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*Night flight and full moon over the Glaven Valley*

*Photo by Tom Green*

**March 2023**

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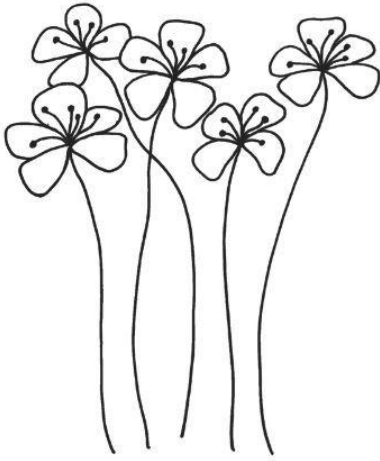
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Martin Tyler  
Treasurer, Glaven Valley Newsletter*

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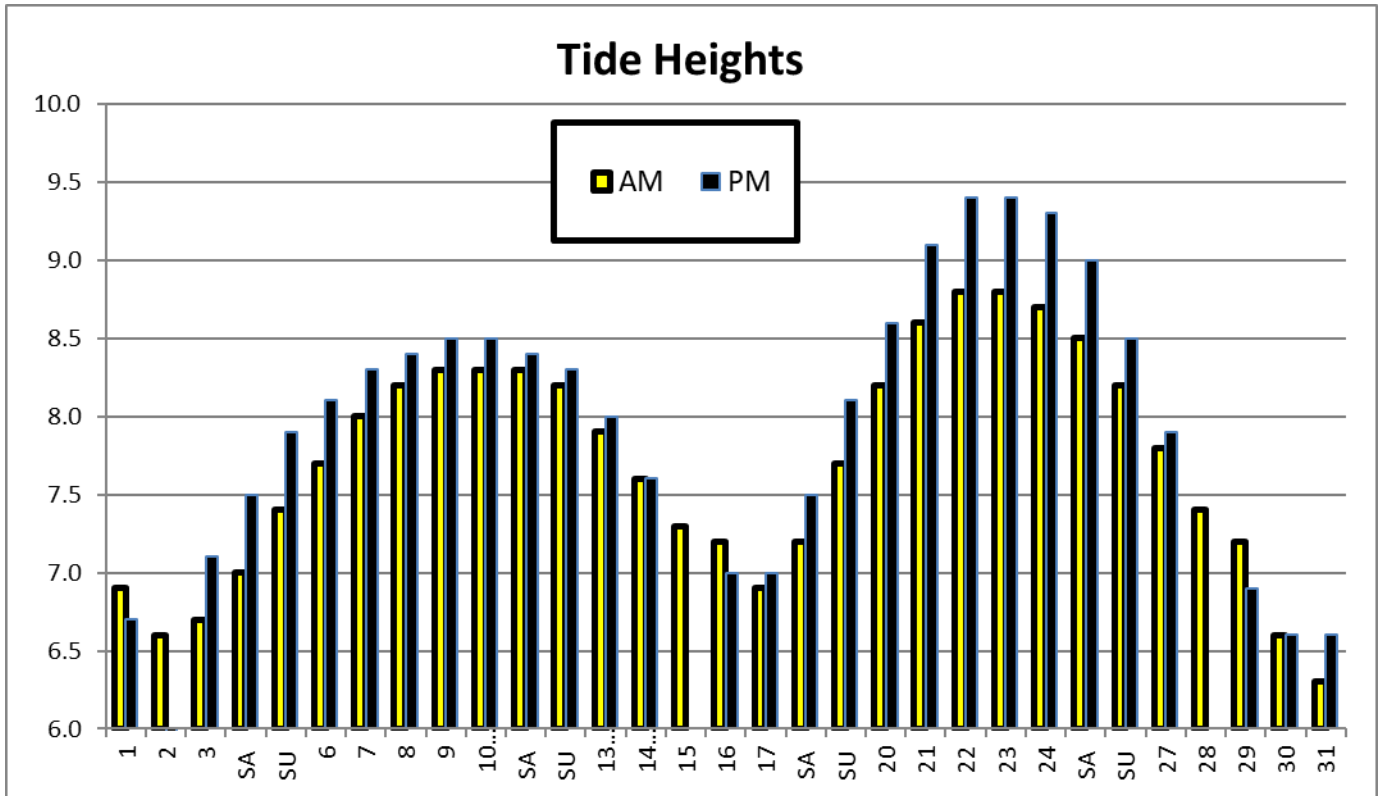


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# March 2023 - Tide Details



## Tide Times

	AM	PM		AM	PM
			Mon 13 March	10:10	22:26
			Tue 14 March	10:52	23:16
Wed 01 March	00:54	13:47	Wed 15 March	11:44	
Thu 02 March	02:39	15:16	Thu 16 March	00:20	12:56
Fri 03 March	03:58	16:20	Fri 17 March	01:55	14:37
Sat 04 March	04:58	17:11	Sat 18 March	03:44	15:55
Sun 05 March	05:45	17:52	Sun 19 March	04:54	16:54
Mon 06 March	06:23	18:27	Mon 20 March	05:48	17:44
Tue 07 March	06:55	19:00	Tue 21 March	06:35	18:30
Wed 08 March	07:27	19:31	Wed 22 March	07:17	19:13
Thu 09 March	07:59	20:03	Thu 23 March	07:55	19:55
Fri 10 March	08:31	20:34	Fri 24 March	08:38	20:34
Sat 11 March	09:02	21:08	Sat 25 March	09:01	21:13
Sun 12 March	09:34	21:44	Sun 26 March	10:32	22:50
			Mon 27 March	11:04	23:29
			Tue 28 March	11:40	
			Wed 29 March	00:14	12:24
			Thu 30 March	01:14	13:36
			Fri 31 March	03:10	15:43

**REMEMBER - BST STARTS SUNDAY 26 MARCH**



# *Taizé Prayer*

A Service of Song  
Silence & Contemplation



**Cley Church**  
**Sunday 5th March 4 p.m.**

The Taizé is an ecumenical Christian community in Taizé Burgundy. It is composed of more than one hundred brothers, from Catholic and Protestant traditions, who originate from about 30 countries across the world.

# Blakeney

## The Glaven Centre

Here at the Glaven Centre we say goodbye to Emma, our wonderful nursing assistant. Emma is off to pastures new to expand her career. She will be greatly missed and we wish her all the best and are very grateful for all she did during her time here. She is going to pop in and see us regularly and we just know she will be a huge asset to her new team.

We have all been observing and sharing discussions about the stirrings of spring. The snowdrops and crocuses are a picture, aren't they?

We have started to put a list of external activities together for everyone's preference, ready for when the weather warms up; we have quite a list of fun and varied outings. We like to cater for individual needs and preferences whilst creating special memories.

We would also like to remember a very special client of ours, Mary Ferroussat. Mary has left her legacy throughout Blakeney with all that she gave back to the community and we will never forget how much care and knowledge we received from her, all based on old traditions which are to be kept alive. Please remember the old ways... keep stories alive, mend things, appreciate nature and all of her abundance and we will never forget to put sweet cicely in with our rhubarb crumble. Our love goes out to Mary's family at this time.

Our doors are open 9am until 3pm, Monday to Friday and our phone is always on. Leave us a message or drop by for a visit. Don't hesitate to call if we can help in any way. I wonder if anyone out there needs a break and a safe space for your loved one to be cared for whilst you have some time to meet your own needs that can often be forgotten about...

Whenever you feel ready, we are here - whatever your situation may be. Our open morning is on 22nd March 10am until midday so what a great opportunity to pop in. We look forward to welcoming you with friendly faces and cake!

*Janine Nelson*

## Coastal Rowing Association of Blakeney Newsletter

Your local rowing club is going from strength to strength with lots of activity on the water around Barton Turf. Look at the club's website at [crablakeney.wordpress.com](http://crablakeney.wordpress.com) for pictures *Bluejacket*, one of our beautiful skiffs, in different Broads locations. Behind the scenes, club members have been busy cleaning, sanding and painting *Hoi Larntan*, the other skiff, so that she can look stunning on the water. Soon, both boats will again become familiar sights in Blakeney when the summer season begins.

There will be some major rowing events in 2023. Amongst these are La Semaine du Golfe du Morbihan which takes place between May 15<sup>th</sup> and May 20<sup>th</sup> in Brittany. This is a huge gathering of craft. To see so many types of oar-propelled boats is an amazing sight. The Crabbers will be there representing Norfolk. Closer to home, the Broads Tour will take place between June 26<sup>th</sup> and June 30<sup>th</sup>. This year there will be many visitors from other clubs coming along to join the Blakeney rowers for some Broads rowing. It will be a great opportunity to meet other enthusiasts and to swap tales. This year's newsletters will be full of details and descriptions of these, and other, events.

If you want to know more about the club's activities, or try skiff rowing for yourselves, contact Humphrey at [hborgnis@icloud.com](mailto:hborgnis@icloud.com). Beginners and returning rowers are always welcome. Coaching and helpful advice will be available. There is no obligation to compete. Come along for a gentle and sociable row. Remember, you can keep up with the club's activities on Instagram, on Facebook and on the club's website at [crablakeney.wordpress.com](http://crablakeney.wordpress.com).

