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May 2022



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- Send cash or cheque to the Treasurer, Stonebridge House, Bridgefoot Lane, Wiveton, Holt NR25 7TP (cheques payable to 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

Sunday 1 May 3pm, St Margaret's Church, Cley

Free admission with retiring collection

glavenvalleychurches.org.uk

The Lucy Cavendish Singers

Director: Katharina Megli Patron: Baroness Perry

Saturday 25 June 2022, 7pm St Margaret's Church, Cley-next-the-sea

Bouquet Garni With Ivan Garford (piano), Giulio Lampronti (double bass)

The Lucy Cavendish Singers from Cambridge present a piquant programme of music from every genre and era, including jazz classics, traditional folk, sacred songs and equisite classical pieces.

"Delirious aural bliss" Andrew Marr Tickets: £15 (Under 16s free)

Book online via: www.lucycavendishsingers.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:

Oscar Haynes: 01263 712693, oscar.haynes@btinternet.com

Music & Meditation in St Mary's Church Kelling: 3.00pm

Half an hour's music around a pause for silent meditation. All welcome on the second Wednesday of the month:

Wednesday May 11th
Wednesday June 8th
Wednesday July 13th
Wednesday August 10th
Wednesday September 14th

Wyatt Earp (flute) Angela Dugdale (piano)

North Norfolk Chamber Opera presents

Claudio Monteverdi's The Coronation of Poppea

an opera in a prologue and three acts sung in English

7pm, St Margaret's Church, Cley May 12, 13 and 14th

Tickets £15 from: www.northnorfolkchamberopera.co.uk/booking-with-eventbrite/







Blakeney

Blakeney Sailing Club

The season is up and running again! Well done to everybody who took part in the Frostbite series. You can see the results on Facebook. Great job everyone!

The Dinghy Park is getting full now the weather is warming up. The new Lapwing Committee Boat is out. It looks tremendous and will be so useful during race events.

Don't forget that we still have a club Laser and Seafly if you'd like to take it out on the water. See a member of the committee for further details.

To gain an idea of the rich variety of activities which Blakeney Sailing Club offers, come down to the shed and see the Events Calendar. Also, have a look on the website, Facebook and Instagram. The season has only just started. The best is yet to come!!

See you on the water.

Amy Howes

Coastal Rowing Association of Blakeney

The rowing season has really picked up pace in recent weeks with several outings taking to the water. Even some of the early morning tides have proved popular. The two skiffs – *Hoi Larntan* and *Bluejacket* – occupy pride of place in the dinghy park, looking resplendent and freshly painted in the club colours of blue and white. Thanks to Barrie Borwell for his time, expertise and workshop space during the period when the skiffs were being maintained. "Crabbers," efficiently coordinated by Rob Dunster, were also on hand to work hard at ensuring that both skiffs will continue to be safe whilst looking great as they slice through the waves around Blakeney.

See the club website at crablakeney.wordpress.com to gain details of the club's activities. The blog contains descriptions and photographs of many of the outings to Blakeney Point and other areas of the harbour.

A programme of events is currently being organised. Club members will be able to choose whether to be involved in a range of competitions including the Hanse Rowing Festival in King's Lynn, the Great River Race on the Thames and the Carrow Cup in Norwich. Closer to home, there will be the Blakeney and Morston Regattas as well as the "Five Miles from Home" series which has been so prominent during the last two years. Of course, the Robin Combe Trophy, such a popular competition over the winter, will also be a prize to be won. Which crew will gain the engraved hip flask this summer? Away from competition, the social rows will always be there to be enjoyed for everyone.

DMN

Gardening & Maintenance

- Grass Cutting
- Hedge Cutting
- General garden maintenance

For more information, please contact:

07943 258828

At the time of writing, club members are looking forward to a social event at The King's Arms, Blakeney. This will take place on Saturday 23rd April at 6.30 pm. There will be a gathering of a different kind the day before on Friday 22nd April when some club members will meet at Wiveton Village Hall to undertake a course which will renew first aid certificates. Other such courses will be arranged to help ensure the safety of all rowers. Read the next newsletter to find out more about the range of activities available to club members. 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 more, contact club captain Humphrey at hborgnis@icloud.com to arrange a trial row. Beginners and returning rowers are always welcome to contact the club. Remember, you can keep up with the club's activities on Instagram and on Facebook.

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

Barry Howes

GLAVEN CARING COFFEE MORNING

Blakeney Manor Hotel

Saturday 14th May, 10.00-12.00

Cake Stall, Tombola, Raffle,

Books, Bric-a-Brac

£2 entry to include tea/coffee

(& a refill!)

News from the Methodist Church

Hello everyone,

I hope that you had a lovely Easter, after two long years it was wonderful to know that many of the traditional Holy Week happenings were recommencing in the village, a great opportunity to get together for worship and fellowship. Unfortunately, I was out of action due to Covid, but thanks to digital technology I was still able to virtually attend services. Thankfully I'm back in action again and bring a reminder of what's on at the Methodist Church, along with an invitation to a singing event.

The Chapel continues to be open for a regular weekly coffee morning from 10am-11am (following on from morning prayer at 9.30am) The Spoonies Club continues to gather every Friday morning 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. This month we will be holding a Wellbeing Cafe, a meditation session, a craft session and our inaugural book club. For more details, please phone Sam.

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

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

Our weekly Sunday services for May are as follows;

Sunday 1st May 10am - Traditional Methodist Worship

Sunday 8th May 10am - Cafe Church

Sunday 15th May 10am - Celtic style service

Sunday 22nd May 10am - Aldersgate Sunday Garden Church

Sunday 29th May 10am - Something different!

Our mid-week prayer time;

Thursdays 9.30am - Pilgrim Prayers (followed by coffee)

On Tuesday 3rd May we are hosting a Taizé singing workshop led by Natasha Hood from Sing Your Heart Out, which is a charity dedicated to supporting wellbeing and good mental health through singing. The workshop is free and refreshments are included. Everyone is welcome - whether you're a seasoned soprano or a nervous novice, it would be great to see you there!

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

Love and blessings, Sam Parfitt

BLAKENEY FILM NIGHT VILLAGE HALL ''Belfast''(12A) Friday 20th May

£5 on the door

A poignant story of love, laughter and loss, Kenneth Branagh's semi-autobiographical drama chronicles the childhood of a working-class boy amid the social tumult of Belfast in 1969 as the Troubles begin to flare. His happy and stable community is changed forever - but his family keep the joy alive through music and the magic of the local cinema. It is the imaginative escape offered through this early exposure to the arts that brings colour back to young Buddy's world.

Excellent performances from Jude Hill, with Jamie Dornan & Caitriona Balfe as his parents, Ciaran Hinds & Judi Dench his grandparents. Backed up by a wonderful soundtrack from Van Morrison.

