORRESPONDENCE –

We are supportive of the NNDC consultation document; **Public Space Protection Orders: Dog Restrictions** and we have no additional comments.

We are pleased to have secured a **Cardboard Recycling Bin** to be sited in our Recycling Area, to enhance the current service provision, and this will be delivered in the next few weeks, please do look out for it. Papers in one bank and cardboard in the new bank, no mixing please.

The Parish Council decided not to apply for the installation of a **Water refill station** (water fountain), but happy for NNDC or any other local business/organisation to take this on.

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

PF/21/2077 – 26 Langham Road, Blakeney – Granted
PF/21/2517 – Harbour Room, High Street, Blakeney – REFUSED

PF/21/3036 – 30 High Street, Blakeney – Granted

PF/21/2626 & LA/21/2627 – 4 Mariners Hill, Blakeney – Granted

PF/21/3273 – 3 Whitefriars, Back Lane, Blakeney – Granted

PF/21/3185 – 32 Langham Road, Blakeney – Granted

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, the venue is only permitted to allow a certain number of people inside due to Covid restrictions we will have to manage accordingly, and so for now, 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.*

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

Iain Wolfe

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

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 1st March 2022.

Cley

Thursdays At Three

(Half an hour of relaxing music in Cley church at 3.00pm.)

Thursday March 3rd: Violin salon music (from Hudson collection)

Wyatt Earp (Flute) Kathy Wyatt (piano)

Thursday March 10th: Music from Gilbert & Sullivan

Wyatt Earp (flute) Angela Dugdale (piano)

Thursday March 17th: A Miscellany Mix

Jo Fawcett (Clarinet) David Bull (piano)

Wyatt Earp (flute) Angela Dugdale (piano)

Thursday March 24th: Elegies and Fantasies

Ivan McCready (cello) Brenda Blewett (piano)

Thursday March 31st: Music for Two Flutes

Wyatt Earp & Brian Frost (flutes) Angela Dugdale (piano)

Wyatt Earp



VOLUNTEERS WANTED

CLEY OPEN GARDENS, SATURDAY 11TH AND SUNDAY 12TH OF JUNE 2022

IT WILL BE THREE YEARS SINCE WE OPENED CLEY VILLAGE GARDENS AND WE ARE PLANNING TO OPEN THEM AGAIN THIS YEAR ON SATURDAY 11TH AND 12TH OF JUNE TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE ONGOING CLEY HARBOUR RESTORATION FUND. WE ARE LOOKING FOR ANY RESIDENT OF CLEY WITH A GARDEN OR ALLOTTMENT, LARGE OR SMALL, TO TAKE PART IN THIS EVENT AND OPEN THEIR GARDENS TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC. IT WILL FOLLOW THE SAME FORMAT AS THE LAST TIME, WITH THE PUBLIC ABLE TO BUY THEIR TICKETS AND MAPS AT THE VILLAGE HALL. **ENTRY TO YOUR GARDEN IS BY TICKET ONLY.** THE GARDENS WILL BE OPEN FROM 12 NOON UNTIL 4PM ON EACH DAY. OUT OF THE FUNDS RAISED WE SHALL MAKE A DONATION TO THE R.N.L.I. **Please reply by March 31st.** IF YOU ARE KEEN OR WANT SOME MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE GET IN TOUCH WITH EITHER:

JANE PEPLIE 01263 741471 OR KAYE READ 01263 740987

Cley Village Hall Events Spring 2022



We can now serve tea and cake after our 'Music in the Afternoons' every Thursday at Three, which is a pleasure.

Please check the 'What's On' tab on the benefice website for the most up to date information on these concerts, www.glavenvalleychurches.org.uk.

The atmospheric surroundings of St Margaret's Church in Cley will take on a nautical air on Saturday 12th March, with an evening of poetry and music exploring what it means to live "Between Sea and Sky".

Clarinetist Kate Munro and pianist Jon Payne (both members of Sheringham Lifeboat Crew) will be joined by renowned East Anglian poet Peter Peggall, whose regular poetry evenings at the Belfry Arts Centre in Overstrand are sell-out events. The programme will include poetry readings by Peter, as well as Samuel Barber's *Dover Beach*, and works by Francis Poulenc, Herbert Howells, Michael Head, John Ireland, Peter Warlock, and the contemporary composer Peter Sculthorpe.

Admission is free, with a retiring collection in aid of the Cley Church 'Regenerate' project. There will be interval drinks. The concert begins at 7.00pm.

On April 2nd, 'Horizon' - an ensemble of professional musicians based in Norfolk - will give an evening concert 'Beautifully Baroque', featuring cantatas by Bach and Handel as well as baroque works for flute, cello and piano. The performers will be: Susannah Self - mezzo soprano, Anna Hopkins - flute, Michael Christie - cello and Brenda Blewett - piano. Book via www.cleybaroque.eventbrite.org.uk.

The concert starts at 7pm. Free admission, with a retiring collection supporting Cley Church's Regenerate project. There will be wine served in the interval.

Very many thanks to Annabel Lea for sourcing some lovely new merchandise, lavender bags, carrier bags and candles. 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

As restrictions are easing, bookings for Cley Village Hall continue to come in thick and fast. The versatility of this community space is reflected in the vast array of events that are being hosted by local people using their local resource.

Having hosted his first pop up cinema night in February we look forward to welcoming Daniel Hassell back on 26th March for his next film night. The quirky choice of *A Life Aquatic* was well received, and next up is *The Greatest Showman*, a Mother's Day special!

The evening was made all the more enjoyable by the opening of the Club Room Bar. Join us for the next film night where once again we will be opening the bar for the evening. Once the film is over you are welcome to stay until close. It is great having the bar back in action after a prolonged break and we really hope this will be the start of many more social evenings. It is a great opportunity to support the Hall with all bar profits going towards upkeep.

The Yoga and Pilates classes are proving a success and new term dates have been booked in. Contact tutors directly for information; details are on the online calendar at www.cleyvillagehall.org.uk or contact Ellen on bookings@cleyvillagehall.org.uk.

The North Norfolk Players are planning a performance beginning of April - we are yet to find out the show but it will be wonderful to have the stage facilities being used and enjoyed again.

Of course, our regular users continue to create events for local traders and artists: the year is booked up with Antique and Art fairs. The next Antique Fair is Sunday 27th March and pARTners will be exhibiting weekend of 16th /17th April.

Alongside these public events the hall is being booked for a variety of private events including weddings and children's parties. Keep us in mind if you are looking for a venue!

We would also invite you to follow, like and share our new social media pages. Keep an eye out for details on upcoming events and show your support by sharing and liking posts.

Facebook: @CleyVillageHall

Instagram: @cleyvillagehall

*With thanks,
Ellen Monaghan
Bookings Secretary*

Cley Parish Council's Chairman's Report February 2022

The Parish Council does have plenty of money left from our Covid grant for hardship support: we are able to offer supermarket vouchers. Please contact the clerk on clerk.cley@gmail.com or 01263513269.

We hope to have our village gates by Easter! These will be at all 4 entrances to the village warning of pedestrians in the road.