*See you on the water.  
Barry Howes*

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## **Blakeney Village Hall**

### **Energy Crisis – Update**

First the good news - we have finally received the promised government help for businesses and bills have been discounted by approximately 62%. We have also recently signed a new contract for one year starting in April and, though the new rates are considerably lower than the ones for the last 6 months, they still represent a threefold increase over pre-energy crisis rates.

I think, therefore, I am justified in downgrading the situation from crisis to major problem. The Village Hall is not in immediate danger of running out of money or of having to increase hire rates dramatically. We may even be able to put one or two more heaters on.

The long-term situation is still of concern however and the Village Hall Committee is committed to reducing energy costs and 'greening' the hall [making the hall more environmentally friendly].

We continue to explore installing solar panels on the south and east facing roofs and are awaiting a third quote. We are also exploring replacing the antiquated night storage heaters with new efficient electric radiators or an infra-red system. In tests it was also noticed that there was a considerable difference in temperature between the high ceiling and floor level and it is felt that it is well worthwhile investigating heat recovery options to redistribute the warm air to lower levels.

As previously stated in the January issue of the GVN we intend to reduce heat loss by increasing the depth of the loft insulation by 200mm. It seems also that it may be cost effective to install secondary glazing to the large glass area in the main hall.

All these improvements will cost a considerable amount of money: upward of the £60,000 I indicated in January. We are actively seeking grant assistance and I am sure we will be able to fund much of the work from there. Most grant bodies, however, require the applicant to come up with part of the costs themselves. Blakeney Village Hall does not have the resources to 'match fund' all these schemes and is therefore reaching out to the community for help both financially and for ideas and initiatives on how the money could be raised.

*Richard Baughan*  
*Secretary, Blakeney Village Hall*

## **CLEY WI**

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 2.30pm

### **The Cley Heritage Walk**

*and its hidden secrets*

An illustrated talk  
*(the slides do the walking!)*

by

**Richard Jefferson**

**Cley Village Hall – NR25 7RJ**

*Visitors Welcome - Recommended Donation  
£5.00 (includes afternoon tea)*

For further information on Cley WI please  
phone 01263 740225

### **News from Blakeney Church of England Primary School**

Half term is over and Spring has definitely sprung! Wonderful things are happening outside in our plantation area-birds are preparing to nest and fresh shoots are poking through the ground. We are making full use of this space and have a wonderful fire pit area where we can share whole school stories and roast marshmallows.

This term our collective worships will be focussed on one of our school values which is *being polite* and of course, Lent and Easter. We have already started to prepare for our Easter Service at the Church. The children enjoy their time at St Nicholas' and it is another lovely opportunity for family and friends to join us in our worship. Thank you, Reverend Richard, for always being so welcoming!

This month, some of the KS2 children will be travelling to Hindringham School to take part in our Federation netball tournament. They are all keen to show off their talents and meet up with the other children. The same week they will also be travelling to Gresham's School to a Science event in the new Dyson building. Our Year 5 children are heading off to How Hill in the Broads for their residential trip which will be amazing for them. Our Victorians theme continues and the discovery of the school journals from the 19<sup>th</sup> century have brought much excitement. It was amazing to compare the

school day of March 1<sup>st</sup> 1873 with our days. This is the entry from that day.

*Present in the morning, 85. Afternoon 87. Gave a lesson on the Lord's Prayer to 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> classes. Detained the whole school until 4.30pm. Arithmetic with 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> classes. Mrs Tillard visited school, then choir practice.*

The children have been pouring over entries from other years trying to find a mention of relatives. What a wonderful resource for our school history lessons.

In Rainbows class the children are studying the book, Laika the Astronaut. The children love the learning theme of Space and are all animal lovers so a book about a dog in space, combining both topics is thoroughly enjoyed! We have an indoor Planetarium arriving the first week back to school which only just fits into the school hall! Miss Ahmed is going to have lots of fun teaching the children about star constellations. I also noticed that some cake making has been happening and children were delivering chocolate crispy cakes to all staff members. Such thoughtfulness is always appreciated Rainbows class-keep it up! I'm sure Easter will bring lots more cooking opportunities.

All children from the school will also be taking part in a whole Federation tag rugby morning soon at Walsingham school. We plan to take our lunch with us so that we can share lunch and playtime. The advantages of being a small school and those of being part of a larger community are very much evident on those days when we come together.

On another exciting note-we are the very grateful recipients of an amazing grant from the Blakeney Community Fund! We are using this money to start a *Stay and Play* group for local parents, carers, babies, and pre-school children. This will be open to all local families in the surrounding area. Please do mention it to anyone you might know who would like to come along. We promise a very warm welcome and children with happy faces! A flyer will be in the Glaven news as soon as we have set the date and time. We hope to see some of you there!

*Claire Thoday (Senior Teacher, Blakeney CE VA Primary)*

## **'Yogi' Berra's Quotable Quote's...**

It ain't over 'till it's over

If the world were perfect, it wouldn't be

We made too many wrong mistakes

Never answer an anonymous letter

Why buy good luggage? - you only use it when you travel

## **BLAKENEY HARBOUR ROOM EVENTS**

### **Saturday March 11th (8pm) - AYSNLEY LISTER**

Aynsley Lister has been at the top of the blues scene for over two decades and is billed as one of most exciting guitarists around today. This gig is part of 'Along for the Ride' tour promoting his new album released in November 2022.

### **Saturday March 25th (7.30) DAVE KELLY, BOB HALL & HILARY BLYTHE**

Friends since the sixties, the UK's premier blues vocalist and guitarist Dave Kelly (A founder member of The Blues band with Paul Jones) and blues and boogie pianist Bob Hall (Savoy Brown and The British Blues All Stars) team up with Hilary Blythe on bass.

The Harbour Room is open every morning (including Sunday) for breakfast from 9 - 12. The Top Bar opens at 5pm Wednesday - Saturday and 12 noon on Sunday for our very popular Roast. Don't forget that on Thursdays we offer a home cooked curry and its fish and chips on Friday night.

Our regular free events for March will be:

### **OPEN MIC NIGHT - Thursday 9th March 7pm**

We would love to see some more local talent, so come and show Blakeney yours!

### **FOLK CLUB - Sunday 12th March 3 - 6 pm**

Come and listen, come and perform - all welcome

### **QUIZ NIGHT - Thursday 23rd March 7pm**

It's Curry night too!

### **OPEN STAGE IN THE HARBOUR ROOM - Sunday 26th March 7 - 10pm**

The Folk Club welcomes any bands, duets or solo artists to take to the stage and perform with the help of a professional sound engineer. Singers, players and listeners all welcome.

Please visit our website and Facebook page for further events planned for the rest of the year.

[www.blakeneyharbourroom.co.uk](http://www.blakeneyharbourroom.co.uk)

Tickets for all events are available on 01263 741666



## Coffee Break Time! Wordsearch!

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COLLAREDDOVE, DUNNOCK, GOLDFINCH, GREATTIT  
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#### **Alison Courtney BScHon Ac**

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**The Glaven Open Morning**

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**Wednesday 22 March 2023**  
10.00 am to 12.00 noon

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And enjoy a complimentary coffee or tea and some of our delicious cakes!

If you are interested in volunteering – do pop by – we would love to meet you!

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## **BLAKENEY FILM NIGHT**

**"All is Lost" (12A)**  
**Friday 17th March**  
**£5 on the door**

A tour de force performance from Robert Redford as a lone yachtsman facing overwhelming odds when his boat is disabled mid-ocean. With limited dialogue, but excellent direction from J C Chandor, this minimalist gem about the perilous edge between life & death moves from intense to matter-of-fact as the sailor combats endless setbacks to survive.

Little is told about the man or his circumstances, yet his story is full of emotion & incident - and with stunning camerawork & remarkably detailed sound editing, the film never loses momentum. A gripping & powerfully moving tribute to an ever-resourceful sailor's ingenuity and resilience when all seems lost.

Doors open at 6.30 for a 7pm start

Bar/Refreshments  
All profits for BVH refurbishment  
[www.blakeneyvillagehall.org.uk](http://www.blakeneyvillagehall.org.uk)

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**BLAKENEY PARISH COUNCIL -**  
[www.blakeneyparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.blakeneyparishcouncil.org.uk)



### **Blakeney Annual Parish Meeting**

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023 – 6.30pm (Doors open at 6.00pm)**

*In Blakeney Village Hall*

We always strive to have a guest speaker on a current topic of interest along with other items of community interest. We have invited representatives from Holt Medical Practice, to come along and update us with regard Blakeney Surgery, and they are due to let us know if anyone is available to attend in the coming days.

The agenda will be published in due course and can be viewed at [www.blakeneyparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.blakeneyparishcouncil.org.uk)

The doors will open at **6.00pm** for you to browse the displays and grab a quick cuppa. **The meeting itself will commence at 6.30pm.** Please do come and join us.

This is a 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 to just over 100.

*We look forward to seeing you there...*

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**FORMAL 60 DAY NOTICE - We hereby give notice, that if the following items are not claimed by their rightful owners, within 60 days of the date of this notice being issued (early Jan 2023) that said items will be sold or disposed of as per regulations of the use for the Blakeney Dinghy Park.**

**Blakeney Parish Council – (Dinghy Park Management Committee)**

Sale of Abandoned Boats removed in accordance with the Regulations from the Blakeney Dinghy Park.