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

Please observe any current COVID guidelines.

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

Please visit our Facebook page

facebook.com/BlakeneyFair

or call Mandy Allen – 07876 254173

THE GREAT BLAKENEY BREAKFAST!

in St Nicholas' Church, Blakeney will be held on

Wednesday 4th May 8.00am to 11.00am.

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 also most welcome.

Donations welcome.

Quotable quotes

This is from a beautiful Victorian sampler hanging on my Nain and Taid's
- Welsh for Grandmother and Grandfather- cottage wall where they lived in Maentwrog, Snowdonia. It was embroidered by an 11 yearold girl in 1844 in East Drayton Nottinghamshire:

"Remember what you take in hand Learning is better than house or land. When land is gone and money spent Learning is most excellent".

Sent in by Siân Maddock

QQ's on Love and Marriage...

"Marriage is a wonderful institution, but who wants to live in an institution?" Groucho Marx

"If love is the answer, could you rephrase the question?"

Lily Tomlin

"Always get married in the morning.
That way if it doesn't work out, you
haven't wasted the whole day"
Mickey Rooney

Sent in by Oscar Haynes



Thoughts from the Rectory for May 2022

Dear Friends,

"Mayday!" Mayday!"

When you hear the word "Mayday", do you think of flowers, the red flag, or the high seas? The word has all those different connotations, of course.

The day itself – May 1st, or May Day – is associated with traditional springtime celebrations, including dancing round the maypole. Evidently this goes back at least 700 years, and probably earlier, when people used to dance round actual trees in the hopes of harvesting a good crop, while scaring away evil spirits! The Puritans banned this in 1644, only for Charles II to reinstate it 16 years later!

May 1st has also been designated, since 1889, as International Labour Day, or International Workers' Day, in most countries an annual holiday. It has its origins in the Labour Union movement, and specifically the "eight-hour day movement", which advocated eight hours for work, eight hours for recreation, and eight hours for rest. There's something to aim for!

But also, of course, the word "Mayday" is an internationally recognised radio distress signal used by ships and aircraft and the like, because it sounds like the French expression "m'aidez", or "help me". It was the idea not of a Frenchman, but an English radio officer at Croydon Airport, which had regular flights to Le Bourget Airport in Paris. It was officially introduced for cross-Channel flights in February 1923.

I'm writing this article in the middle of Holy Week, in the lead up to Good Friday and Easter Day, and this week seems to offer a reflection on this

theme. On Friday we'll be marking the crucifixion and death of Jesus, and on Easter Day the resurrection. If you like, Jesus Christ came to answer humanity's "Mayday" call, bringing us light in the darkness, and peace in the storm.

I've never been involved in a shipping or air disaster (although I've come close once or twice!), but I've had my own "Mayday!" moments, both physical and spiritual. My own experience is that God hears our "Mayday!" calls, and responds. And as a Church will do our best to emulate that, and respond to every call from the communities we serve.

I sincerely hope that your May will be free from disasters. But if trouble should loom, send out your own "Mayday!" – on any

day of the year – and know that you're not adrift and helpless, but that help is at hand. Have a wonderful month!

Richard

NB: Do check our benefice website for any last-minute changes: 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.

Weddings:

We have two weddings in the benefice this month:

Matthew Adcock & Jennifer Whalley (Wiveton, 7th May).

Dane Cason & Carly Bishop (Blakeney, 14th May).

Our congratulations and prayers for them.

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

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

www.catholicparishofwalsingham.org



MAY 2022 SERVICE SCHEDULE

SUNDAY 1 st	Easter 3				
8.00	Holy Communion (BCP)	Wiveton			
9.30	Holy Communion (CW) [& streamed]	Blakeney			
11.15	Holy Communion (BCP)	Letheringsett			
6.00	Taize	Cley			
Wed 4 th	Holy Communion (CW) 10.00am	Cley			
SUNDAY 8 th	Easter 4				
9.30	Praise and Worship [& streamed]	Blakeney			
11.15	Holy Communion with hymns (BCP)	Glandford			
6.00	Service of Contemplation	Wiveton			
SUNDAY 15 th	Easter 5 [start of Christian Aid Week]				
9.30	Celtic HC with Healing [& streamed]	Blakeney			
9.30	Morning Prayer (CW)	Letheringsett			
11.15	Café Church	Cley			
6.30	Evensong (BCP)	Wiveton			
Wed 18 th	Holy Communion (CW) 10.00am	Cley			
SUNDAY 22 nd	Easter 6				
8.00	Holy Communion (BCP)	Cley			
9.30	Holy Communion (CW) [& streamed]	Blakeney			
11.15	Family Service (All-Age)	Wiveton			
6.30	Evensong (BCP)	Glandford			
Thur 26 th	Holy Communion (CW) 10.00 [& streamed]	Blakeney			
[Ascension Day]					
SUNDAY 29 th	Easter 7 / Sunday after Ascension				
11.00	Benefice Communion [& streamed] Blakeney				

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

let's do h lullach

in St Nicholas' Church, Blakeney
The Blakeney Lunch will be held on
Wednesday 18th May 12noon to 2.00pm.
We will be serving our delicious homemade soups followed
by a choice of homemade dessert.
Visitors to Blakeney are also most welcome.
Donations welcome.

WANTED - TREASURER



Blakeney Cley and District Royal British Legion Branch

Blakeney RBL has been part of Blakeney's community for nearly 100 years. Serving the needs of the armed forces. Today there are less Armed Forces personnel and veterans and so we have to change. Today we serve our local community and our local emergency services too. With our partner the RBL Club we are here to:

- Operate the Wheelyboat "Poppy", a specially adapted ferry boat for the disabled
- Arrange respite breaks and awaydays
- Provide online workshops addressing loneliness and isolation through creative writing
- Making our events and meeting rooms available for new businesses
- · Provide training to support Armed Forces personnel, veterans and carers

The RBL club will use surplus cash generated by our hospitality business for these activities

You are likely to have a business or accountancy background. You will join a new and expanded team of volunteer supporters dedicated to making this village amenity more relevant than ever.

Around 10 hours a month. Telephone for more details: 07785731804

BLAKENEY PARISH COUNCIL - www.blakeneyparishcouncil.org.uk



SAVE THE DATE(S) 2022:

THE QUEENS PLATINUM JUBILEE – Thursday 2nd (Beacon Lighting etc) to Sunday 5th June (Street Party with Afternoon Tea) – A flyer with full details will shortly be hand delivered to our residents.

PARTY ON THE PASTURES - Sunday 21st August

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

email: clerk@blakeneyparishcouncil.org.uk)

Extracts from the meeting of **Blakeney Parish Council** which was held on **Tuesday 5th April 2022** in **The Scout Hut.** (Full minutes will be on the website in due course.)