The Queen's Jubilee picnic on Sunday June 5th on Newgate Green from 2-5pm is taking shape with a hog roast and the Old Wild Rovers. We hope our Jubilee Heritage Walk will be ready by then and that the church will also be offering some festivities that weekend.

We've reluctantly decided not to proceed with the installation of electric car charging points for the moment. We raised 75% of the money needed but have concerns about running costs and possible redundancy of the chargers as technology improves. However, we understand the underlying need for charging points for residents with on street parking and visitors who support Cley businesses, so are still pursuing charging points, possibly though a turnkey solution (where someone comes in and does the installation and takes over the maintenance).

Cley Parish Council have set up a Working Party to look at the management of the area of parish land between Hilltop and the Coast Road. This will represent the whole community and work together to find a solution to how Hilltop land is managed and accessed. This Working Party will decide a management plan for the site for the next 5 years which is agreed by the Parish Council, adjacent landowners and parishioners.

Cley Parish Council has formed a Cley Parish Council Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, which will oversee the project management and decision-making, and lead the preparation of the Cley Neighbourhood Plan. The Steering Group will guide and agree the content of the plan and all associated evidence and analysis up to the consultation draft stage.

The Ambulance Trust is expecting to have an extra car for Community First Responders in North Norfolk from the spring. This will allow vital lifesaving care to be delivered earlier whilst the patient is waiting for an ambulance. If anyone is interested in volunteering to become a Community First Responder, do get in touch and I'll pass your inquiry onto the area manager. Full training and equipment are provided. On the issue of ambulance response times, we should have the results of the trial of the additional paramedic in Fakenham by the next issue.

Parishioners are keen to know about walking on the Hangs. The Planning Inspectorate gave any objector a window of 4th February to 4th March to register any objections to his interim decision. We have to wait till that period expires and the Inspector confirms (or otherwise) his original decision before we can walk.

There is a new planning application for Arcady. It is anticipated that this will come to the Development Committee meeting at NNDC in March, and appeal hearing dates have been pencilled in for June.

Most of our discussion with the Planners at our recent meeting centred on the barn on the marsh. Despite this being permitted development (which is set by central government), the feeling seems to be, how could a development such as this be allowed in a flood zone?

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

The next Council meeting is Thursday, March 10th at 6.30pm in the Village Hall. The agenda will be published on the Notice Board and on the website www.cleypc.info. 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
avictoriaholliday@icloud.com
victoria.holliday@north-norfolk.gov.uk, 07557054629

WE NEED YOUR HELP

Are you interested in joining a lovely team, who decorate St. Margaret's Church, Cley with flowers?? The flower arrangers are always in need of new members.

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CLEY WI PROGRAMME

March to May 2022

<i>Cley Village Hall, NR25 7RJ - 2.30pm</i> (unless otherwise stated)	
03-Mar	Cley Harbour Regeneration Project <i>- the resurrection of the harbour since 2015</i>
07-Apr	Putting on her Parts <i>- favourite readings performed by Three's Company</i>
05-May	Holkham Hall Conservation <i>- visit to The Lookout and talk on current conservation practices</i>
Visitors Welcome - £5 (includes afternoon tea) Further information from 01263 740225	

CLEY WI

The Cley lecture for February was given by Mrs Dorothy Tucker about Indian sewing called Kantha Quilting. It is a centuries old tradition which is still used in West Bengal and Orissa, and what is now Bangladesh. The main use for such work was to use old cotton saris and fashion them into shawls or cloths which could then be worn without wasting valuable fabric.

Five or six saris could be sewn together and a freehand pattern drawn on top. Often there was a mystery about the picture. For instance, fish meant fertility and an elephant meant the deity Ganesh. The details were passed down through the generations from mother to daughter and the pieces were often regarded as heirlooms. A running stitch was used to sew close lines from top to bottom which gave a tactile rippling effect. Such work was labour intensive and was traditionally done during the Monsoon season. Nowadays there is much interest in Kantha quilting. A London gallery held an exhibition which was sold and is now in an American museum.

Mrs Tucker showed a wonderful selection of Kantha work which she has collected over the years including a shawl she bought at Fakenham!

A fascinating talk which was much enjoyed by the members. Our next meeting is on 3 March at 2.30pm when Simon Read will bring us up to date with the work that has gone on since 2015 to return Cley Harbour to a navigable waterway. If you would be interested in joining Cley WI for this or future events on our programme, we look forward very much to hearing from you. For further information please contact Sophie Archer, 01263 740225.

Katie Ambler

Wiveton

Wiveton Church

The Friends of Wiveton Church are delighted to host the following events:

Friday, 4th March

By popular demand, following his triumphant performance in 2019, the celebrated Organist **Edmund Aldhouse** of Ely Cathedral returns to St Mary's Church, Wiveton on **Friday, 4th March 2022** for a candlelit Recital on the wonderful Holdich Organ, exhibited at the Great Exhibition of 1851. Doors open 6.00pm, Recital starts 6.30pm. Minimum suggested donation £12 on the door. Generously sponsored by the family of the late Hugh Cecil.

Please check the website: www.wivetonchurch.co.uk for updates.

The Wiveton Bell will be running its 'Three Courses for £28 inc coffee' Meal Deal, and if you mention that you are going to the Organ Recital when you book a table, they will give a proportion of their takings to the Church Restoration fund.

Thursday, 26th May

Cley Village Hall

We are thrilled that Lord Somerleyton has agreed to give a Talk on the wilding of his Somerleyton Estate, after it was postponed from 2019. Further details to follow.

All of the above events in aid of the Church restoration fund.

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

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

Watch this space for further details of this exciting event.

Wiveton Church 200 Club

Wyatt Earp is February's 1st Prize winner in the 200 Club Draw. The 1st prize stands at £65.

If you would like to join, please email antheadeloynes@aol.com, call 07746 018310 or pick up a leaflet from Wiveton Church.

Crowdfunder Appeal

At the time of writing, the total raised on the Crowdfunder appeal, including offline donations, is in excess of £20,000.

We are astonished and tremendously grateful to everyone for their generosity. It seems that it is still possible to donate to the Appeal, so if you would like to add to it, please type <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/save-wiveton-church> into your browser.

*Anthea de Loynes
Chair of Friends of Wiveton Church*

Blakeney Craft Group

are taking bookings for 2022

Enquiries & Bookings

Please contact: der740@btinternet.com

Dates for 2022

April 16th & 17th

May 28th & 29th

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July 16th & 17th

August 20th & 21st

September 3rd & 4th

October 15th & 16th

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Beeny Cliff, by Thomas Hardy (Written after the death of his wife Emma Gifford)

O the opal and the sapphire of that wandering western sea,
And the woman riding high above with bright hair flapping free
The woman whom I loved so, and who loyally loved me.

The pale mews plained below us, and the waves seemed far away,
In a nether sky, engrossed in saying their ceaseless babbling say,
As we laughed light-heartedly aloft on that clear-sunned March Day.

A little cloud then cloaked us, and there flew an irised rain,
And the Atlantic dyed its levels with a dull mis featured stain,
And then the sun burst out again, and purples prinked the main.

- Still in all its chasmal beauty bulks old Beeny to the sky,
And shall she and I not go there once again now March is nigh,
And the sweet things said in that March say anew there by and by?