**The Boats for Sale are: -**

1. Green row boat – split polyethylene, needs repair.
2. Kayak – yellow sit on – polyethylene
3. 1 x launching trolley
4. Project boat: - 2-man yellow kayak in poor condition
5. Project boat: - blue row boat in poor condition

**Conditions of Sale: -**

- a. All boats are sold as seen and interested buyers must satisfy themselves as to the condition.
- b. The Boats/Items may be viewed from **10am to 12 noon on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2023**, at Blakeney Marine Boatyard, where John Seymour, will be present to oversee and not before.

**This notice will be updated to reflect which if any items remain in our possession and therefore for sale; ahead of the viewing date.**

- c. Sealed Bids must be in writing, envelopes to be marked “**Sealed Bid**” and contain the name, address & telephone number of the Bidder together with the amount clearly offered. Please enclose a cheque for the sum that you have bid, made payable to ‘Blakeney Parish Council’. If you are successful this will be banked, and if you are not, then the cheque will be returned to you with a letter stating that you were outbid. This must be addressed to the Clerk of the Council and deposited in the Parish Council Office by **5pm on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2023**.
- d. Successful Bidders will be advised in writing in due course and Boats purchased must be removed within 7 days of notification to avoid storage charges.
- e. The decision to accept a bid will be solely at the discretion of the Parish Council/Joint Dinghy Park Management Committee.

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

**Local Government Elections – 4<sup>th</sup> May 2023** – We are fast approaching the next round of elections for North Norfolk District Council and Blakeney Parish Council, the 4-year cycle comes around quickly! So, if you or someone you know, is interested in standing for either the District Council or our Parish Council, then do keep an eye out for further information in the coming months. This process requires all existing Parish Councillors who wish to continue in the role, and other persons who wish to serve as a Parish Councillor, to submit nomination paperwork in the nomination period of late March/early April 2023 and, where the number of nominations received exceed the number of Parish Councillors to serve on the Council, then a contested election will be held. This would be at the same time as the elections to North Norfolk District Council – i.e., Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2023. If you are keen to find out more about being a Parish Councillor, then by all means, contact the Parish Clerk for an informal chat.

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

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

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

*Extracts from the February Parish Council Meeting...*

**Chairman’s Announcements –**

**Neighbourhood Plan** – this is now with NNDC, who are deciding what action to take in response to the recommendations made by the examiner and what further modifications are considered necessary.

**Glaven Valley Area Conservation Review** - two additional public meetings have been arranged for **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March**, at: The Venue, Holt: 4:30-6:00pm & Blakeney Village Hall: 7-8pm. NNDC Officers will be accompanied by representatives from Purcell, authors of the appraisal, to explain the process and answer questions. The public consultation period will now end on **Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023**, instead of Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January.

**Dinghy Park Management Committee** met on 24<sup>th</sup> January, key points; compulsory registration, tags instead of stickers and winter works nearly all completed.

**Report from Police - Wells Safer Neighbourhood Police Team** – Advised that no longer routinely attend Parish Council meetings. Blakeney and the surrounding villages remain an extremely low crime area.

**Open Public Session** – *Just to reiterate the desire for BPC to apply to NNDC to make the Harbour Room and associated land an Asset of Community Value, as due to national RBL branch closures, this could become vulnerable in the future.*

**Planning Applications** (ref. no's shown);

**RV/23/0018** – *Proposal; Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) of planning permission PF/21/2307 (single storey extensions; removal of part of roof and extension to provide first floor accommodation; other external alterations) to allow additional window for bedroom 2 and relocation of air source heat pump, at Cranford, High Street, Blakeney. Resolved* – OBJECT; to the relocation of the air source heat pump, which will impact upon neighbours, and we also have concerns regarding the proposed additional window for bedroom 2 which will overlook a neighbouring garden.

**RV/23/0014** – *Proposal; Variation of conditions 2 (approved plans) and 6 (parking) of planning permission PF/21/1805 (demolition of redundant garages and erection of 3 dwellings with associated parking) to allow for amended parking arrangements for all properties at, Land East of 21 Queens Close, Blakeney. Resolved* – No objection.

## FINANCE

**Accounts** totalling £17,122.05 are to be paid.

**Clerk/RFO Report** – Brief update on the figures to date.

- **Certificate of Lawful Development application** – for the existing use of the land for vehicle parking at The Dinghy Park, has been submitted in conjunction with The National Trust.
- **Precept 2023/24** – NNDC have advised that they reported the wrong tax base, which has now changed from 549.77 to 545.19. The result being that the Blakeney Precept request of £45K means that a Band D property will increase from £81.85 to £82.54, i.e., an increase of 0.69p in the annual Council Tax for a Band D property.
- Following completion of the improved **Vehicle Access** to the overflow field on Langham Road, via the Norfolk County Council Parish Partnership Scheme, a new/additional metal field gate is being sourced.
- **Parish & District Council Elections** – The notice of election will be published on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2023. This will mark the start of the period in which candidate nomination forms can be submitted by

those who wish to stand for election on 4<sup>th</sup> May. All applications have to be hand submitted to NNDC by 4pm on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April and full details may be found on the NNDC website.

- **Police & Crime Commissioner** for Norfolk, Giles Orpen-Smellie will be attending our Parish Council meeting on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2023.
- **Charitable Trusts webinar** – Clerk and Chairman to attend this event on 15<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> February.
- **Scout Hut** – Discussion with regard the 'local lease' and its expiry commenced with the Scout Group (SG) in 2018, 2019 brought about a new Group Scout Leader and everything changed. Feb 2020 the SG were prepared to sign a 2-year agreement (in the hope that Beaver, Cubs, Scouts and Leaders would return), Covid also hampered progress, as SG individual members were unable to hold virtual meetings. Most of the SG Exec left, and has run on skeleton personnel. They had been aiming to hand the hut over in good condition to BPC, compliant for community use. They had been misinformed over building work via one of their key Personnel, i.e., they need planning permission for the emergency exit/disabled access ramp, which they have since learned does not meet with building regulations, and also sadly a burst water pipe in December, which has resulted in an insurance claim. The depleted group are dealing with these issues as best they can. In the meantime, there is no current agreement in place, and BPC have had to seek legal advice from the start, over the 'local licence' (which is not a legally drawn up document) and the legality/implications of this, being out of lease, land registration and how best to move forward. This is a slow ongoing process, with much to consider. The SG is a registered charity, BPC is not, still much work to be done.

**Community Fund** figure of £2,500 is to be allocated as follows;

- i) Blakeney Area Historical Society - £400
- ii) Blakeney Village Hall Trust - £400
- iii) Blakeney Conservation Duckpond - £400
- iv) Blakeney Channel Coastal Community Team (B3CT) - £400
- v) Ruth James (Community First Responder) - £500
- vi) Little Crabs Toddler Group (Blakeney Primary School) £400

The proposal to reinstate the **Langham Road Trod** Parish Partnership Scheme was carried and to use the remainder for the 'Community Project Earmarked Funds' towards our expenditure, thus closing this EMF.

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

**Blakeney Surgery** – Cllr Nigel Sutcliffe – We await the response from Holt Medical Practice (HMP) to our questions regarding the future of Blakeney Surgery. The Parish Council have been informed in an email from Holt Medical Practice of their intention to close Blakeney Surgery and HMP have commenced discussion with the Integrated Care Board in that regard. There is a process that now has to be followed by HMP to achieve their goal.

Our District Cllr. Victoria Holliday will bring the further issues to the attention of our MP, Duncan Baker, and she will try and ascertain the lead person at the ICB dealing with the possible closure of Blakeney Surgery, so that we know who to liaise with, she will also contact 'Healthwatch' (the local health and social care champion for the county). BPC will write to the ICB explaining what dialogue has already taken place between BPC & HMP about providing full medical services at Blakeney Surgery.

**Blakeney Village Hall Trust** – Cllr Jane Armstrong – The Trustees met on 18 January 2023. I reported, on behalf of BPC, that, on the topic of legal advice in respect of the Car Park Agreement, there was nothing currently to share with the Village Hall Trustees. BPC have responded to the solicitor's questions and are awaiting the solicitor's response. The Village Hall Trustees' main issue at the moment is pursuing a solution to the, much higher, electricity costs which mean that costs are currently far outstripping income. The Trustees are hoping to solve this issue by a combination of improved insulation, installation of solar panels and modernised heating system. They are obtaining quotations for the above work which are required in order that they can apply for grant funding. The other measure being considered is whether to increase the hall hire charges for "commercial" hirers. (They are not looking at increasing charges for community groups.) Following Edward's notice of resignation as Chair of the Trustees a couple of months ago, a new Chair, Alex Scott, was appointed at the meeting.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE –**

We shall apply to NNDC to have the Harbour Rooms premises, including the car park, the green and the buildings which form this site in the High Street, Blakeney, allocated as an **Asset of Community Value**.

We will dispose of our old **Gritting Machine** which is no longer fit for purpose, we may be able to obtain something smaller and suitable via any scrap money. Also obtain quotes for 2 new grit bins.

We will not be placing the access code of the front of our **Defibrillator** cabinets, as all calls should be channelled through 999 as advised by Community Heartbeat Trust, thus the patient would be assessed as to the level of treatment required, and the Ambulance Service will know whether or not the defibrillators have been deployed and will update the system immediately, i.e., rescue ready/not available.