Police & Crime Commissioner for Norfolk; Giles Orpen-Smellie had not been able to join us, hopefully he will be able to join us another time.

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

RV/22/0449 — Proposal; Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) of planning permission PF/21/0225 (Demolition of single storey detached dwelling and erection of two storey replacement dwelling) to allow for amendments to design and layout of dwelling at, Glebe Lodge, Saxlingham Road, Blakeney. No objection.

We will ask NNDC for a time extension for our planning application no. **PF/21/1657** — *Proposal; Proposed overflow car park (remaining) as grassed area), with a maximum of 200 parking spaces and improvements to existing access at,* **Land known as the Former School Field, Langham Road, Blakeney**, whilst we have further discussions with Norfolk County Council and others, as we believe that there is a great economic need for use of the overflow car park, given that NNDC and others actively promotes and encourages visitors to the North Norfolk Coast, and we as a Parish Council are trying to solve our own problem, as the village and its businesses and thus workers, rely on tourism.

We shall liaise with NNDC, St. Nicholas Church Hall Committee and the Two Magpies to see if we can do something to mitigate the visual impact of the trade waste bins in the area of **Mariners Hill** looking from The

Carnser, (AONB & Conservation Area) such as slatted fencing, or solid fencing with a gap at the bottom. BPC to obtain quotes for such work.

PF/22/0834 – Proposal; Demolition of stable and removal of static caravan; erection of single-storey triple-bay domestic garage at, **Galley Hill House, Langham Road, Blakeney.** No objection.

FINANCE - Accounts totalling £47,167.29 were approved.

Clerk/RFO Report -

The figures for both the **Carnser and Coronation Car Park** were reported to members along with the cashbook balance. Noted that the year had been very good overall due to high visitor numbers/staycations.

Openreach have confirmed that two of the recently installed telegraph poles on Langham Road are to be removed.

Gray's funfair will be on The Carnser from Tuesday 16th August, til 7am on Sunday 21st August 2022.

The **Blakeney/Wiveton Community Governance Review** has now been completed by NNDC and the consolidation of the properties and businesses established at Friary Farm into the Blakeney parish has been approved for implementation from 1st April 2022.

The Royal British Legion are to hold the 'Wheelyboat' official launch on 22nd April. BPC will be represented and we wish this amazing venture, every success.

Blakeney Surgery – response received from Holt Medical Practice on 30th March 2022 – which in summary, does not provide the resolutions to the concerns raised by Blakeney Parish Council. Members agreed to; i) Try and have this added to the NNDC 'Community Right to Bid Register', ii) Contact those local Parish Councils that did not reply, iii) Ask our District Cllr to comment on this, iv) refer to the current Local Plan and the emerging Local Plan, re. Doctors Surgery/healthcare provision for a designated 'Service Village' & v) seek a Section 106 agreement from the proposed new housing development behind Kingsway, to help fund/secure the future of Blakeney Surgery.

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

Queen's Platinum Jubilee – Plans progressing well, with a number of community groups pulling together to put on a variety of events and activities. Committee has requested an increase to their budget of £1,000, giving a total budget of £2,000, the same as it was back in 2012 for the Diamond Jubilee.

Party on The Pastures – The Clerk advised that plans are progressing however; the Jubilee event has taken

priority due to timing.

Dinghy Park Committee — The committee met last week, and are looking at a number of ways to solve the problem of cars being parked in the wrong area, but still allowing the area to be used as an overflow car park at the discretion of the car park attendants, with positive solutions coming forward. The revised kayak area is working extremely well and the dinghy park itself is looking the best it has in years.

NNDC Parish & Town Forum — A written report had been circulated in advance; however, the meeting touched upon; A number of E-forms are now available on the NNDC website, concerns around second homes, 16 units of temporary accommodation in the district. Funding for Ukraine refugees is available via the NCC and anyone interesting in hosting to go via the Homes for Ukraine scheme. NNDC & NCC are helping with Jubilee events across the district re. road closures etc. Nutrient neutrality — Natural England are in discussion with NNDC and others re. development sites. Parish Councils will be formally consulted soon on Planning Service Improvement Plan.

Greenways to Greenspaces – A webinar organised by Norfolk County Council. One of a series of webinars aimed at helping communities improve their local areas in terms of habitat, green corridors, access to countryside, etc. Suggestions which could be relevant to Blakeney included; A call to mow less to enable grasses, etc to flower thereby helping bees and insects, in particular, 'No mow May'. Encouragement to plant trees. The importance of having rough grass. The possibility of roadside nature corridors.

CORRESPONDENCE -

Blakeney Parish Council, are happy to endorse and send the model letter for Councils from SLCC to our local MP regarding **Bullying**, **harassment and intimidation** in the sector, towards councillors and their staff.

We will seek prices to repair the **Goal Posts** on the village playing field and also a price to replace them. To then consider the most cost-effective option, whilst at the same time seeking out any possible grant funding.

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

PF/21/3243 – Sanderlings, Morston Road, Blakeney – Granted

PF/21/3475 – Four Winds, 13 Kingsway, Blakeney – Granted

PF/20/1109 - Appeal Ref: AP/21/0006 -

Agricultural Barn, Morston Road, Blakeney – APPEAL DISMISSED.

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

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 the AGM followed by Full Council on Tuesday 3rd May 2022.

THE PLAN PROPOSAL

In accordance with Regulation 16, North Norfolk District Council is **now consulting upon the draft Blakeney** Neighbourhood Plan, July 2021 and associated Plan documents which were received between November 2021 and January 2022. The consultation period will run for six weeks commencing Monday 28 March and closing Monday 9 May, 2022.

The draft plan proposal comprises the following documents:

- a) Proposed Neighbourhood Development Plan Examination Version, July 2021
- b) Basic Conditions Statement, July 2021
- c) Consultation Statement, July 2021
- d) Evidence Pack updated April 2020
- e) Strategic Environmental Assessment, SEA & Habitats Regulations Assessment, HRA Screening Reports, March 2021 and Determination Statements April 2021

The documents and prescribed consultation response form can be viewed online at www.north-

norfolk.gov.uk/blakeneynp.
 Paper copies are available to view at The Parish Council Office, Langham Road, Blakeney,
 NR25 7PG by prior arrangement with the parish clerk. Copies can also be viewed at NNDC, Holt Road, Cromer, NR27 9EN during normal opening hours. Those who are not online can request a printed copy

from <u>clerk@blakeneyparishcouncil.org.uk</u> or by telephoning 01263 741106.