What if still in chasmal beauty looms that wild weird western shore,
The woman now is - elsewhere - whom the ambling pony bore,
And nor knows nor cares for Beeny, and will laugh there nevermore.

Glandford

Farewell to Rachel & Paul Fawcett

It is with sadness that we have waved farewell to Rachel and Paul Fawcett at the Glandford Shell Museum,,,,,they have been greatly valued and hardworking members of our small village, with Rachel especially putting the Shell Museum even more firmly on the map, and both giving a welcome at the church, with delightful help from young Delilah! Rachel has secured a job with the NHS near her family in Wales and Paul will follow shortly with a transfer through the Probation Serviced, we will miss them greatly.

However, we are pleased to welcome a new Young local family, Hayley and Tom Dixie, with their two sons who attend Langham primary school, and hope they settle into Church cottage happily.

Averil Monteath

Letheringsett

There is no news from Letheringsett this month

Community News

District Councillor's Report February 2022

From NNDC:

- 'NNDC, as part of the Norfolk Warm Homes Consortium, has £3.85m of government grant to provide energy efficiency works to homes occupied by low-income households. If household income is less than £30,000 and the property has an Energy Performance Certificate of band D or lower, the grant will cover 100% of costs for owner occupiers (to a maximum of £10,000) and 2/3 of the cost for landlords (to a maximum of £7,500 for landlords). Eligible works include wall, loft and underfloor insulation, and low carbon heating technologies.
- Discretionary Housing Payments are still available for those who need support to prevent rent arrears and eviction. Contact NNDC if you would like more details.
- The Household Support Fund is open till the end of March. The focus is on those on income related benefits such as pension credit, those on disability and sickness related benefits and those living in a property with an Energy Performance Certificate of E or below. Go to Household Support Fund at NNDC.
- The Developing Skills in Health and Social Care project will provide fully funded qualifications to staff in Norfolk and Suffolk.'

Community First Responders - the Ambulance Trust has funding to provide an extra Community First Responder car in North Norfolk for the spring/summer. They are looking for volunteers especially in Wells; training is provided. Contact cfr@eastamb.nhs.uk if you are interested in this vital role.

I'm taking part in an Environmental Incubator project run by Norfolk County Council to develop and set up environmental projects in the community, for which there is funding. Simple examples might be reducing or elimination the number of paper cups used or recycling the rubbish being collected from beaches. If anyone has any ideas they would like to take forward, please do get in touch.

Dr Victoria Holliday
Elected Member, Coastal Ward
07557054629

Landscapes review (National Parks and AONBs): government response

The Government's response to the Landscapes Review have been set out by Environment Secretary George Eustice.

The proposals, which will be subject to consultation, are a response to Julian Glover's 2019 independent Landscapes Review which looked at whether the protections for National Parks and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONBs) are still fit for purpose. A new national landscapes partnership

would bring together those responsible for managing England's National Parks and AONBs to collaborate, share knowledge and tackle common objectives such as nature recovery and improved public access. By harnessing their collective strengths whilst preserving their independence, the partnership would support local leadership to work together nationally, including by carrying out campaigns, organising events and offering volunteering opportunities that bring people closer to nature.

A consultation will also ask for views on proposals to drive nature recovery within our landscapes and support for the communities that live and work within them, such as the design and delivery of new agri-environment schemes and an ambitious management plan for each area.

The full Government's response to the Landscapes Review can be found online at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/landscapes-review-national-parks-and-aonbs-government-response>
The consultation can be found online at: <https://consult.defra.gov.uk/future-landscapes-strategy/government-response-to-the-landscapes-review/>

We would encourage everyone living or working in the Norfolk Coast AONB to have their say and take part in the consultation process before the **9th April deadline**.

Norfolk Local Access Forum volunteer vacancies

I am emailing to let you know that the Norfolk Local Access Forum is seeking new members and to ask if you could please promote the recruitment in your capacity as parish clerk (or parish representative) to your local community.

The Norfolk Local Access Forum is comprised of up to 22 people covering a range of interests in countryside access in Norfolk, including: walking; cycling; horse riding; landowners; conservation; other interests (including tourism, business, heritage, education). The Forum provides independent advice to a number of organisations including Norfolk County Council on improving access to the countryside in Norfolk.

We are looking for enthusiastic and proactive people with a passion for the outdoors with good communication skills to fill 14 volunteer vacancies on the Forum. These members will represent a range of interest areas and full details can be found online, along with the recruitment form here: <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/what-we-do-and-how-we-work/policy-performance-and-partnerships/partnerships/local-access-forum> (the recruitment form is under the 'membership' tab here).

If you have any queries, please email nlaf@norfolk.gov.uk or contact 0344 800 8020.

The closing date for applications is 25th March 2022

If you are on Twitter and can promote the vacancies that would be wonderful – the tweet is

here: <https://twitter.com/NorfolkLAF/status/1488234539029827587?s=20>

Best wishes, Su
Su Waldron, Project Officer
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Letters & Articles

Time to get walking again!

At this time of year, we start to think about the mud drying up and getting out to walk in the beautiful English Countryside again, but where to find new and interesting walks?

Walking in

Norfolk <https://www.walkinginengland.co.uk/norfolk> has hundreds of walks to download and print, free, it also has books of walks, details of all the walking groups in the county and much more. Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group all the information is there in one place.

John Harris (the custodian of the website) said 'There is so much walking information on the web but it is difficult to find. Walking in Norfolk (part of the Walking in England website) has brought it together in one place so whether you are walking from home, or away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk suitable for you'.

With walks from half a mile to twelve miles plus long, and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy.

So, home or away, check out the websites and get walking!

John Harris

www.walkinginengland.co.uk
john@walkinginengland.co.uk

The Late Richard Long

Angela, Charlotte and Ellioté would like to thank our family, friends, the wonderful team at The Moorings and neighbours for their love and support over this very difficult time.

Special thanks to Reverend Richard Lawry and all at St Nicholas' for their help and support throughout the funeral arrangements and the beautiful service; to Emma Duggan and her team; The Blakeney Twelve for their support over the years; the wonderful staff at The Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital and Addenbrookes Hospital Cambridge.

We have been truly touched by the hundreds of lovely letters, cards and flowers, all sending messages of love and support. Each and every one of them is appreciated, thank you.

We carry Richard in our hearts, looking forward with hope and looking back with a smile for the wonderful person we were all lucky enough to have in our lives. Richard's Nephew Guy, gave the most beautiful, heartfelt eulogy at the funeral during which he read a poem he had written shortly after receiving the news of Richard's death, I hope you can take a minute to read it and remember Richard with a smile.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts Angela, Charlotte and Ellioté.

Richard

Quietly masterful day by night
Knowingly doing, loving the fight
Standing, creating such marvels to see
To try was to know how good could it be
Not easily moved... try as one might
Doing and doing, just knowing what's right

Seeking not more, but taking delight
No, caring for more, sharing his light

Example to me in all sides of life
If one day I see just a little of him
Showing in me, even just slight
Inside I'd know
I'd know I'm alright

I think of him now and on and on
Never will this change, to back and beyond
The moments I shared, many and fine
Taste sweeter in memory each time that they shine

Always will he be so bright in my mind
One another, together
Together we'll remind
Of all of the times, so great and so kind

To me, my uncle, my example, my friend
Husband, father, brother, son
Loving all at once, loving without end
To this love that he showed and the joy he did send
Never not now, not ever will ours end

Guy Johnson

Readers of the GVN will be aware that Blakeney Parish Council are trying to raise the profile and use of the Blakeney Doctor's Surgery by Holt Medical Practice, as previously reported, and hence we share the following correspondence.