We will be changing our domain name/address to **.gov.uk** as per the sector recommendation in due course.

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

#### **YOUR SERVING PARISH COUNCILLORS ARE: -**

Rosemary Thew – (Chairman) – 740555 – Moonraker, Back Lane  
Nigel Sutcliffe (Vice-Chairman) – 741714 – Dallinga, 71 Morston Road  
Jenny Girling – 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  
Willie Weston – 740910 – 27 Queens Close  
Iain Wolfe

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

**Next Full Council meeting; Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2023.**

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## Thoughts from the Rectory for March 2023

Dear Friends,

I love March – the onset of Spring, and all that! For me, March also has a particular association with my mother (who died last summer, at the grand old age of 96), because we share a birthday this month. This March will have another special reason to remember her, as we're having a family gathering on the first weekend of the month, when we inter Mum's ashes. This will be in North Wales, where she had lived for the last 70+ years of her life, and where my siblings and I were brought up. That will no doubt be a time of celebration and laughter, as well as some more reflective and poignant moments.

Mothering Sunday (aka Mothers' Day, of course) always falls in March too, and likewise can be a time of mixed emotions. Mothering Sunday can be a time of great celebration and thankfulness. It can also be a difficult time for people: sometimes for those whose mothers have died; or those who had or have a difficult relationship with their mother; or those who hoped to be mothers but weren't. Whatever our situation, we can use it as a day to remember and give thanks for all those who've helped to nurture us along the way, mothers and others, or indeed those outside the family.

I'm eternally grateful to my mum and dad. They were great parents, and put up with a lot from me, especially during my pain-in-the-neck teenage years! They were very patient and forgiving. I was very fortunate. I wonder who have been the loving, nurturing and compassionate figures in your life – inside or outside the family? Maybe someone in particular comes to mind. If they're still around, why not send them a card or give them a ring, on Mothering Sunday? If they're no longer with us, offer a quiet word of thanks. Wise and loving people remain infinitely precious.

Whatever your circumstances, happy Mothering Sunday, and happy March!

*Richard*

NB: Do check our benefice website for any last minute changes: [www.glavenvalleychurches.org.uk](http://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](mailto:revrichardlawry@gmail.com) or by phone on 740686, if you need information, advice or help.

Other contact details are:

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### **CHURCHWARDENS**

#### **Cley**

Hannah Stevenson 01263 741336  
David Barron 07989 932468

#### **Glandford**

Averil Monteath 01263 740179  
Roger Combe 01263 713901

#### **Letheringsett**

Ann Thomson 01263 712821

#### **Wiveton**

Stephen de Loynes 07975 813057  
Charles Killin 01263 741744

### **Funerals:**

A Memorial Service was held for Tony Blount at Cley Church on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February.

The funeral of Mary Ferroussat took place on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February in Blakeney Church.

Michael Margison's funeral was on 17<sup>th</sup> February at Cromer Crematorium.

All were long-term residents in these parts, and held in great affection. We remember their families in our prayers.

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

Mass Sunday - 11am  
Wednesday - 9.30am  
Holyday of Obligation 9.30am

[www.catholicparishofwalsingham.org](http://www.catholicparishofwalsingham.org)





## MARCH 2023 SERVICE SCHEDULE

<b>Wed 1<sup>st</sup></b>	Holy Communion (BCP) 10.00am	Cley
<b>Thur 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	Evening Prayer	Blakeney
<b>SUNDAY 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>Lent 2</i>	
8.00	Holy Communion (BCP)	Wiveton
9.30	Holy Communion (CW) [ <i>&amp; live-streamed</i> ]	Blakeney
11.15	Holy Communion (BCP)	Letheringsett
4.00	Taize	Cley
<b>Thur 9<sup>th</sup></b>	Evening Prayer	Blakeney
<b>SUNDAY 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>Lent 3</i>	
9.30	Praise & Worship [ <i>&amp; live-streamed</i> ]	Blakeney
11.15	Holy Communion (BCP)	Glandford
6.00	Service of Meditation	Wiveton
<b>Wed 15<sup>th</sup></b>	Holy Communion (BCP) 10.00am	Cley
<b>Thur 16<sup>th</sup></b>	Evening Prayer	Blakeney
<b>SUNDAY 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>Lent 4 / Mothering Sunday</i>	
9.30	Celtic HC with Healing [ <i>&amp; live-streamed</i> ]	Blakeney
9.30	Morning Prayer (CW)	Letheringsett
11.15	Café Church	Cley
6.30	Evensong (BCP)	Wiveton
<b>Thur 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	Evening Prayer	Blakeney
<b>SUNDAY 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>Lent 5 / Passiontide begins</i>	
8.00	Holy Communion (BCP)	Cley
9.30	Holy Communion (CW) [ <i>&amp; live-streamed</i> ]	Blakeney
11.15	Family Service (All-Age)	Wiveton
6.30	Evensong (BCP)	Glandford
<b>Thur 30<sup>th</sup></b>	Evening Prayer	Blakeney

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

## Mally Bullard

3rd October 1928 - 30th December 2022

Mally grew up at Hapton - daughter of RJ Read and Winnie, with two sisters. Her father was Master of the Dunstan Harriers, hence Mally's huge love of horses and hunting all her life.

Gerry and Mally were married in 1951 and lived at Gressenhall, building the Bung at The Garden of Eden in 1961. Gerry had his second of three 'Knot's built in 1962 and together they spent many happy times bringing up their four children to love the sea and all that goes with life here in Morston and around the harbour.

Mally moved to Curlews in Blakeney in 1992, after Gerry died in 1989. Mally always welcomed people to Curlews to use the tennis court, held various charitable events in the garden, together with bridge gatherings and of course a steady flow of grandchildren. She was always helping people, and making food for others and armed with dogs and her sturdy stick, she was a familiar sight on the marsh.

Mally died very peacefully at Gracewells, near Newmarket, where she had been for two years. A family funeral was held in January. There will be a Thanksgiving service in Morston church, which was very important to her, on Friday 24th March, and afterwards at Curlews.

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# Cley

## THURSDAY'S AT 3PM CLEY CHURCH

### Thursday March 2nd

Flute Fancies - Wyatt Earp (Flute) and Angela Dugdale (piano) with further pieces from the flute repertoire, together with a brief bonus of the delights of the alto flute. The advertised clarinet and piano recital has had to be postponed due to illness.

### Thursday March 9th

Richard Newton (piano) accompanies himself and entertains us with his unique wealth of local knowledge and stories of village life.

### Thursday March 16th

Bassoon Badinage with Ian Summers (bassoon) and Angela Dugdale (piano). Ian brings us more delights with his lovely playing from the bassoon repertoire in a welcome return visit to Cley.

### Thursday March 23rd

The Victoria Party (14 local singers with conductor Anthony Wyatt) will be performing the ten sections of Vittoria's 1605 Mass for the Office of the Dead in the wonderfully appropriate setting of St Margaret's Church.

### Thursday March 30th

Hope Springs Eternal: a very special programme of words and music about Spring to round off our winter series, featuring Jayne Jones (soprano), Julian Godlee (bass), Brenda Blewett (piano) Wyatt Earp (flute) and Paul Hands (reader). Adrian Taunton has once again provided the choices of texts used in the programme.

Please note that the special March 23rd & 30th programmes will be a little longer than usual. Thursdays@Three will then take a break for Easter; our summer series will restart on **Thursday April 16th**.

*Wyatt Earp*

**Glaven Valley  
Bereavement Support Group  
will meet on Monday 13th March  
at Merchants House, Blakeney  
4.00pm to 5.30pm.  
Anyone who has suffered bereavement  
is very welcome.  
Refreshments at 3.50pm**

## CLEY WARM SPACE Mondays/Wednesdays/Fridays 10-3

Our warm space in the Club Room at the Village Hall is running till the end of March.

It is delightfully cosy and very sociable, and open to everyone from Cley and neighbouring villages, including well behaved dogs. Come and catch up with your friends.

We have a fabulous coffee machine, and are serving hot soup and crusty bread on Wednesdays. We often have cake and always have chocolate biscuits.

Bingo on Friday afternoons 2-4pm is proving very popular. Come along for a game, a chat and a cuppa. Your chance to win delicious chocolate as prizes!

New is Knit'n'Natter, Sew'n'Chatter and Make'n'Mend on Mondays 1-3pm. Bring your craft or handiwork project (even something as simple as darning socks or sewing on buttons) and we'll help you along.

If you need a lift to get to us, we're very happy to collect you. Just let us know on 07557054629.



**NWT North Norfolk  
Group and  
Cley Bird Club  
&**



**North East Norfolk Bird Club**

### We have TWO meetings in March:

#### **First: The White-Tailed Eagle – Introduction to the Isle of Wight**

**Zoe Smith**, Associate Ornithologist with the Roy Dennis Wildlife Foundation, has over a decade's experience working in raptor conservation in the UK and internationally. She was elected to the board of the Raptor Research Foundation in 2022. In this talk, Zoe will give an update on the reintroduction of White-tailed Eagles (or Sea Eagles) to England. These birds were once widespread breeders across Britain, but extensive persecution led to their demise as a breeding species. Following successful reintroductions, they are once again an established breeding species in Scotland and this has been followed by a more recent reintroduction to the Isle of Wight.