Cley

Thursdays At Three

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

Thursday May 5th

Romantic Music for Two Flutes Wyatt Earp (flute) Brian Frost (flute) Angela Dugdale (piano)

Thursday May 12th

Richard Rogers & Oscar Hammerstein: Broadway Hits

The King and I, The Sound of Music, South Pacific,
Oklahoma, Carousel
Gill Mellor (piano) Wyatt Earp (flute)

Thursday May 19th

Richard Newton entertains with music and anecdotes Richard Newton (piano)

Thursday May 26th

Gershwin Favourites Jo Fawcett (clarinet) Patricia Alexander (piano)

Thursday June 2nd Gloriana

In celebration of Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee:

a special slightly extended concert in Words and Music

Paul Hands and Sue Smart (narrators)
Robert FitzGerald (Renaissance style recorders)
Angela Dugdale (keyboard)
Wyatt Earp (flute)



Cley VH News

It is very rewarding to see the VH being very busy and in increasing demand for a wide variety of activities and events, private and public. We have not quite achieved financial self-sufficiency yet, but we are on the way, and, who knows? if the present trend continues, we may get there one of these years...

So, to all of you who come and support the hall in whichever form a big thank you! It is a great community venue and open to everyone.

In the meantime, we are always striving to keep the hall in ship shape, and as it is over 40 years old there are plenty of repair and renewals jobs to keep us busy.

The next bigger project the upgrade of the antiquated heating system. One of the objectives is to reduce unwanted decibels without losing efficiency. We will keep you posted.

Village Hall Cinema

We have had 3 film shows so far, and, sadly, the response has not been great. Daniel and Lucy, the cinema organisers, have recently moved to Norfolk from Wales where they organised these pop-up cinemas to great acclaim.

I admit I have been very skeptical: how can a cinema - in the VH club room of all places - work? Why should I bother to go there, when we are surrounded by proper cinemas?

After visiting yesterday's show, here is why:

- the sound system is superb
- the picture quality is excellent
- the welcome is warm and personal, a great opportunity to see and meet people and friends
- the bar is open
- and freshly made popcorn, sweet or salted, is available. What more could you want?

Please watch the adverts displayed, or go to the VH website: www.cleyvillagehall.org.uk

or check out the internet under: broom shed cinema for latest shows.

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Our 'Music in the Afternoons' every Thursday at Three continue to delight, and very many thanks to Wyatt Earp for all his hard work organising these glorious interludes. We would be very grateful for any donations of cake for our teas, and very pleased if anyone else would like to join our friendly tea volunteers' team.

Thursday June 2nd, Music in the Afternoon will mark the Platinum Jubilee in style with a celebration, Gloriana, of the Queen's 70 years on the throne. This will be very special. At the Jubilee Picnic on Newgate Green on Sunday June 5th, thanks to a very generous donation, the Friends will be giving out Jubilee mugs to children of the parish under 17.

Sadly, the 'Horizon' concert 'Beautifully Baroque' was postponed because of Covid, but is now rescheduled to Sunday May 1st at 3pm. This features pieces 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. Free admission, with a retiring collection supporting Cley Church's Regenerate project. St Margaret's goes from strength to strength as a concert venue.

We're delighted to announce that the North Norfolk Chamber Orchestra will perform Monteverdi's 'The Coronation of Poppea' (sung in English) at St Margaret's on May 12th, 13th and 14th at 7pm. Tickets are £15 from:

www.northnorfolkchamberorchestra.co.uk/booking-witheventbrite/

We're also thrilled that the Lucy Cavendish Singers will be joining us on Saturday June 25th for an exciting sounding concert, Bouquet Garni. Described as 'Delirious aural bliss' by Andrew Marr, tickets are £15. Book online via

www.lucycavendishsingers.org.uk.

Become a helper for the Concerts @ Cley Church series! In return for welcoming concert goers, pouring the wine, (and a bit of washing up), you'll have a great night out! Contact Philippa Besant philbesant@btinternet.com to be on the list.

Our church book stall continues to thrive: thank you so much Hanne and Klausbernd for all the effort you put into this. Donations of books are very welcome; they can go in the box near the stall in the church or contact us for collection.

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

Cley WI April Report

At the April meeting of Cley Women's Institute a recital was given by Three's Company entitled Tarts, Toffs & Traitors

After the death of their colleague in 2020 two of the remaining members of **Three's Company** decided to carry on their recitals in her memory.

They certainly entertained us with style, humour and delicious facial expressions covering a wide variety of poems, readings and quotes. Ranging from Thomas Hardy's A Ruined Maid through to Two Loveable Tarts by Victoria Wood.

In between we listened to poems by some familiar names: Carol Ann Duffy, Wendy Cope, Stevie Smith, Pam Ayers, John Benjamin, Hugo Williams and Dorothy Parker to name but a few.

Some lesser-known poets included: Eleanor Brown's Bitcherel which was cuttingly witty; A bit of philosophy from Nietzche; The Party to which you were not invited by Stephen Dunn was entertaining followed by Kim Addonizio, Mike Starkey and Esther Morgan.

A recital both funny and at times thought provoking entertained us in Cley Village Hall and was followed by a splendid tea. Below a couple of verses from the first poem:

The Ruined Maid by Thomas Hardy

"O 'Melia, my dear, this does everything crown! Who could have supposed I should meet you in Town? And whence such fair garments, such prosperi-ty?" — "O didn't you know I'd been ruined?" said she.

— "You left us in tatters, without shoes or socks, Tired of digging potatoes, and spudding up docks; And now you've gay bracelets and bright feathers three!" — "Yes: that's how we dress when we're ruined," said she.

Our next 3 meetings are for members only: May is a visit to Holkham; June will be our Jubilee Lunch and July's event Strawberry Tea in Brenda's lovely Garden.

Visitors are welcome to join us at our 4th August meeting at 2.30 p.m. on **Suffragettes & Suffragists of Norfolk** in Cley Village Hall (non-members are charged £5 for the Talk and Tea).

Mary Roe



Music in Country Churches

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

26th July at 6.30pm in St Margaret's Church, Cley

The English Chamber Orchestra

Craig Ogden, guitar

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

27th July at 6.30pm in St Margaret's Church, Cley

The Tenebrae Choir

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

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

Cley Parish Council's Chairman's April Report

The Jubilee tea party on Newgate Green on Sunday June 5th from 2-5 is coming together nicely. There will be a hog roast (plus a vegetarian option), The Old Wild Rovers, and of course masses of tea and cake. The Friends of Cley Church, thanks to a very generous donor, have 25 Jubilee mugs to hand out to children of the parish under 17.

The objection to the Hangs interim decision has now been withdrawn and we are awaiting the Inspector's final confirmation, which should be delivered in August. Until we receive that final letter, we cannot say that the footpaths exist in law. Many thanks to Vic Cocker of the Ramblers for all his hard work and support.

The allotments are going from strength to strength. The southern side has been cleared and ploughed and an allotment already established there. Even though the allotments all look much tidier, thanks to the hard work of allotment holders and councillor's, there is still clearing to do and we will be asking for help with work parties. A pumpkin competition is planned and possibly a bonfire in November.