25th November 2021

Dear Katie

Re: Level of Service Provision at Blakeney Surgery

I have been instructed by Blakeney Parish Council to write to you to raise their concerns regarding the level of medical provision available to our local community at Blakeney Surgery.

The surgery is one of three provided by Holt Medical Practice with the other two being located at Holt itself and Melton Constable. The Parish Council have noted that improvements in facilities are currently being provided at the Holt and Melton Constable locations.

Historically Blakeney Surgery has provided a wide range of medical care to our community and below is a summary of these;

1. GP consultations.
2. Nurse consultations including the taking of blood samples and ECG tests as referred by a GP.
3. Nurse led clinics in respect of maternity issues, diabetes control, family planning, cervical smears, HRT appointments, immunisation clinics and well-baby clinics.
4. The surgery has been used as a hub for providing annual flu vaccines.
5. The surgery also provided first aid treatment to minor injuries, removal of sutures, blood pressure checks, travel advice, changing dressings and ear syringing.
6. It was also a dispensing surgery being able to deal with repeat prescriptions and prescriptions issued by medical staff on the day.

During the time this level of service provision was provided, Blakeney Surgery was open Monday to Friday between 8.30am – 12.30pm and 2.00pm – 5.00pm with it being closed on Thursday afternoons for staff training. The provision of some of the services indicated above was limited to Monday, Wednesday, and Friday morning between 8.30am – 12noon.

Blakeney Parish Council fully understands the impact on medical services by the current Covid-19 pandemic and that the response to that will have required the temporary rationalisation of service provision across that provided by Holt Medical Practice to all its patients.

However, the Parish Council is very concerned that currently Blakeney Surgery is only open Monday to Friday between 8.00am and 1.00pm with the only issue it deals with being the collection of repeat prescriptions with the medication having been dispensed at Holt.

The Parish Council would also remind Holt Medical Practice that many members of our community are elderly or infirm and that to get to Holt or Melton Constable instead of Blakeney Surgery is a more difficult journey requiring them to drive, take a taxi or rely upon a friend or family member to take them, they certainly would not be able to walk there. This issue impacts adversely upon their individual carbon footprint at a time when we are all expected to be reducing it not increasing it!

It is worth noting that the number of patients who would use Blakeney Surgery as their first point of contact is considerable, as it may well include those living in Blakeney, Cley, Morston, Salthouse, Stiffkey, Wiveton, Letheringsett, Binham and Field Dalling.

Blakeney Parish Council discussed the issue of the medical service provision to the community that Blakeney Surgery covers at its last meeting and voted unanimously to send this letter to you to seek a date or a time scale as to when Blakeney Surgery will return to the provision of a level of medical service that it used to provide to the community.

It is also worth mentioning, that the Blakeney surgery sign, outside has fallen to pieces and looks most unkempt and untidy and not the most welcoming first impression.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Yours sincerely – Blakeney Parish Council

The response we received from Holt Medical Practice

6th December 2021

Dear Tracey

Re: Blakeney Surgery

Thank you for your recent letter in which you raised concerns about the level of medical services available at Blakeney Surgery.

We have noted your comments regarding historical use and opening times.

Up until 16th March 2020, a small number of patient-facing clinics were hosted at Blakeney Surgery. This was limited in number and range of services (compared to Holt and Melton), usually over 2 or 3 mornings a week, available to all patients registered with Holt Medical Practice – not exclusively those living closer to Blakeney Surgery. There was a limited range of medication on site allowing on the day, acute dispensing.

After 16th March, due to COVID, our whole appointment system was adjusted – as were the locations that certain services were hosted across all 3 sites. Shortly thereafter, we designated Blakeney as our “hot site” enabling symptomatic, potential COVID patients the opportunity to be seen locally and safely (away from other patients and staff).

When COVID declined over the summer, we took the opportunity to adjust the opening hours at Blakeney to mornings only (which reflected the footfall to the site pre-Covid) and we continued to ensure medication was able to be collected and ordered from the site. Now, all medication (for collection from Blakeney and Melton Surgeries) is prepared on site at Holt before being returned ready for collection.

We continue to experience staffing inconsistencies due to COVID and with the new strain causing enhanced concern, we have decided to continue keeping Blakeney “free” of patient facing clinics over this winter allowing us more flexibility in terms of staffing our other, larger two sites and allowing us to use Blakeney as a hot site on an ad hoc basis.

Whilst we understand it may have been disappointing for the service out of Blakeney to have changed, we are pleased to have been able to continue to open Blakeney Surgery over 5 days a week allowing for daily medication ordering and collections, and a receptionist for face-to-face queries. In the spring, we will review the position again.

Yours sincerely

Dr. Deborah Clark, Executive Partner, GP

Cooking On Blakeney Point in the 1950's

As some of you may know, University College London owns the Old Lifeboat House on Blakeney Point. This was used throughout the year by Staff and Research Students from the Botany, Zoology and Geography Departments, but it was also used as a base for field studies which were an essential part of degree courses. So, in June each year, two separate groups of undergraduates from the Botany Department came down on consecutive weeks and they were looked after by Marian, a lab technician and a trained and competent cook. But in June 1955 Marion was unexpectedly called back to London at the end of the first week because her father was very ill.

I was the only woman on the staff of the Botany Department (I was appointed in October 1954) so they asked me if I would fill the gap. I was a confident cook, used to cooking for big parties, and I wanted to help. I was also flattered to be asked so I agreed to go.

I admit I did begin to feel slightly apprehensive on the drive down from London because everything had happened so quickly (within 24 hours) and a little more worried when I stood on Morston Quay. I suddenly realised that all the food would have to be ordered in advance and carried to the Point by boat when the tide was right. I couldn't simply go round to the shops.

The feeling of apprehension was nothing compared to the terror I felt when I walked into the Lifeboat House. I stepped into a lobby, with a small room on either side, and then into the hut. There I saw a long room stretching before me with a wooden table standing on the brick floor

and benches on either side, but the only think I was conscious of in that moment was that the room was lit by TILLEY LAMPS!!!! In other words, there was no electricity, no fridge, no hot water and, most importantly, no cooker – a fact they had forgotten to mention.

I was going to have to provide breakfasts, lunches, teas, cooked evening meals and bedtime drinks for 30 people - i.e., 25 students, 2 lecturers (Drs Fogg and White), 2 technicians (John Page and Reg Brlnsden) and me - on 2 primuses and an open fire!! The information that there was no water in the hut and that I would have to sleep in the larder did not make me feel any better.

But things went much more smoothly than I had feared. I like a challenge and by the end of the week I was thoroughly enjoying myself. Marian had laid down a strict routine and the men were very helpful. For example, while I was laying the table for breakfast at 8.00am sharp, putting out cereals, jams, marmalade, butter, cutting the bread and making the tea, the men cooked the breakfast. Each day there was egg in some form and bacon, and innumerable cups of tea.