This joint event between the North Norfolk Group of the Norfolk Wildlife Trust and Cley Bird Club is on **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2023** at 7.30 p.m. in Cley Village Hall. Entry is free but donations to support wildlife conservation in Norfolk are welcome. The meeting is kindly sponsored by **Cley Bird Club**

#### **Second: Birding by Bike – The Joys of Reconnecting With a Childhood Landscape**

**Nick Acheson** is an Ambassador for NWT and until recently a widely travelled birder and naturalist. He has now taken the decision to forgo foreign travel, and he will talk about how a switch to birding on foot and by bicycle has allowed him to rediscover just how much local birding has to offer. This meeting will be preceded by a short AGM.

This joint event between the North Norfolk Group of the Norfolk Wildlife Trust and Cley Bird Club is on **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023** at 7.30 p.m. in Cley Village Hall. Entry is free but donations to support wildlife conservation in Norfolk are welcome. The meeting is kindly sponsored by **Spotted Tiger Arts & Interiors**, Holt.

*Angela Batten*

### Cley Village Hall News

#### **LIVE THEATRE IN THE VILLAGE HALL!**

Come and enjoy the performance of two funny and witty comedy thrillers:

**LAST SHOT & CONFESS**, 2 dark - not to say pitch black - plays, performed by the East Anglia based Raising Cain Productions. Reviews have been very enthusiastic, and I am putting them out again:

"Two punchy, cleverly written pieces which kept the delicious twists coming"

"Funny, dark, tense, claustrophobic and very well acted"

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**Friday, 3 March 2023, 19:30 - 21:00**

Bar open: 18:45 (cash only)

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[www.raisingcainproductions.com](http://www.raisingcainproductions.com)

### Cley Parish Council's Chairman's Report

There has been a lot of discussion recently about planning. It is North Norfolk District Council (NNDC) that legally makes planning decisions. The Parish Council is not a decision maker. It is a statutory consultee, like County Highways and the Environment Agency. They are asked for their views on planning applications, as are many other relevant organisations. The Parish Council represents the village: Parish Councillors are steered by local consultation responses. However, it is NNDC that leads the consultation process on planning applications, which are advertised by placing a yellow notice outside the relevant property. Cley Parish Council puts planning applications on its website, emails them out to those on the village mailing list and lists them as agenda items for Parish Council meetings. Parishioners can respond to planning applications either directly to

NNDC (online or in writing), via the parish clerk or at Parish Council meetings.

The Arcady Hearing took place in January and the Inspector's decision is awaited.

We only have The Warm Space till the end of the month. It's been highly successful, from providing somewhere to work and get a hot drink during a power cut, to our popular soups on Wednesdays and bingo on Fridays. If you need a lift to get to us, we're happy to collect you. Please contact Victoria on 07557054629. New is Knit'n'Natter, Sew'n'Chatter and Make'n'Mend on Monday afternoons. We're hoping to run a community café, say once a week, when the Warm Space finishes.

We were planning to spend our £2,500 Community Support Grant on electric throws and electricity prepayment cards but we've had trouble getting hold of them. In the meantime, do contact the clerk if we can support you at all, [clerk.cley@gmail.com](mailto:clerk.cley@gmail.com)

We're holding a litter pick on Thursday March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10am. If anyone would like to help, please meet at the Village Hall Car Park. We have hi-vis jackets, pickers etc for you to collect.

The first consultation for our Neighbourhood Plan on Conservation and Heritage is Wednesday March 8<sup>th</sup>, 4-7pm in the Club Room at the Village Hall. We'd like to hear from you about what you value most about Cley, what Cley's heritage means to you and how we can keep Cley special.

A parishioner asked about the possibility of removing the telegraph poles down to the beach. We're told that BT will discontinue analogue lines such as these in 2025. In the meantime, NNDC are looking at historical usage of the emergency phone at the beach and mobile phone coverage at the location before deciding whether it's possible to remove the lines and poles.

The Hangs footpaths should now have been walked by the Public Rights of Way Officer to check access.

A parishioner asked about parking on Coast Road track which seems to be causing subsidence of the bank. Highways say that they don't provide parking and this primarily is a service road. They don't own the land.

There has been discussion about access to the defibrillator. Currently, in an emergency, you get the code to open the cabinet by calling 999. Because of the emergency care crisis, we've debated the pros and cons of staying with this, putting the code on the cabinet or leaving it unlocked. On balance, our view (and we understand opinions differ) is to leave it unlocked. This is in line with our most recent advice from the Community Heartbeat Trust and will entail fitting a different catch. This we have not yet done, so for now you still need to call 999.

The Parish Council has lobbied for years to get Holt Hill gritted in icy weather. Highways have so far refused to do

this as it's not considered priority and few accidents have been logged (though we know they happen regularly). The Letheringsett-Blakeney Road is gritted, and that's what we're meant to use as our route inland, but Holt Hill would be far preferable. We'll go back to Highways and again make our case. In the meantime, it would help our case if you would report any concerns to <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/roads/report-a-problem>

We're looking into the costs of buying a few paraffin stoves and torches for residents to borrow during power cuts.

The consultation period for the new Glaven Valley Conservation Area review has been extended to Friday March 31<sup>st</sup>. There will be two public meetings where you can express your views, both on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March, from 4.30-6 at the Venue, Holt, and from 7-8pm at Blakeney Village Hall. Do have your say! Our opinion is that the villages should remain within the rural conservation area as they are integral to the landscape, as should the salt marshes through which the Glaven flows out to sea.

The Parish Council will be giving Coronation mugs at the Coronation celebration tea party (in the Memorial Garden on Sunday May 7<sup>th</sup> from 2-5pm) to all Cley children under 18.

There is the possibility of funding from Norfolk County Council for Electric Vehicle Charging Points. This would provide for the installation and maintenance of one charger but it would only be till December 2024. NCC will be looking for funding thereafter. At the moment we've expressed our interest in the scheme.

There is always a debate about the extent to which lokes and footpaths are cleared. It's a balance between keeping them passable and providing a much-needed wildlife habitat by allowing the plants to grow. We'll do our best to get it right: certainly, no wholesale clearance is planned.

The next meeting is Thursday March 9<sup>th</sup> in the Village Hall at 6.30pm. The agenda will be published on the Notice Board, on the website ([www.cleypc.info](http://www.cleypc.info)) and we'll mail it out to those on the Parish email list (if you want to be included in this please email the clerk) and the village WhatsApp. Please comment on or ask general questions about Agenda items before the meeting by getting in touch with the clerk or myself, or come along and participate. Minutes are posted as usual on the noticeboard and website.

*Dr Victoria Holliday, Chair*  
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# St Margarets Church Cley



The Flower team have gone green!

Over the last year or so, efforts have been made to improve the environmental credentials while arranging or decorating the Church. In particular, banning the use of floral foam.

Floral foam is made from synthetic, non-recyclable plastic and is created using a combination of carbon black, formaldehyde and phenolic foam - which are all toxic.

It was a bit scary to go 'without' especially for those of us who have known nothing else. For others the floral foam was a hinderance and some people just lacked confidence using it: "I've never been trained to use it, so I can't - I don't know how?"

Over the last year we have all been back to the beginning (pre floral foam)! Some amongst us had been experienced in using flower pin holders and chicken wire and other methods to hold the flowers into a suitable container, so we took on board their expertise. We needed to review the containers and what flowers we were using, but whatever we did we wanted to do it sustainably.



Greenery is always important and hopefully abundant. Our flower team bring cuttings from their gardens or friends gardens or hedgerows where we have permission. (If you have a garden or allotment with shrubs or plants or flowers that we could cut from - please get in touch!)

We look for natural and interesting greenery (e.g different colours, leaf shapes, dried, twigs, blossoms/flowers or berries!) If you are lucky with the right kinds of greenery you can make a beautiful seasonal arrangement, without even using cut flowers.

Greenery is first used to create the framework and shape in your vase or container. It helps to 'work with' the greenery - if it hangs best to the left, rather than right, go left. Don't fight it!

A natural arrangement, often less formal than those when using floral foam, is what we are trying to achieve.

We would love to find additional flower arrangers to join us to help decorate our large Church. Can you put greenery, flowers and water into a vase? Would you like to work in-conjunction with another on the team to express your creativity with flowers and greenery?



We are having an informal

## **Flower Decorating Workshop on Saturday April 8th, starting at 10am.**

If you would like to come along and try your hand, with the flower team supporting please come. **Everyone is welcome** and you don't have to have any previous experience. We will provide coffee and cakes too!

Contact **Kaye Read** on **01263 740987** for more information, or just turn up!



Our popular Thursdays @ 3 Music in the Afternoons runs till 30<sup>th</sup> March and restarts after Easter on April 16<sup>th</sup>.

There will be an extra special concert on Saturday March 4<sup>th</sup> at 3pm! Three student musicians from the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama will perform Rachmaninoff, Schumann and John Ireland. Come and support these young musicians at the start of their promising careers.

More later about exciting concerts planned for the summer!