The Newgate Green improvements are completed – thank to all those who supported this long running endeavour. I hope you are pleased with the result. We're informed the gravel will settle down so it will look less stark. We are now turning our attention to the green in front of the church, which is looking rather worn. We'll be talking to neighbours and the church how we can best do this, and have allocated some money for the works.

The village gates have just been installed and are very striking, though there is some debate about the positioning of the Glandford Road one. They really get the message across – 'pedestrians in road' - which is so important as there are lots of walkers at the moment.

We had a horrible spring toad migration this year with literally hundreds perishing as they crossed roads to their breeding grounds. We have some parishioners interested in setting up a Toad Patrol for next year. Do get in touch with the clerk if you would like to be involved. In the past parishioners have used rubber gloves and a bucket to save lives – I don't know if technology has progressed.

We're about to hold our first Neighbourhood Plan Working Group meeting. This will draft out the exact scope of our proposed Neighbourhood Plan (which will focus on heritage, conservation and design), the process and the funding. Do please get in touch if you would like to be part of the group.

We're all noticing the increase in the cost of living. There are lots of grants around to help – if you would like to know more, please contact the clerk confidentially on 01263513269. The parish didn't spend the rest of its Covid grant so we're giving the remaining moneys to the Holt Food Bank.

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We're talking to Blakeney Church about how the parish can work with neighbouring communities to support the Ukrainian refugees. We'd all like to help but we thought it might be better for the refugees if we did this as a group rather than individually.

Blakeney Parish Council have asked us to lend support to their request that GP and nurse appointments are reinstated at Blakeney Surgery. We will gladly do this as it would make such a difference to our residents if they could just pop along to Blakeney for their medical care rather than drive all the way to Kelling. Do let us know what you think about this.

We're asking PC Gower Smith from Holt if he would monitor campervans along our stretch of coast as he is doing for other coastal villages. Most campervan owners are very responsible but we want to keep an eye out for antisocial behaviour such as fires, litter, and inappropriate disposal of toilet waste, as has happened elsewhere.

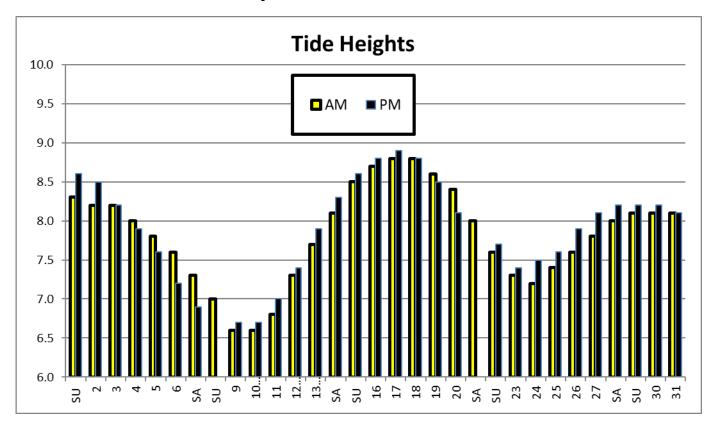
The Annual Parish Meeting will be on Thursday 12th May at 6.30pm. We're hoping Charles Sanders of the Coasthopper will talk about his vital and well used bus service, and Richard Jefferson will give a brief history of Cley. This will be followed by the Annual Parish Council Meeting at 7.30pm.

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 noticeboard and website.

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

Dr Victoria Holliday, Chair avictoriaholliday@icloud.com victoria.holliday@north-norfolk.gov.uk 07557054629

May 2022 - Tide Details



Tide Times

	AM	PM		AM	PM
Sun 01 May	08:05	20:11			
Mon 02 May	08:34	20:47	Mon 16 May	07:33	19:49
Tue 03 May	09:02	21:21	Tue 17 May	08:14	20:35
Wed 04 May	09:30	21:54	Wed 18 May	08:55	21:22
Thu 05 May	09:59	22:28	Thu 19 May	09:38	22:10
Fri 06 May	10:30	23:05	Fri 20 May	10:22	23:03
Sat 07 May	11:06	23:51	Sat 21 May	11:11	
Sun 08 May	11:51		Sun 22 May	00:05	12:11
Mon 09 May	00:51	12:54	Mon 23 May	01:28	13:28
Tue 10 May	02:13	14:22	Tue 24 May	02:49	14:45
Wed 11 May	03:37	15:49	Wed 25 May	03:58	15:51
Thu 12 May	04:38	16:46	Thu 26 May	04:56	16:49
Fri 13 May	05:27	17:34	Fri 27 May	05:45	17:40
Sat 14 May	06:11	18:19	Sat 28 May	06:25	18:26
Sun 15 May	06:52	19:03	Sun 29 May	07:00	19:08
			Mon 30 May	07:33	19:48
			Tue 31 May	08:05	20:26

Wiveton

THE FRIENDS OF WIVETON CHURCH

Thursday, 26th May

Interested in rewilding, which is so much in the News at the moment, but not sure what it is and what it means? Come and find out! Lord Somerleyton, co-founder of WildEast, will talk about Rewilding and creating the world's best nature reserves.

Please see full page ad for further details.

Cley Village Hall
Doors open 6.30pm, Talk starts 7.00pm
Minimum suggested donation £12 on the door
Generously sponsored by Back to the Garden

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.

Booking is now open and tickets are selling fast!

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

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

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

Wiveton Church 200 Club

Phil Cheadle is April'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.

Anthea de Loynes Chair of the Friends of Wiveton Church

Glandford

Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee 2 - 5th June 2022:

We are currently arranging events to celebrate this very special occasion, working with several organisations from both parishes. The four-day Celebration will commence on Thursday 2nd June.

A newsletter will be delivered to all parishioners during May, which will include free passes for all events.

Louise Stevens, Parish Clerk Letheringsett with Glandford Parish Council

New Discovery Trail in Glandford

A further Trail of Discovery for children aged 8 to 12, but really for people of all ages, is being launched. The trail is based on St. Martin's Church, Glandford and can be easily combined with a trip to the Shell Museum which is next door. The aim is to encourage children to explore the church building, to learn about it and to enjoy the experience. The style is similar to that adopted for the trail of discovery based on St. Margaret's Church, Cley-next-the-Sea which is just a mile distant. Just 14 questions cover some very interesting features of St. Martin's church itself including artistic features of the font, altar, pulpit, and stained-glass windows. There are challenges to find the clues left by two master wood carvers who were part of the team of craftsmen builders and the bench depicting the faithful dog of Sir Alfred Jodrell of Bayfield Hall, who was responsible for restoring the Church and worshipped there. The answer sheet provides much interesting supplementary information. The trail has been developed by the Glaven Valley Arts Society. Details of the trail can be found at:

theartssocietyglavenvalley.org.uk/Other Activities/Trails/aspx

Paper copies are now on Display at St. Martin's with kind permission of the vicar.