John Page, one of the technicians, was invaluable. Between us we thought of ways of making the cooking easier and more efficient. He made a frame with a metal plate forming the top, like a table, which could stand over the primuses. As the plate warmed, I could use it to boil 3 saucepans rather than 2. He made an oven with a metal base in which I successfully cooked the beef joint Marian had ordered, a trivet to stand over the fire, and thin metal strips cut so they could interlock, like old fashioned egg box dividers. We stood these in a rectangular baking dish so that 15 eggs could be poached or fried at the same time. He was brilliant. The students too were splendid and gave me a lot of help. After breakfast we divided them into groups: 2 students were sent off, armed with yokes or buckets, to draw water from the well - this was in the dunes behind the New Lifeboat House (now painted blue); another group washed up in a big bowl on the table (I had heated the water for them) and then dried up; another swept the floor and scrubbed the table and the rest went to collect driftwood for the fire. The students attacked their jobs with gusto, so much so that I had to sweep the floor again when they left. In their enthusiasm they swept with such vigour that they spread the dry mud and sand (which collected between the bricks) over everything!

Before lunch 3 students were sent back from their work to set the table, put out the bowls of salad I had prepared, together with bowls of nuts and raisins, chutney, pickle, etc and bowls of fresh fruit. They cut the bread and put out glasses of water. All I had to do was to serve the protein part – cheese or tinned fish (very popular) or cold gammon, hard-boiled eggs, etc.

The students studied very hard. In the morning and early afternoon, they collected data outside; after tea they collated results; after supper they discussed what they had learnt; at 9pm they had their drinks provided by the technicians and me; and then were sent to their tents. They only had about 1 1/2 hours of free time but no one ever complained. They clearly enjoyed every minute of it.

This is a list of the main dishes I cooked that year: beef casserole (cooked on the top of the ‘stove’); lamb stew with Norfolk dumplings; fish (I think whitebait); beef joint; sausages; boiled gammon joint; savoury mince (the nearest thing to spaghetti bolognese then). Custard and stewed apple, custard and greengages, custard and tinned fruit, a sort of apple crumble, trifle and, by popular demand, rice pudding – this was the most difficult thing I cooked all week.

It was a good week. The students had big appetites, ate everything with pleasure, never complained, and obviously enjoyed the experience. After they had gone, we sat down tired but happy, conscious of work well done, and I had enjoyed it so much that I volunteered to do it again. In fact, I cooked for both weeks for the following 4 years.

Monica White

Blakeney 1947 (Part 2) School

My first day at Langham School, I waited for the bus opposite Morston church on a corner that no longer exists, the road layout has since been changed, the bus that came along had a bonnet like a roman nose stuck on the front and a door in three parts that folded back like a giant concertina. I was accompanied by a girl from the village who was charged with looking after me, although she must have thought she was there to stop me falling off the bus because the minute we arrived she disappeared. Dressed in a cream and blue linen shirt with matching trousers held up by buttons attached to the shirt, white cotton socks and leather sandals, I could not have been more conspicuous if a beam of light from heaven had been shining down on me. The huge, puzzled boys that surrounded me were wearing lumberjack shirts with tank tops, long shorts of a heavy serge material that reached to their knees, where they met equally heavy-duty knitted socks coming up from large hob-nailed boots. Except when being kicked by them these boots seemed marvelous. They had so many metal studs hammered into their soles that they produced showers of sparks at the slightest change of direction. Some of the more energetic boys looked as if they were rocket-powered.

My clothes set me apart, but there was more. Someone had said to my mother that I was the image of ‘Bubbles’, Millais’ strange androgynous child in the Pear’s soap adverts. So before sending me out she would strive to improve the resemblance by brushing my already curly hair into an unstable and statically charged golden cloud. The only reason I survived unscathed that first day in the playground was because they were not really certain what I was. I could have been a girl, but I might equally have been a wingless cherub. Once they discovered I wasn’t I quickly acquired a closer acquaintance with those boots. I would have given anything to be like them. I didn’t want to be a bully, I just wanted to belong, and I became convinced that having the same clothes was all it would take. I tried to persuade my mother to get me hob-nailed boots, but my plea fell on deaf ears. The whole point of my clothes was to set me apart – a demonstration of my mother’s belief that our

having lived in Kingston-upon-Thames had somehow transformed us into middle class.

As summer turned to autumn my hopes began to lift. Surely, I would get the big trousers and boots when the cold weather came. But no, my clothing changed to a grey shirt and cardigan, grey socks and, amazingly, brogue shoes, an embryo spiv at Langham Primary. It was some time before I began to match the background and it came through our poverty rather than any change of heart on my mother's part. Life must have been so very hard for her then, and accepting 'hand me downs' would have been the ultimate indignity; but it's an ill wind that doesn't blow some good and it gave me the clothes I longed for.

Finally, I had the heavy long-shorts, the tank top and the boots, but it was still not going to work. I so wanted the horseshoe clates that made the other boys' boots spark, but I wore my heels over so badly that I had to have little half-moons tacked on the edge, and they just wouldn't spark in the same way. Even in 1940s Langham, a fashion of sorts slithered in. Snake belts had become the 'in' thing, red and white, blue and white, yellow and green, all colours in stripes. I had braces, very old braces, their weakened and wavy elastic no match for the weight of those heavy long-shorts. I had begun to acquire some athleticism, certainly some fleetness of foot and a good dodging technique, but this new combination of differences put a sharp rein on that. Any rapid movement, a few happy skips even, was impossible. If I tried to leap upwards, my shorts stayed where they were, then as the braces belatedly exerted some influence would rush up to meet me as I came down. I had to develop the most peculiar loping gait just to be able to run and stay with my clothing. In the summer the other boys would take off their shirts at playtime to get a tan.

Me, if I took off my shirt and top it left enough room around my waist for my shorts to add spin to their separate life, and playground activities for me would have stopped altogether. It seemed I was never going to get it right. I could try, but the pattern of difference, perhaps laid down the day my mother left for London and my father named me Godfrey, was ineradicable. It has never gone away. At that time and for many years after, it seemed like a terrible and unrelenting curse but ultimately it has been a good thing as I owe what I am to it.

As time went by things did get better and I settled in. I never felt that I was one of the boys but I was happy. Apart from the indirect effects of rail travel it was a pre-industrial world. The farm in Langham still used horses on the land and the huge big-wheeled carts were all housed in an open-faced barn directly opposite the school. At that time the rural villages of North Norfolk, certainly those further from the towns, were virtually the same as they had been a century earlier. The only modern intrusion being the British and American army vehicles that constantly came by. The men themselves would also occasionally march past, for one small boy this was the high point of his day, he would sit on the school wall throughout playtime and when he got lucky and a platoon did come by, he would salute them, but with just one finger, so it looked like he was pointing at his head, I think the soldiers must have wondered what kind of school it was. Large convoys

of American open-back lorries regularly came through and we would shout 'Gum Chum' and they would throw sticks of chewing gum out to us, sometime if we got lucky a whole pack and on one occasion, when not so lucky, a half dozen live 303 bullets.