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*

## **Cley WI – January and February 2023**

New year, new promise and at the beginning of January our members met to discuss the four shortlisted resolutions (calling for change on a current issue in society) to be voted on at the national meeting later in the year. The voice of the WI is listened to attentively in government circles and its members have a unique opportunity to turn a concern into a national campaign, backed by the whole of the WI.

Once our votes had been cast, we settled down to a sociable stitching session, crafting pieces of felt into fobs, pincushions or suchlike in the shape of ‘blood drops’. This interesting choice of finished article was directly linked to a previous WI campaign to highlight the shortage of stem cell donors, urgently needed for the treatment of blood cancer.

Since 2019 and the pandemic, the number of donors in the UK has fallen by 62% and so it was felt that anything we could do to raise awareness of this shortage could only be a good idea. A delicious tea and happy chatter when not concentrating on the perfection or otherwise of one’s stitches made for an entertaining and enjoyable afternoon.

Our February meeting began with the AGM but this was very speedily conducted and we were soon able to welcome our speaker, Richard Porter, to present his talk entitled “Wars & Wildlife” drawn from over 50 years of travelling and working on wildlife projects in the Middle East.

Richard’s obvious love for this part of the world shone through in his words and with almost 100 slides to accompany them, we were transported to the majestic beauty of Arabia, in particular Yemen, Iraq and Syria. Conflict has beset the region for so many years, the ravages of war have reduced so much of its heritage to rubble, destroyed vast areas of natural habitat and condemned so many of its people to near starvation that it is difficult to believe that any work in the field of conservation and protection of endemic species could be possible. Throughout these troubled years, however, Richard and his colleagues in the Ornithological Society of the Middle East and Central Asia have collected, recorded and published data on, amongst other concerns, the birds of the region, the migration patterns of birds of prey, wintering waterbirds and the decline and regeneration of the marshlands.

Not all the images we were shown were easy on the eye – thousands of birds foundering in oil slicks or decapitated in the name of sport, Marsh Arabs struggling to eke out an existence from drained, barren land – but the final note was cautiously positive. Training programmes have been set up to support local involvement in environmental and conservation activities. Endemic species have survived against all the odds and, with the help of educational material translated into Arabic, converted into an app and freely available to download, young people are being encouraged to swap their guns for binoculars. Long-awaited rains are improving water levels in the marshlands and restoring livelihoods. Water buffalo can once more wallow at leisure.

Richard Jefferson will be revealing the hidden secrets of “The Cley Heritage Walk” on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March in Cley Village Hall at 2.30pm. Visitors are most welcome. For further information, please telephone 01263 740225.

*Alison Cole*

# **Wiveton**

**SAVE THE DATE**

**WIVETON WANDER –  
SATURDAY 10th JUNE**

Following the phenomenal success of our Wiveton Wander in 2019, we are once again holding this event, which gives a glimpse behind the hedges and walls into the gorgeous gardens of Wiveton.

**More details to follow.**

## **CHURCH CLOSURE**

St Mary’s Wiveton will be closed towards the end of March until approximately the end of July for repairs to the Chancel roof to be carried out. Huge thanks to everyone for your

incredible support, which has enabled this much-loved church to be saved.

### **Emma Bridgewater Wiveton Church Mug**

I still have some of these very beautiful mugs, designed by Matthew Rice.

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

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

Wiveton PCC Fabric Account  
Sort Code 40-52-40  
Account No 00012135  
**or cash, on collection.**

## **200 Club**

February's 1st Prize Winner was Margaret Jury, with a prize of £65. There's still time to join! Just email me or pick up a leaflet from the Church.

Anthea de Loynes  
Chair of the Friends of Wiveton Church  
[antheadeloynes@aol.com](mailto:antheadeloynes@aol.com)  
07746 018310

## **Wiveton Parish Room**

On Saturday 11th February we held a quiz in the Parish Room in memory of Michelle Hewitt. Michelle had been on the Parish Room committee for over 4 decades and had lived in the village for many years before moving to Letheringsett.

Over 40 of her family and friends gathered together in the Parish Room for a home cooked supper and wine, followed by a raffle and quiz. £622 was raised which is being split between Michelle's two chosen charities, Kidney Research UK and Blakeney Neighbourhood Housing Society. Very many thanks to Graham Lubbock for being our quizmaster and to all those who helped make this a very special event.

*Barbara Veitch*  
[bpveitch@aol.com](mailto:bpveitch@aol.com)

# **Glandford**

Many years ago, when Natural Surroundings was first established at Bayfield, Anne was responsible for erecting a Barn owl box alongside the River Glaven. It was a great success - somewhere we still have film of a Barn Owl going into the box that was taken on her father's cine camera!

There has been an owl box there ever since, but a while back the latest incarnation finally gave up the ghost. We had been meaning to put up a new box for a while and were finally prompted to do so by the offer of a box from Paul and Liz, keen local photographers, coupled with the offer of help to put it up. We were even more delighted when Roger Combe of Bayfield also offered a box, as it is useful to have two boxes in close proximity as male and female Barn Owls don't always want to roost together. It is great to report that in February, after a long period with few sightings, we have been seeing one or two Barn Owls hunting over the valley fairly regularly in the late afternoon, and they will surely have spotted the boxes, so fingers crossed ....

Winter is a good time for building projects, and we have now finished a short boardwalk through the wet woodland adjacent to the River Glaven. The ground here in the SW corner of our site is very wet and has been wooded for a long time - it is marked as woodland on the 1906 OS map of the area. Counter-intuitively, the ground here is wet due to springs and seepages and not due to flooding by the river, which at present seldom overtops its banks and even when it does only impacts a relatively small area of our woodland. These are part of the same system of springs in the valley bottom that kept our meadows lush and green all through last year's heatwave and drought.

Our tiny bit of woodland is a special habitat. The dominant trees are Alder, Ash and Sycamore but only the Alders really thrive in the wet ground and all the big trees are prone to 'drowning' or being blown over in severe gales. The result is lots of dead and decaying wood, both standing and on the ground, that is home to many different invertebrates. And, as we head into March, some of the special plants of this habitat will be coming into flower, including Town Hall Clock and both species of Golden-Saxifrage. With so many fallen trees and dead wood it all looks a bit primeval, but our new board walk allows an easy passage and the chance to have a good look at the flowers, fungi and other wildlife.

*Anne & Simon Harrap, Natural Surroundings,  
Bayfield Estate*

# **Letheringsett**

## **Easter Lilies at St Andrew's**

If anyone would like to buy a lily in memory of departed family members or friends for collection after the Easter Sunday service, please contact John Pridham (details below).

## **Flower Rota**

We are asking for volunteers to provide flowers (cut flowers, plant or arrangement) to make the church welcoming to our visitors. Ideally we are looking for a minimum of six volunteers to do this twice each during the twelve months but the more the merrier.

*John Pridham, 01328 831851*  
[jcwpridham@gmail.com](mailto:jcwpridham@gmail.com)

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let's do  
lunch

**in St Nicholas' Church, Blakeney**  
**The Blakeney Lunch will be held**  
**on**

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March**  
**12noon to 2.00pm.**

We will be serving delicious  
homemade soup followed by a  
choice of hot homemade  
desserts.

Visitors to Blakeney are also most  
welcome. Donations welcome.



## **St Nicholas' Church, Blakeney** **Mini-Food Bank**

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

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

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

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

*Richard and the team at Blakeney.*

**THE GREAT**  
**BLAKENEY BREAKFAST!**  
**in St Nicholas' Church,**  
**Blakeney will be held on**  
**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March**  
**8am to 11am**  
**Last orders for a cooked**  
**breakfast at 10.30am**

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

Visitors to Blakeney are very welcome.  
Donations welcome.



## The Blakeney Lunch is supporting the Bishop's Lent Appeal

The Bishop's Lent Appeal 2023 is helping to raise money for the new Priscilla Bacon Lodge hospice building which is being built on an 8-acre site next to the Norfolk and Norwich hospital.

It will have capacity for 24 beds, providing specialist end of life care in Norfolk and Waveney. The new larger building will enable many more to be helped and supported at a very difficult and challenging time.

Funds received will be in memory of The Venerable Ian Bentley. Ian's ministry touched many people throughout the Diocese and this year's Lent Appeal is an opportunity to support the hospice in which Ian spent his last days, with his family around him. Donations for this appeal would be very welcome. All proceeds received from the March Blakeney Lunch will be donated to the Appeal.

## COMMUNITY NEWS



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

These are part of a series of fascinating monthly interviews/conversations with Norfolk based artists working in a diverse range of fields and disciplines, discussing their work, their inspiration, and influences; how they make what they make, as well as where, when and why they make it; discussing the importance of creativity and the arts, personally and for society more generally; and, where relevant, will reflect upon living in Norfolk.