Vic Cocker

The Shell Museum. The Craske Tapestry

We have been concerned recently that we haven't checked the Craske tapestry. This amazing and beautiful 16ft long embroidery of the North Norfolk Coast was left to the Shell Museum in 1945, by the executors of John Craskes Will.

As many of you will know, John was a fisherman who suffered greatly with ill health and when he was laid up, he took to painting and embroidery of the subject he knew bests, the sea, ships and the coast of North Norfolk. Being very poor he painted on any surface he could find, and then with leftovers of wools and yarns that knitters no longer needed he

made wonderful pictures, making up many of his own stitches.

Our tapestry was checked over in 1995 by Blickling Hall, but not looked at since. However, with the kind auspices of Pooh Curtis, a tapestry expert from Ipswich, Annabel Stearn, came especially to view and treat it. She took it down from the wall very carefully, and over the course of the day, at Bayfield Hall, cleaned the whole tapestry very gently, and then with Tom Dixie s help, attached new Velcro, so it would be more securely fastened to the wall,,,,she reported it to be in remarkably good condition, with minimal insect damage ,and some fading,, we are most grateful to both her and Pooh , If anyone would like further details, I have her report, and anyone can come and view it at the Shell Museums, the detail is quite amazing.

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Letheringsett

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News from Letheringsett Water Mill

Standing on the banks of the River Glaven in Letheringsett, the mill has been producing stone ground flour from the fields of Norfolk since it was built in 1802 - And that same tradition is still being carried on today, as the Counties only remaining flour producing water mill.

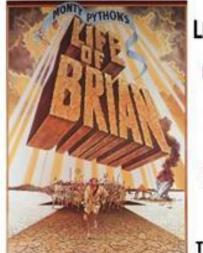
Under the expert guidance of Michelle Thurlow, who took over the business from her late father Michael, and now produces 11 varieties of stone ground four, in a range of retail and commercial pack sizes, which are sold from the appropriately named ''The Flour Shop'' at the Mill.

Whilst purchasing your flour, stay a while and sample the delights of the new "Thurlows Tea Room"— perhaps a coffee, and a delicious piece of homemade cake, all naturally made from locally sourced ingredients — no air miles here.

Complete your visit with a browse around **Mill Antiques** and Brocantes — who knows what you may find.

We look forward to welcoming you to Letheringsett Water Mill





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CLEY WI

Thursday 5th May

2.30pm

Holkham National Nature Reserve

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on

"Conservation, Regeneration & Habitat Development"

(Members & Guests Only)

For further information on Cley WI please phone 01263 740225

Community News

District Councillor's Report April 2022

Coastal Adaptation grant

North Norfolk will receive part of a £36 million grant to explore innovative approaches of adapting to coastal erosion. The funding will help communities on areas of the coast that cannot sustainably be defended from coastal erosion with for example:

- Improving or replacing damaged community infrastructure, such as transport links
- Repurposing land in coastal erosion zones
- Working with the finance and property sectors to explore mechanisms to help move communities from at risk areas
- Developing the planning system so it facilitates the transition of communities from high-risk areas and restricts future development in areas affected by coastal erosion

This program is being led by the Environment Agency and will run till March 2027.

Community First Responders

Holt Community First Responder group, which also covers neighbouring villages, needs 5 or 6 additional volunteers. The EEAST CFR Manager and I will be at a stand outside Budgens in Holt on Tuesday April 12th from 10-1 to raise awareness of this important role. Sheringham and Wells roadshows are still to be arranged.

Public toilets - Changing Places

NNDC has been awarded £300,000 for 5 additional changing places toilets. There already are two, at the visitor centre in Cromer, and at the Reef. Two are being built in Wells and Fakenham, and two more planned in Sheringham and North Waltham.

Ukraine support

NNDC has approved the recruitment of a Ukrainian Community Support Officer to help with resettlement of Ukrainian refugees. There will be a 'Welcome' centre at the Cromer office. Environmental Health are checking properties offered though the Homes for Ukraine scheme, and People Services are developing proposals to help hosts with welcome support.

Grant funding available

NNDC has three funds which award community grants:

- Arts and Culture Fund has an annual budget of £33,000, with a maximum award of £2,500 - this is for voluntary and community organisations who provide arts activities which improve health and well-being through active participation, for example a community choir.
- Community Transport Fund has a total annual budget of £50,000 this is for voluntary and community organisations who provide a flexible community transport service e.g., dial a ride, or a wheelchair accessible vehicle to get to medical appointments.

• Sustainable Communities Fund has a total annual budget of £225,000, with a maximum award of £15,000- this is for voluntary and community organisations who want to offer projects that enhance quality of life or the environment e.g., purchasing a laptop for a Men's Shed, insulating a Village Hall or facilitating a support worker for the Pandora project.

New guidance from Natural England on nutrient neutrality

Excess nutrients in the River Wensum Special Area of Conservation and Broads Special Area of Conservation and RAMSAR are harming habitats. New development in these catchment areas, especially that which proposes overnight accommodation, must be assessed from a nutrient neutrality standpoint before planning permission can be granted. Local authorities are working together to understand how these issues can be mitigated.

Dr Victoria Holliday Elected Member, Coastal Ward Chair, Cley Parish Council Director, NorfolkALC 07557054629

Letters & Articles

"I went back to the Blakeney Hotel. packed my bags, paid my bill and started home..."

These lines appear in the opening chapter of Jack Higgins thriller The Eagle has Landed, which has sold more than 50 million copies since it was published in 1975.

Writer Henry Patterson (Higgins) died in April, at his Jersey home at the age of 92. There have been many tributes in the media.

His most famous book, The Eagle has Landed, concerned a fictional plot to kidnap Winston Churchill from a country house by the sea in North Norfolk, where he was spending a quiet weekend.

Many of the book's locations are fictional, although the churchyard at Cley also features heavily at the opening of the book. Kings Lynn is also mentioned in dispatches.

A 1976 film starred Robert Duvall, Donald Sutherland and Michael Caine. Holkham Beach is used as a location, although much of the filming took place elsewhere.

Spoiler alert...the plot to kidnap Churchill was unsuccessful

Alan Bullimore

North Norfolk Croquet

When Alice was having her adventures in Wonderland, she played croquet with the Red Queen. Flamingos acted as the mallets, hedgehogs as the balls (when they were not running away) and the hoops were provided by life size playing cards.



No surprise croquet like that is not currently played in North Norfolk. However, at Bodham Croquet Club we are keen to play it in its somewhat more modern form. This article hopes to encourage potential local players to come and join us. Two dates in May have been reserved for us to "meet and greet" you (see below).

There are probably numerous croquet sets in North Norfolk – some no doubt hidden away at the back of garden sheds, and sometimes used by families and friends on their lawns on warm Sunday afternoons. Maybe some of these players would like to develop their skills further.