Langham school didn't have any open ground around it so we had to walk along the road to a nearby field for outdoor activities. To get to that field we had to go through another which had, and still does, a lone horse chestnut the middle of it. (Opposite the Harper hotel) The huge bull that was normally in our sports field was tethered to it while we used its field. On one occasion with another boy, we slipped off and hid in a large chicken hut, when we came out the school had left and the bull was back in the field.

The distance from the hut to the gate was too far to run to if it spotted us so we crept slowly away in the opposite direction. But it did spot us and charged, fear can give you wings and it was those wings that saved us at the end of our flight, we leapt a fence so high we would have both won the high jump had it really been sports day, clearing it by several feet and rolling as the snorting bull came crashing to a stop behind us. We then came back frightened and disheveled to the school from the opposite direction we met the rest of the school coming down the road towards. I don't recall Miss Smith our teacher making any comment at all.

The only major discord of any kind I recall after those first few weeks was the school band – not being in it -but the band itself and the terrible racket it produced. There were about a dozen of us and with one notable exception, no-one could play anything. The exception, George Hook, was, compared to the rest of us a musical genius, being able to play more than one instrument. He was a member of the Newstead family. Norfolk isn't famed for its musicality, so a family that could play or sing together were known for miles around. They were such a family. So, on a variety of instruments that could be shaken, rattled or hit – tambourines, maracas, cymbals and triangles – a mind-bending racket accompanied George on his flute or, on even more dreadful occasions his trumpet.

With the school on the edge of the village I am sure the people of Langham thought themselves singularly blessed that we were not a marching band. Miss Smith, loved us as if we were her own and no doubt to her, we sounded like the band of the Coldstream Guards, but the coordination required for marching and playing would be a step too far, we could have ended up anywhere. She was the sweetest and most gentle person I encountered in my young life. Some years later when I had long left Langham School, I contracted osteomyelitis and spent some time in the Jenny Lind hospital in Norwich. There I received regular letters and a hamper-sized box of books, comics, sweets and Easter eggs with a card signed by all at the school.

The other teacher at Langham School was Ellen Elwood, whom I only learned much later was my mother's cousin. Her resemblance to my mother in the old school photographs is so striking that I am surprised that even as a child I didn't noticed it. Some years ago, having at almost

the last moment learned of this part of my family; I went to see her. We had a lovely afternoon and her reminiscences seemed to sharpen the focus of my own. She told me how one day a boy was quietly crying in class. She went to him, put her arm round his shoulder and asked what was wrong. "I can't hev any mor brothers or sisters," he sobbed. "But you already have eight brothers and a sister," she said, "and in any case how can you be so sure you won't?" "Because last night my dad went down the garden and dug up all the gooseberry bushes."

He must have been a late developer because at an earlier age than he was I had suspicions about sex and with some bizarre degrees of failure had made attempts to practice it. I met him at a party a couple of years ago with his lovely daughter, so I guess he did get through the bushes in the end. On another occasion a tell-tale ran in to tell Ellen that a boy had used a bad word. "Now, now Adrian," she said, "we don't like to tell tales here. Anyway, I am sure he did no such thing." "Oh yes he did," replied Adrian. "He used the same word my father does when he's shaving." Like Miss Smith, Ellen saw us as little angels. That particular boy was quite capable of using that sort of language. He used to spend his spare time collecting baby birds from their nests and stringing them all around the gutters of farm barns. When I recounted Ellen's tale to Adrian in the pub later, he smiled ruefully and said, "Oh dear, I must have been a frightful sneak, even then".

Another boy who was very good with his hands but had some trouble with reading and writing was receiving a severe [for Ellen] reprimand. She was telling him his work was badly spelled and that he would have to stay behind and do it all again when Adrian interrupted her. "Miss, you said that we have to look for the good in everyone, and Freddy is very good with Plasticine." Adrian had that spot on. A few weeks ago, on a day out with Fred he said that he had decided to have 'Freddy was very good with plasticine' on his gravestone. But he could claim a great deal more than that, he went on to become a master-builder, cabinet-maker and a fine all-round craftsman, capable of building a house and making all the furniture to put in it. Wonderful stuff, Plasticine!

'Extract from Godfrey Sayers Book 'Once Upon a Tide'

Godfrey Sayers

National Service Remembered

Anyone who actually did National Service is over 80 now, so perhaps it may be appropriate to remember it and what it entailed.

After World War 2 Britain's armed forces faced the problems of occupying and defending West Germany, handling the emergencies in Malaya, Cyprus, Oman, Egypt, Kenya and elsewhere and of waging a hard-fought war in Korea. There was no chance of recruiting enough volunteers to do all these tasks so the Labour Government then in power introduced the National Service Acts of 1947 and 1948. These required able bodied males of 17 to 21 years old to serve with the armed forces for a period of 18 months. (Increased to 24 months in 1950). Including National Servicemen, the UK then had about

a million men under arms as opposed to less than a hundred and fifty thousand now.

Most young men regarded National Service as a "fact of life" which had to be endured – just like school. For a few it was a terrible burden, for others it presented new and unexpected life changing experiences. Unfortunates spent most of their time washing pans and peeling potatoes, at the other end of the scale a very few lucky ones found themselves trained to fly jet fighters. Men sent to Korea were in the thick of a bitter all-out war, others, mostly in the Middle East, had to hunt down terrorists or learn to control angry, rioting, crowds. Most of us however did nothing more dangerous than preparing for a clash with Communist forces in Europe which thankfully never happened.

Boys who had been away from home at boarding schools or boy's camps found the early days of basic military training quite easy, but a few of those who had never been away from home before found the experience lonely and terrifying. NCO's training recruits could be harsh and cruel but more often they were decent fellows who found ways to encourage and support any unhappy charges. Almost all of us profited from being made to keep fit, clean and to keep kit in good order. After a few months of training most of us began to take pride in our unit and ourselves. We grew in stature, confidence and self-esteem. I myself did nothing spectacular, serving in the infantry component of an armoured division in Germany and in the UK. I never heard a shot fired in anger but I did emerge from the experience with a better understanding of, and respect for, my fellow men

Should National Service return one day? I don't think so. Fighting now is less about massed ranks of men with rifles and formations of heavy tanks and artillery and more about high tec operations for which long, specialist training is essential. Training aircrew for modern military aircraft takes several years and is far too expensive to be integrated into a two-year national service format, warships are a mass of high tec electronics and even infantrymen have to be able to operate complex sophisticated weapons and systems. Warfare today is a business for dedicated professionals, not conscripts. However, it is impossible to deny the social benefits of a system in which people of all classes and races are brought together and subjected to similar disciplines and training.

Obviously to would be better if such a system was focused on valuable civilian, rather than military, objectives. Improving domestic insulation, road construction, care of the elderly, forestry work and environmental projects all might be tasks for such a service. Also, this time National Service would have to include girls on equal terms to men. (National Service applied to males only). Maybe in the future someone will devise a scheme which gets young people together in a disciplined, organised, structure but I have not seen a workable proposal for doing so. If such a suggestion were to come to the fore, I am sure that most of we old ex national servicemen would wish it well.