- **Wednesday March 15<sup>th</sup> – Liz McGowan and Margie Britz (artists)** - a discussion about their careers, thus far, reflecting on the importance of art **for them personally and professionally, as well as for society at large; what artists are and do; the challenges and rewards of being one; how and why they each became artists in the first place; their creative processes and influences; how they've got to where they are now; and what keeps them working.**
- **Wednesday April 19<sup>th</sup> – Veronica Sekules (Director of the 'Ground Work' Gallery King's Lynn, formerly a curator, then Head of Education and Research and Deputy Director at the Sainsbury Centre for Visual Arts, University of East Anglia)** discussing

the importance of creativity and the arts, personally as well as for society at large; **the challenges and rewards of running public and private galleries; how and why Veronica became & remains involved in the arts today; and the challenges and rewards of being so.**

- **Wednesday May 17<sup>th</sup> – A panel of arts educators, including Hannelore Smith (Co-Director Artpocket - innovative education in creative arts), and artist/educators/ workshop leaders Cora Mullenger, Mary Blue, and Rose Feather** - discussing **the importance of arts education, or of education through the arts, from both a personal and a professional point of view; each bringing a slightly different slant or perspective to our discussion.**
- **Wednesday June 21<sup>st</sup> – David Morris (photographer)** as part of a panel discussing **the art of photography**

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

- **Wednesday July 19<sup>th</sup> – 'My Norfolk, My Holt' – Simon Walters (Headmaster of Holt Primary School)**

We take a break in August and September, starting again on:

- **Wednesday October 18<sup>th</sup> – H.J Jackson (Printmaker – '70 years of Lino-cuts')**
- **Wednesday November 15<sup>th</sup> – Martin Eaton (saxophonist with, amongst others, the Martin Eaton Quartet and The Jonathan Wyatt Big Band)**
- **Tuesday December 12<sup>th</sup> – Raffaella Barker (author)**

Arrive at 6.30pm when the bar will be open, for a prompt 7.00pm start.

The evening will finish 8.30pm-ish after questions.

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

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

To book please contact The Venue 01263 713427, or via email [info@thevenueholt.com](mailto:info@thevenueholt.com)

For up-to-date information please visit 'The Venue website' <https://thevenueholt.com/>

## The Arts Society, Glaven Valley

Who built the towering, intricately decorated medieval cathedrals? On Tuesday, 21 March, Arts Society Lecturer Imogen Corrigan will introduce **The Men who built Cathedrals**, Master Masons who designed the buildings, recruited the workforce and managed the sites. Not all of these forceful, charismatic characters were angels – some cheated on their contracts or abandoned projects part-way through. But many of their creations survive today, inspiring awe and admiration.

Doors open from 1.45 pm, lecture at 2.15 pm, followed by tea. £5 for non-members.

If you're interested in finding out more about the Society, which presents 9 lectures and 2 study days each year, please visit our website, [www.theartsocietyglavenvalley.org.uk](http://www.theartsocietyglavenvalley.org.uk) or contact our Membership Secretary, Tony Hannington, email [tasgvmembership@gmail.com](mailto:tasgvmembership@gmail.com).

## Please Come and Join Us

Villages and small towns everywhere have a focal point, a church, a village hall, a chapel or a local. They provide safe places where people can find warmth, friendship, support or a sandwich and a pint.

These places usually provide at least one of these things; The Blakeney Cley and District Royal British Legion, in the form of the Harbour Rooms in Blakeney provide all of them.

But British Legion membership is falling, combined with other factors this means that its future here in Blakeney may now be in doubt, to lose it would take the beating heart out of this part of north Norfolk.

Would you consider becoming a member? Becoming part of a larger family? Its neither expensive or difficult and you would not just be helping to retain this vital part of our community you would be enriching your own life experience.

You can come along to the Harbour Room where Paul will help you to join, or if you have a computer, you can do it online by just typing - Join the Royal British Legion.

Joni Mitchell's words were never more true. *You don't know what you've got till it's gone.*

*Blakeney Cley and District Branch Royal British Legion*

# Letters & Articles

## Lament for a Lost World

It is not unusual for me to remember dreams when I have a fever it is guaranteed. This week I had a fever and I had dreams. The last has left me more than usually moved.

Its theme was a day of celebration in Blakeney and was centred around the Blakeney Hotel and the Quay. It was the pre-invasion era and the cast were all from my early life. It was a hot summer day and people were coming out from the hotel to cool in the light sea breeze. I was standing with a group by the quayside, five of us, I alone am left from that group. It was an unselfconscious afternoon of much laughter and friendly good spirits. Just before I awoke, I had been talking to Jeremy Ryder-Smith (if you can remember him, it'll be you me and two others) and trying hard to recall a funny extract from a book I had just read which I thought would repay the hilarious story he had just told me. He had recently led a parade around the village pulling a very small trailer behind a lawn mower with a very large lady in it dressed as Britannia. They wisely followed a downhill route, although coming down the hill to the quay the trailer definitely looked to be in charge.

It would be strange on waking from a dream of such detail not to feel some grief as much loved and long familiar faces retreat to their graves, but so many, so very many; more than just lost friends it was the loss of a community, a whole village. They are gone leaving the faintest of echos, not because they had no successors, they did, but because they have no successors here.

The houses and cottages that held them now fill with strangers in summer and lay empty in winter. Walk down Blakeney High Street on a winter's night and the windows are dark; but for the miracle of the Blakeney Neighbourhood Housing Society the entire heart of the village would be lifeless. They are gone from Blakeney, scattered far and wide by an explosion in house prices that beginning in the sixties exponentially continues. The distance they were thrown from the epicentre dependant on the availability of social housing locally or their limited ability to buy. Just occasionally a born-here dies and for a brief hour or two time stands still and fleetingly a community is reborn. There are probably just enough of the indigenous population scattered over wider north Norfolk to make a single village population of 60 years ago.

The community I mourn was robust and cohesive, held together by bonds of friendship and ties of blood going back to the days of Blakeney Haven, Doomsday, and who knows maybe the Saxon Shore. A loss that is deeply felt, albeit by a diminishing minority. Of those I do meet the initial greeting is always followed by the same conversation.

You alright? ,

Yare I'm ok, you?

Yare, bloody fed up with all this what's goin on, yu dun't hardly see anyone you know no more, plenty of others about, they all seem to know each other but they dunt know us. It's like bein a guest in you own house. All this bloody buildin, down New Road, how many more a they gonna let em squeeze in? They'll knock down a good house and crowd in load of miserable little boxes in a space too small for em. 'Green Croft House', ent no green left there, built all over the lawns they hev, covered in houses; houses what only hev summer people in em. The place is \*\*\*\*\* up. Ass like a dead pig alive wi leeches.

This is the thorn in the side of most locals, the invasion of the super-rich and the exploiters, the former are able to buy large houses which were built at a time when architecture followed the local vernacular, knock them down and build new modern and invariably ugly eyesores. Physical embodiments of their own egos. If the local authority challenges them, they have the money to run the gamut of the appeal process and ultimately get what they want. The later are developers who have seen a chance to clean up. They buy a property tell the owners how desperate they are to come and live here then - as you just heard- knock the house down and build six or eight on the empty plot. NNDC have earmarked Blakeney as a growth village so do little to stop it, they are described as a planning authority but planning seems totally absent, bog standard, utility houses that would disgrace Metro Land let alone an historic rural village.

As surely as the characters in my dream a community has died, its demise not sudden, only slowly has its life ebbed away in a process not unlike petrification its original inhabitants gradually replaced by incomers. The physical fabric of Blakeney and Cley remain, and for many that seems to be enough, but its soul has gone. My most powerful recollections are from the time of that dream and in so many ways form the template against which I make sense of the world as I experience it now. I believe a meaningful sense of place is possible only if one's experience of it is four-dimensional. That one knows not just how it is, but how it was.

This was written a couple of days after the dream and is subjective and emotive. Which leaves me wondering to what extent it was the product of a high temperature or a much a deeper feeling of loss and ill adjustment to change. Nostalgia wears rose tinted glasses. So, I should perhaps add a little balance, because there are some (a precious few) who are different, they've seamlessly, noiselessly, slipped in, and almost without notice become accepted by the old community, many of my current friends have come here from someplace else. They join in, they make a positive contribution, they didn't push in telling us how we should do things, they waited courtesy to be invited, they respect local people and did not harbour subconscious assumptions that locals are unworldly or lack their own sophistication. And sophisticated they are, sensitive enough to have noticed more than just the buildings of the world they have come to live in, that others were here

before them, people with roots and a history. If only there were more of them.

G.S

**Last Sunday, I heard that the Methodist Church in Blakeney was to close.** After talking to Sam Parifitt, she told me of their plans to hold a service there on alternative Sunday's and to still meet on a Thursday morning for prayers for the village, then a cup of coffee and a chat afterwards.

The Methodist Church or the Chapel as we used to call the building when I was young 1947 – 57 and attended Sunday School led by Mrs Bedwell and her daughter Kathy Thompson who was Peter Thompson's mother. About 45 children sat in the school room and we sang songs such as "Jesus bids us shine with a pure clear light, like a little candle burning in the night" and "" There is a happy land far, far away where saints in glory stand".

The highlights of attending Sunday School were the Anniversary held early in June – we each had to recite a poem standing facing the congregation of our parents. I can remember Mrs Bedwell asking Pat Horne (now 80 years old) to pronounce the word Just and not Jest. Then we would attend the Summer Outing when Mrs Bedwell would arrange for a coach to take us to Sheringham. We would be taken on to the beach and were able to play in the rock pools and paddle in the sea. A picnic was provided by the ladies of the Methodist Chapel and usually a kind person in the village had given Mrs Bedwell a donation so we could all enjoy an ice cream. Happy days!!