There are two different versions of the game, each with its own set of "official" rules. The traditional version (as no doubt Alice tried to play) is known as "Association" croquet. Association croquet is a lot like snooker — a game entailing bonus shots which allow the player to build up "breaks" on the lawn (going through several hoops during the one visit to the lawn). The opposition has to wait patiently until the break finishes.

The alternative version is "Golf" croquet. Here there are no bonus shots – all players are on the lawn and each side plays alternate strokes trying to be the first to score the next hoop. Golf Croquet is interactive and social.

At Bodham we provide opportunities for both Association and Golf versions.

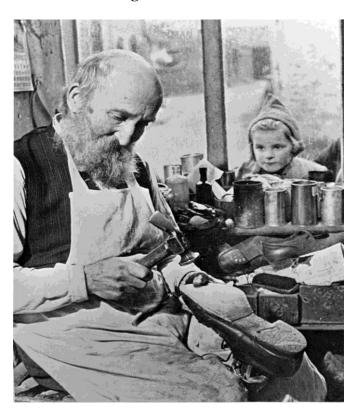
Croquet can be played with handicaps. Each of our association players – from relative beginners to more skillful players - has a handicap. This enables our matches to be played on roughly "equal" terms - whoever the opponent. Bodham Croquet Club has a good standard lawn in the corner of Bodham playing field, three miles east of Holt (NR25 6QG). The entrance to the playing fields is from the main road where there is ample parking. All equipment is provided - mallets, balls, hoops and coaching.

Interested in playing? Then come and have a go – either on the afternoon (2:15pm) on Saturday May 14th or in the early evening (6:30pm) on Tuesday May 24th. To find out more about these sessions, or to see us at any other time, ring either Harry (01263 588122) or Barry (01263 715878) or Edward (01263 740616).

Edward Hackford - Chairman: Bodham Croquet Club Barry Pilgrim – Treasurer: Bodham Croquet Club



The High Street - Part Four



Was there was more village eccentricity in those days of my childhood? There was certainly a concentration in the High Street. Old Tim Russell, always a ladies' man, kept chasing and dancing them at the 'Pavilion Dance Hall' in West Runton until well into his nineties. He was also very careful with his money. He had Duggy and me digging his smallholding, weeding the yard, or picking flints for a penny a day. It seemed worth it to us because we got to ride in his big old Austin 10 car. Immediately across the road from Tim was Jacob Holliday's shoe repair shop, not really a shop just a small narrow room with a window onto the street. It had a row of chairs along the wall facing his worktable, and when the weather was bad the old men from Quay Corner would retreat there and fill the room with so much pipe smoke it became completely opaque. When they were not there we often were, captivated by Jacob's skilful shaping of leather and his habit of retrieving small tacks, which he held in his mouth to then appear like magic from his tangled beard.

Further up the High Street was Charlie Potterton. An exile from East London, he had a bicycle repair shop and was also the village barber, although 'barber' might be a bit too grand for what Charlie was. He only had one style, which was a short back and sides pudding-basin cut. The first and last one he gave me had me hidden under the bed until it grew out. When asked by a customer for a DA he replied: "Only one style here, All Off"!

Everyone used Brylcreem then, or 'bwilcweem' as he called it. Charlie's would quickly change from white to grey as he rubbed it around, fully mixing it with the bicycle oil his hands were always covered with. Charlie enjoyed a drink and frequented the White Horse, where he would recount his battles with his wife and the other self-inflicted incidents that made up his life. Such as the occasion when he managed to

miss the 'guzunder' but not the electric fire in their bedroom and was flung crossways over their marriage bed. Or when his wife went to stay with her parents for the weekend giving Charlie free rein, which resulted in him wetting the bed the night before she was due back. To try and save the situation Charlie decided to get the mattress downstairs to dry in front of the fire. On the way down it caught on a nail and disgorged a Niagara of feathers into the living room, covering the floor half way up his shins. Or the occasion when she instructed him to whitewash the ceiling in the living room and he thought he might achieve a quicker result using a stirrup pump. Kenny Newton who'd gone in for a haircut, said he came though looking like a ghost. Halfway through the haircut he paused, and looking thoughtfully upward said: "You know, Kenny, I'm minded to become a surgeon".

A story that gave Billy Long huge amusement was Charlie's account of a cat running blindly around his backyard with its head stuck in a salmon tin. Charlie's prequel was as follows. "We wos havin Sunday tea, an afta I put the salmon on the plate I frew the tin art the winda, you know how ya do?"

About this time Duggy's mother had the small ice-cream shop under the clock on Blakeney Quay. Now in every way Flo was a lovely person, but not by any stretch was this true in a physical sense. Nevertheless, one afternoon at the shop, a worse for drink American soldier was giving her some persistent attention. I think to begin with she enjoyed the unaccustomed flattery, but after a while she became frightened by it. Each time he came back he was a little more drunk and a little more persistent. Our concern for her gave us an idea. We suggested to Flo that she invite him for tea, 'but tell him he can come on ahead with us while you lock up the shop' we told her. She wasn't too sure about it but was desperate enough to give it a try. He readily agreed and we took him off up the High Street while she made her way home around the quay. When we thought we had decoyed him to a safe distance, we ran off - safe, we thought, in the knowledge that his condition and lack of village geography would ensure no pursuit. We got away from him easily and when we got back to Westgate Street were confident we'd seen the last of him.

A couple of hours later, when it was almost dark and the three of us were having tea, there came a tap tap tap at the French doors. "Flo. Oh Flo!" It was him. He had found where she lived. Flo became very agitated and began having the usual problems with her teeth, uttering strings of almost incomprehensible Duddies. Duggy went very timidly to the window and, snatching the curtains back, said, "Go away, go on, clear off!", then quickly shut them again. Undeterred, the GI began once more. "Flo, oh Flo! Please let me in." "He isn't going to go away, is he?" said Duggy. "What are we going to do?" Our feeling that we ought to do something was given extra urgency by the realisation that what was happening was probably our fault. I suddenly thought (for reasons I'll not offer) of

Duggy's big sister Pauline's bathtub, although suddenly might not be quite right as Pauline in her bath was never out of my mind at that time.