Jim Crossley

an evening of poetry and music

BETWEEN THE SEA AND SKY

Peter Peggall - poetry

Kate Munro - clarinet

Jon Payne - piano

SATURDAY MARCH 12TH

7PM

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WANTED – Treasurer for Blakeney, Cley & District RBL Club Ltd and Harbour Room

The Harbour Room is the trading style of the Blakeney Cley and District RBL Club based in the High Street in Blakeney. The Harbour Room is embarking on an ambitious programme involving the running of a hospitality and events venue whilst supporting both our Armed Forces and local community with surplus funds generated by our hospitality and events business.

What the Role will include:

- 1. PAYROLL**
Prepare the weekly payroll, submit to HMRC, pay the wages and pay PAYE / NIC due.
5th April submit all necessary forms to complete the year end procedure and distribute P60s to staff.
- 2. VAT** - Submit the quarterly VAT return to HMRC electronically from SAGE, by the due date.
- 3. BANK ACCOUNT** - Post all expense transactions on SAGE.
Pay expenses as necessary online by Barclays.
Post takings / bankings on SAGE.
Reconcile the bank account monthly
- 4. MONTHLY ACCOUNTS** - Prepare an income and expenditure account, each month for the Committee meeting, along with any notes that are needed.
Attend the monthly Committee meeting to present the figures.
- 5. YEAR END FORMS** - Complete the year end forms which are require by Legion Head Office and FCA.
- 6. YEAR END ACCOUNTS** - Prepare the year end accounts to give to the accountants to prepare an Accountants Report, as required by Legion and FCA. This comprises including debtors, creditors, prepayments, depreciation etc
- 7. CORPORATION TAX** - Complete online and submit the necessary corporation tax forms and pay the corporation tax, if necessary.
- 8. MISCELLANEOUS** - Any other duties as required!

Good rates of pay available. 10 hours of paid work per calendar month. Ideally experience in the above duties however this is not essential. Please send CV's to jacquie.ogrady@btinternet.com

Blakeney Harbour Room - March Events!

Sat 5th March– 7.30pm Mussels & Chips Night £15.00 per person Fresh local mussels in a white wine, garlic & cream sauce. Fresh crusty bread & chips. And a good old sing song!

Fri 11th March– 8.00pm Race Night at the Track Have a flutter or three and see how good you are at reading the form!

Friday 18th March- 8pm Chris Wood Concert - £12.00 Adv/£15 on Door Songwriter, composer, instrumentalist, outstanding singer. And winner of 6 Radio 2 Folk Awards. Support act Yve Mary B takes to the stage at 7:15pm with doors opening at 7pm.

Thurs 24th March – 7.30pm Monthly Quiz Night £2.00 per person

139 High Street, Blakeney, Norfolk, NR25 7NU Phone: 01263 741666

www.blakeneyharbourroom.co.uk

County Councillor's Report (Wells Division)

National Trust

Covid-19

With the current Covid-19 situation now improving nationally and within North Norfolk, the government has now ended Plan B Covid-19 response during the winter season and returned back to plan A of the government Covid-19 response. This means that face coverings are no longer required in shops and public transport, Covid passes for large events, no longer mandatory and the Work from Home order scrapped. For up-to-date and trusted sources regarding Covid-19 visit **Public Health England** or **Norfolk Insights**.

Norfolk County Council Budget proposals Plans for a balanced budget and a 2.99 per cent Council Tax rise has been passed by Norfolk County Council's cabinet on 31 January

The report to cabinet also proposes a review of how the council operates, to tackle a predicted £60 million gap the following year.

Two possible Council Tax rises have been tabled, 2.99 per cent or the maximum permissible 3.99 per cent. Councillors have already said they favour 2.99 per cent, in the light of feedback from the recent public consultation.

The 2022-23 budget proposes significant investment, while addressing continuing severe pressure on services, including:

- Adult social services: £35.478 million of growth pressure (including for the National Living Wage), against planned savings of £10.465 million.
- Children's services: £23.244 million of growth pressure, against planned savings of £12.088 million.
- Community and environmental services: £10.053 million of growth pressure, against planned savings of £3.496 million.

The council will continue to lobby the Government for a fair share of funding for Norfolk.

Norfolk Library and Information Service

Free Grab and Go bags containing helpful items to help people over the Winter.

Funding from the Department of Work and Pensions (DWP) household support fund has enabled Norfolk Library and Information Service to provide free Grab and Go bags containing helpful items to help people over the Winter.

Keep Warm and Go, Toiletries to Go, and Cleaning to Go bags will be available until the end of March 2022 (while stocks last). Tricky Period to Go will continue beyond March 2022.

*CLLR Michael Dalby for Well Division
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07504545077*

Once again, the Grey Seals appear to have had another successful season on Blakeney Point with winter storms having little impact on numbers. Now that the pups have all departed the Point, I'd like to say thank you to everyone for obeying restrictions and keeping their dogs on leads where requested. It might not seem like much but not disturbing the seals where possible is the key thing we can do to ensure the seal population on the point continues to thrive. So, thank you.

Thoughts now turn to the arrival of the terns and I'd like to take this opportunity to ask everyone to please respect the cordoned off nesting areas and the no dog's restriction over the spring and summer so we can give the birds the best possible chance of fledging chicks. The Little and Sandwich Tern colonies on Blakeney Point are some of the largest in Britain and are of national importance, supporting up to 25% of the national Sandwich Tern population and 18% of the Little Tern population.

If anyone is interested in volunteering on the point, particularly to help warden the little terns over the summer then please get in touch.

*Duncan Halpin, Ranger
duncan.halpin@nationaltrust.org.uk*

Blakeney Antiques & Collectors Fair

Blakeney Village Hall,
Langham Road, Blakeney

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

A small and friendly fair with 24
individual dealers offering a wide range
of antiques and collectables.
Free parking and café on site.

For further information
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or call Mandy Allen – 07876 254173

WHAT'S ON INFORMATION

**MERCHANTS HOUSE GARDEN OPEN -
86 High Street, Blakeney
Open from 10 – 4pm
Saturday 19th March**

We are opening the garden in a different way this year. It will be open for one day every month - dates to be announced in the GVN as the year progresses. Proceeds will be shared between Glaven Caring and St Nicholas Church.

Entry will be £5.00 for the first visit and £3.00 thereafter. This will not be policed so it is up to you and your conscience! The more you come the more you will notice the changes in the garden as the seasons progress. Opening it in this way though will mean that it will not be 100% perfect every time!

There will be no refreshments! - the focus is the garden.

Become a Volunteer at the Museum of the Broads

Do you fancy doing something different this year? We are looking for local people to join us.

The Museum has several volunteering opportunities for 2022. You could join our front of house team, welcoming visitors and selling tickets and items from the shop helm one of our boats, learn to be a steam boat engineer, or join our maintenance team and hone your DIY skills. We are also looking for people willing to help with marketing and promotion.

Would you like to join our happy team? We offer training, social events, free entry for volunteers and their families, and the chance to bring the stories of the Broads alive.