Perhaps the highlight of the year was the Christmas Party. The school room was decorated with a large Christmas Tree and Father Christmas – I can remember Dick Grey – David and Andrew Grey's father, dressing up. Each child was given a Christmas present and we enjoyed a party tea and games.

Also recently on a Sunday, I went for lunch at the Harbour Rooms. As I arrived, the chef Paul held open the door for me and introduced himself. He said it was warmer in the bar, so I went in and ordered a drink which was served by Mandy behind the bar. I felt a very warm welcome and I spoke to a few people I knew.

I ordered a child's portion of roast beef, Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes, vegetables and gravy plus horseradish sauce. I was charged £7 but paid £8 because the meal was value for money. A portion costs £13.50. It was a delicious meal and a treat on a Sunday.

Then another friend who also lives alone joined me and we enjoyed the companionship.

Full marks to the staff at the Harbour Rooms for the welcoming atmosphere and warmth of greeting.

The Harbour Rooms Committee are thinking of alternate ways of keeping the Harbour Rooms afloat. So, GVN readers, let us rally round and show support for them so we don't lose another amenity in Blakeney. The rooms are a

perfect size for a party. I am going to hold my 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebration in the Harbour Rooms – I am getting ready to party in July – watch this space – there's life in the Old Girl yet!

*M.J.*

**FAKENHAM CHORAL SOCIETY  
CONCERT  
Handel's 'Samson'  
Fakenham Parish Church  
Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March 7pm  
Musical director, Mark Jones**

After their hugely successful Christmas concert, Fakenham Choral Society delves deep into the story of Samson, from his betrayal by Delilah to his dramatic demolition of the temple. Composed by Handel immediately after 'Messiah', 'Samson' is just as compelling and lyrical, concluding with the scintillating aria 'Let the bright seraphim'. With orchestra and professional soloists, Rosamund Walton, Tabitha Reynolds, Dan Bartlette and Simon Crookall, this promises to be one of the choir's most memorable performances.

Tickets are £12 (under 16s free), and can be purchased either by calling 01485544335, via the website [www.fakenhamchoralsociety.org](http://www.fakenhamchoralsociety.org) or on the door.

***Do come along for an unforgettable evening***

**The Museum of the Broads opens for 2023!**

We can't wait to welcome visitors again from Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March. Our special exhibition is on Broadland artist, Philippa Miller. The exhibition shows her personal response to the landscape she knew and loved and is complemented by her own words from the diaries and journals she left behind. Don't miss this tribute to a true artist of the Broads.

Other displays have changed, there are new family activities, and our old favourites, our trip boats, will be running again too. We welcome groups, are introducing new combined Museum and boat tickets, and for 2023, all 12s and under come to the Museum for free.

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

[www.museumofthebroads.org.uk](http://www.museumofthebroads.org.uk) @MuseumBroads on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram

**4-Ways Art Exhibition**

**April 6<sup>th</sup> -23<sup>rd</sup>, 11am to 4pm daily.**

**Venue: The Handa Gallery, Wells Maltings  
Free entry.**

A group exhibition by four artists from four different places. Dave Mercer, Caroline Murtagh, Carol Pairaudeau and

Vandy Massey come together to stage their first joint exhibition.

These four artists with different approaches to painting bring their inspirations from daily life into their work. Each of them creates a sense of place and time through their visual art.

Dave Mercer's inspiration comes from the North Yorkshire moors where he lives. He paints acrylics and mixed media, and in 2022 received the North York Moors National Park Art Award. Dave also creates digital art.

Caroline Murtagh is an oil painter who lives and works in County Cork where she is surrounded by beautiful landscape and seas. Caroline's work has increasingly moved towards abstraction. Her painting, 'River Run' was selected for the 141<sup>st</sup> Royal Ulster Academy exhibition.

Carol Pairaudeau is a print maker and a painter. Recently she has been exploring combining both techniques into the same artworks. Her work has appeared in exhibitions extensively across the UK for over a decade.

As an extension of the exhibition, Carol will be teaching a one-day workshop in gel plate printing at the Maltings on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April.

Vandy Massey paints predominantly in watercolour and mixed media. Her work is inspired by the natural environment and often features trees and plants. Vandy chaired the Society of East Anglian Watercolourists for four years during which time she brought two successful exhibitions to Wells Maltings.

Carol Pairaudeau and Vandy Massey will be running workshops in gel plate printing and watercolour painting on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> April. Bookings can be made through the Wells Maltings website and box office.

The Exhibition will open at the Handa Gallery, Wells Maltings, NR23 1AU, on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April. The gallery will be open 11-4 every day until Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April. The artists will be available on various days during the exhibition to talk about their work. Follow the exhibition on Instagram to find out who is in the gallery.

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# Blakeney Area Historical Society

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March 7:30pm**

*Cley Village Hall & Zoom*

**Fransham: People and Land in  
a Central Norfolk Parish**

*Andrew Rogerson*

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April 7:30pm**

*Cley Village Hall & Zoom*

**Cley Heritage Walk**

*Richard Jefferson*

**Free Entry**

**Donations welcome**

*To receive Zoom invite, join the BAHS  
or sign-up for information emails at  
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Further Information & Updates

**[www.bahs.uk](http://www.bahs.uk)**

## One Too Many Mornings

*Bob Dylan*

Down the street, the dogs are barking  
And the day is gettin' dark  
As the night comes in a-falling  
The dogs lose their bark  
And the silent night is shattered  
From the sounds inside my mind  
For I'm one too many mornings  
And a thousand miles behind

From the crossroads of my doorstep  
My eyes start to fade  
And I turn my head back to the room  
Where my love and I have laid  
Back to the street  
The sidewalks and the sign  
I'm just one too many mornings  
And a thousand miles behind

There's a restless hungry feeling  
That don't mean no one look good  
When everything that I'm a-saying  
You can say it just as good  
You are right from your side  
And I'm right from mine  
We're both just one too many mornings  
And a thousand miles behind

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# Rising Stars

A series of concerts in Cley Church showcasing young musicians at the start of their careers

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**Rhys Herbert** - Cello

**Tom Scott** - Piano

**Ireland** - Clarinet Trio

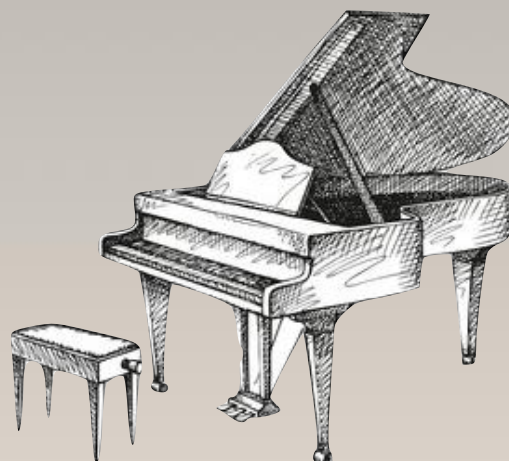
**Schumann** - Fantasiestücke

**Rachmaninoff** - Cello Sonata

**4th March 2023 - 3pm**

**Saint Margaret's Church Cley next the Sea**

**Free entry, donations welcome**



# LANGHAM DOME FUND RAISER



**The Dome is in urgent need of a new Projector System.  
It is the HEART of our Museum!**

**In WW2 the purpose of the Dome was to project moving images of enemy planes across the curved ceiling and walls to give recruits a realistic experience for their top-secret training**

**This is the experience that we still give our visitors today, as well as showing films narrated by Stephen Fry, telling the fascinating history of the Dome!**




**Charity Registration  
Number  
1157742**

**One of our Trustees, Roland Goodison, is cycling the C2C, 146 miles from the Cumbrian coast to the North Sea coast, to help raise funds for this vital project.**

**If you are able to help, please donate at any of the following:  
Just Giving: [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Roland-Goodison](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Roland-Goodison)  
Website: [www.langhamdome.org](http://www.langhamdome.org) -- Home page, click donate**

**Or just scan the QR Code above!**

*A Big Thank you, from the Trustees of Friends of Langham Dome*



# Coronation Celebrations May 6th 2023


Save the date!

FOR THE CORONATION EVENT!



This will be a family event at Blakeney Village Hall, starting at 5pm with food and drink and community sharing! Everyone is welcome;- more details to follow.

The bar will be open and there will be entertainment for the children - followed by dancing to a live band til late!





# Arts Forum

## The Venue

15 March



conversation about life in the arts  
with artists

## Margie Britz and Liz McGowan

This is part of a series of monthly interviews/conversations with Norfolk based artists working in a diverse range of fields and disciplines, discussing their work, inspiration, and influences, along with their creative processes; how and why they each became artists; how they make what they make, as well as where, when and why they make it; and reflecting upon living in Norfolk.



### Margie Britz

Born in South Africa, Margie received the Holt Festival Sir John Hurt Art Prize in 2019 for her work *Blue Moon* pictured left.

### Liz McGowan

Liz works in and with the Norfolk landscape, exploring the meeting points between inner and outer landscapes. Right - *Seaheart* on Brancaster Beach.



**After the interview, there will be time for questions.**

**Arrive at 6.30pm, when the bar will be open, for a prompt 7.00pm start**

**The evening will finish 8.30/9.00pm-ish**

**Booking is helpful to gauge numbers.**

To book: contact The Venue on 01263 713427 or email:

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