More information on our website, or give us a call. If we're not in, just leave a message and we will get back to you.

www.museumofthebroads.org.uk/support-us/volunteer-at-the-museum

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Blakeney Area Historical Society

Tuesday 29th March 7:30pm

Cley Village Hall & Zoom

**Murder, Sex and Mayhem in
English Churches**

John Vigar

Tuesday 26th April 7:30pm

Cley Village Hall & Zoom

**The King of the Norfolk
Poachers and his life story
edited by Liliias Rider Haggard**

Charlotte Paton

**Free Entry to both
meetings**

*To receive Zoom invite, join the BAHS
or sign-up for information emails at
www.bahs.uk/information-emails*

Further Information & Updates
www.bahs.uk

COFFEE MORNING BRING & BUY

Blakeney Methodist Church

Friday 18th March

10 – 12.30pm

Everyone is welcome....

**FAKENHAM CHORAL SOCIETY
CONCERT**

**at FAKENHAM PARISH CHURCH
on SATURDAY 26TH MARCH 7pm**

Fakenham Choral Society's first performance of 2022 is sure to delight, with exciting works by Puccini and Dvorak. Conducted by music director, Mark Jones, the choir will be joined by soloists Graham Neal and Justin Harmer, and their accompanist James Mooney-Dutton.

Puccini's thrilling *Messa di Gloria* and Dvorak's romantic tuneful *Mass in D* is a performance not to be missed!

Refreshments will be available before the performance and during the interval.

Eagerly anticipating their first full-length concert since March 2019, a warm welcome is ensured. Tickets are £12 (under 18s free) in advance and can be purchased from Colin Blackmore (01485 544335) or blackburns12@btinternet.com or through the website www.fakenhamchoralsociety.org

You can also buy them at the door.

Tickets are also available from Philippa Allen at Myrtle Cottage, Wiveton. 01263 740596 or reflex@waitrose.com

**Wild About Gardens A talk by
Chelsea Gold Award Winning Garden Designer
Mandy Buckland**

March 18th

Binham Memorial Hall, 7.30pm (doors open 7pm)

Mandy lives locally, founded garden design company Greencube, and her past achievements include a gold medal at both Chelsea Flower Show and Hampton Court Flower Show. She will come equipped with plenty of ideas and

enthusiasm, perfectly timed for Spring.

Tickets £10 a head including a glass of wine/soft drink.

Book early to avoid disappointment by emailing fobptickets@gmail.com

Parking spaces are available at the Memorial Hall and the Priory Church.

Organised by The Friends of Binham Priory.

CLEY WI

Thursday 3rd March

**Cley Harbour
Regeneration Project**

*The resurrection of the Harbour
since 2015*

An illustrated talk
by

Simon Read

Cley Village Hall, NR25 7RJ
2.30pm

*Members Free
Visitors Welcome - £5.00 (includes afternoon tea)*

Further details 01263 740225

****EXTRA ITEMS**
GVN ONLINE**

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ORGAN RECITAL

by EDMUND ALDHOUSE

Celebrated Organist of Ely Cathedral

WIVETON

CHURCH

Friday 4th March 6:30pm

Minimum suggested donation £12

Doors open 6:00pm

**Generously sponsored by the family of the late Hugh
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EVERY THURSDAY
3.00PM FOR 30 MINUTES
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let's do lunch

in St Nicholas' Church, Blakeney

The Blakeney Lunch will be held on

Wednesday 16th March 12noon to 2.00pm.

We will be serving our delicious homemade soups followed by a choice of homemade dessert.

Donations welcome.



March Sudoku: Easy

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Making Musicians

Sunday Afternoon Recital

Adam Chillingworth – organ

Louis Dawes - euphonium

Isabella Rushen – voice

Brenda Blewett - piano



Sunday 20 March

3pm

St. Nicholas Church, Blakeney

Tea, coffee and cake available after the concert.

Free Admission - Retiring Collection

A series of recitals in Blakeney Church showcasing young musical talent.

*This concert features talented young musicians from Norwich School's **'Making Musicians'** programme.*

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Youth and Age combine to make glorious music

Sheringham and Cromer Choral Society are delighted to be working with Broadland Youth Choir to perform John Rutter's *Mass of the Children*, a piece written especially to be performed by a joint adult and children's choir.

The concert will take place in Cromer Parish Church on **Saturday 30 April at 7.00 pm.**

Also on the programme is the first performance of *Seasons* which has been commissioned from Thomas Hewitt Jones and is dedicated to the Choral Society and to the memory of Barbara Proctor. Barbara, a long-standing member of the choir, gifted funds in her will to the Society. The concert is given in her memory.

John Rutter's *Mass of the Children* was first performed on 13 February 2003 in Carnegie Hall, New York, conducted by the composer. As well as including traditional Latin texts the Mass also includes verse by Thomas Ken (1637- 1711), William Blake (1757 – 1827) and others.

Seasons by Thomas Hewitt Jones is a cycle of movements about the seasons of the year using the words of four poets: D H Lawrence, William Shakespeare, Emily Brontë and Paul Williamson. Zaira Palumbo in performance with Sheringham and Cromer Choral Society

The performance will be conducted by musical director David Ballard with soloists Zaira Palumbo (soprano) and Isaac Cooper (baritone). Zaira is also the musical director of Broadland Youth Choir which was formed 30 years ago and provides young singers with the opportunity to come together to make music. Further information about the Youth Choir can be found on their website www.broadlandyouthchoir.co.uk

Booking Information: Tickets cost £15 (£18 on the door), under 18's free from the box office at Sheringham Little Theatre. Telephone 01263 822347 or online at www.sheringhamlittletheatre.com

For more information about this concert and the choral society please visit
www.sheringhamandcromerchoral.org.uk

Broadland Youth Choir

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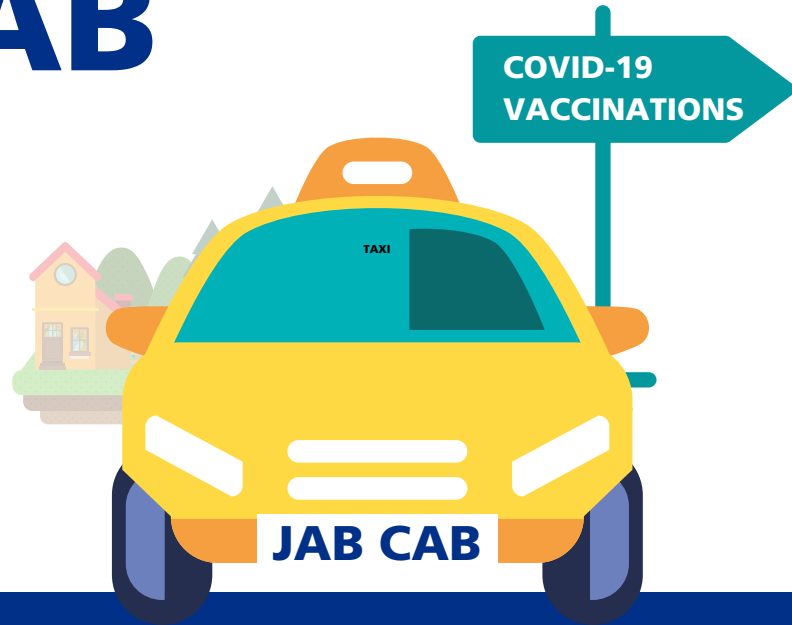
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