But it gave me an idea. "Why don't we take your tin bath upstairs, fill it with water and then tip it out of the window over him? That ought to get rid of him!" It didn't take long to find it, and all the time we could hear the tap tapping and Flo Floing becoming increasingly impatient. We positioned the tub on the windowsill and quickly filled it with buckets brought up from the cold tap downstairs. Soon it was full, quietly we lifted the sash window as far as it would go, craning our heads out we could see him immediately below. He was leaning slightly forward with his hand over his eyes, peering in through the gap in the curtains that Duggy in his haste had not fully closed. This was our chance. It took both of us, but up went the bath and out went a large amount of very cold water. The result was as violent as it was unexpected. As if the icy deluge had triggered some primeval flight mechanism, he hurled himself forward with such force that he crashed right through the French doors. He was no longer outside but inside, and pandemonium broke loose. He was shouting, Flo was screaming, and Duggy and I were very afraid. Duggy's eyes were round. "He's gonna come up here and get us," he said, looking at the stairs. "Not down there," I said. "We'll run right into him! Down the back stairs, quick!" Three at a time we took them, through the kitchen, out the back door and we were gone, leaving poor Flo in the hands of a hot, drunk, and now steaming American madman. We ran across the field at the back and were relieved not to see him anywhere. Fortunately, Sergeant Chapman, the village bobby, lived only a short distance away on the Langham Road so we went to get him.

It took some time to assure him, but perhaps convinced by our fright he eventually phoned the American base. Once they were on their way, he began to treat it as a great joke. He kept us with him for a bit before, with one of us in each hand, he took us back. We could see the lights long before we got into Westgate Street. What a sight met us! It was as congested with vehicles as it can get today – jeeps, trucks and vans with coloured lights flashing. We stood with Sergeant Chapman while they brought him out. I have a picture (much embroidered by time) of two very large, white-helmeted military policemen with, between them, a slumped bedraggled man who looked as he had been rescued from drowning, his hair over his face and remnants of assorted tarts and sandwiches stuck to his ruined uniform. We spent the rest of the evening helping Flo to clean up the mess. And it was a terrible mess, with somewhere in the middle of it all, Flo's teeth. I didn't realise it then but of course it wasn't dear Flo he was after but Pauline, of course if she'd been in the bath all his dreams would have come true. If I'd realised that then, I might have had a little more sympathy for him. From that day on, whenever I saw Sergeant Chapman he would say, "You know how to deal with the Yanks, don't ya boy!"

Godfrey Sayers

Blakeney Craft Group

Blakeney Village Hall Enquiries & Bookings

Please contact: der740@btinternet.com

Dates for 2022

May 28th & 29th

June 18th & 19th

July 16th & 17th

August 20th & 21st

September 3rd & 4th

October 15th & 16th

November 19th & 20th

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Sailing Barge JUNO

Charlie Ward, skipper and owner of the sailing barge JUNO, has recently retired from chartering and reluctantly decided that it's time to put JUNO on the market for sale.

Since she was built in Charlie's boatyard at Morston and launched in 2000, Juno has become an iconic feature of Blakeney Quay and the harbour. She has sailed over 20,000 miles, including a 1200-mile round trip to the West Country, and taken over 4,000 people on charter along the North Norfolk coast.

For full information about the sale of Juno please contact Charlie Ward –

Phone 07771597985 or email cwtb10@gmail.com

Organised by the Friends of Wiveton Church

Thursday 26th May 7.00pm, Cley Village Hall

Rewilding and creating the world's best nature reserves.

By Lord Somerleyton



Interested in rewilding but not sure what it is and what it means?

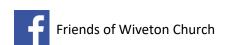
Lord Hugh Somerleyton, co-founder of WildEast, will talk about Rewilding, what inspired WildEast and why WildEast 'wants our region to become one of the world's biggest and best nature reserves, enriching our lives, and restoring our wild hearts'.

Hugh will talk about his experiences, what he sees as the mistakes and the problems of the past and what the WildEast vision is for the future.

Tickets £12 on the door Pay Bar available – doors open at 6.30pm

Kindly Sponsored by Back to the Garden

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www.wivetonchurch.co.uk

The Harbour Room

& Top Bar





Our events for May and June:

Contact Jacquie for more information: jacquie.ogrady@btinternet.com or call 01263 741666

	7 th	Split Whiskers 9.00pm – Tickets £10.
		Fresh off the back of their latest (fourth!) album. A celebration of Blues & Americana.
	8 th	Folk Club Afternoon 3.00pm – Everyone welcome! Like minded folks enjoying a get-together to sing/play/listen.
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	14 th	Wedding Reception – Top Bar will be open for our other customers!
	14 th	FA Cup Final – Check our FB Page closer to the date for kick-off time.
	21 st	CoPolice Tribute Band – 9.00pm – Tickets £12
May		Celebrating the music of The Police & Sting
	26 th	Monthly Quiz Night
	28 th	Rugby League Challenge Cup Check our FB Page closer to the date for kick-off time.
	28 th	Zarakan Blues Band– 9.00pm Tickets £10.
		Classy Blues Rock Band offering an alternative to pop and rock covers. Back by popular demand.
	29 th	Folk Club in the Evening – 7pm.
		Everyone is welcome to sing/play/listen.
	2 nd	Queen's Platinum Jubilee !! and Our Beer Festival Weekend!!
	3 rd	Moore Madness – Kiddies' Entertainer between 2 and 4pm
		Satellites of Soul play in the Harbour Room from 9pm.
	4 th	Hottrax DJ at 9pm – music from the 70's to the 00's!
	5 th	Picnic on the High Street and we will be serving food all day.
		Afternoon Tea - Enjoy a decadent Cream Tea on the Lawn
June	12 th	Folk Club Afternoon 3.00pm – Everyone welcome!
Julio		Like minded folks enjoying a get-together to sing/play/listen.
	18 th	Summer Dinner Dance with music by Soul Traders. More information in next month's edition!
	23 rd	Monthly Quiz Night
	24 th	Four Play Band at 9pm
	26 th	Folk Club in the Evening – 7pm.
		Everyone is welcome to sing/play/listen.
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The Harbour Room & Top Bar

Carl will be serving food daily from 9am.

Breakfast and Panini's, Burgers and Fries, Cakes, Waffles, Croissants – are all to be enjoyed!

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- Operate the Wheelyboat "Poppy", a specially adapted ferry boat for the disabled
- Arrange respite breaks and awaydays
- Provide online workshops addressing loneliness and isolation through creative writing
- Making our events and meeting rooms available for new businesses
- Provide training to support Armed Forces personnel, veterans and carers

The RBL club will use surplus cash generated by our hospitality business for these activities

https://www.blakeneyharbourroom.co.uk/

GLAVEN SINGS GOSPEL



JUBILEE EVENT Sunday June 5

BLAKENEY PASTURES 6 pm

(Blakeney Church if wet)

Look forward to seeing you there!

St Nicholas' Church, Blakeney

LANDMARKS 2

ROSE BRETTINGHAM

JAMES COLMAN

MARY MACCARTHY

CHLOE MANDY

SUSANNAH PENROSE

MARY TURVILLE - PETRE Ceramics

St. Nicholas' Church - Salthouse NR25 7XA

20th May - 3rd June '22

MERCHANTS HOUSE GARDEN OPEN - 86 High Street, Blakeney Open from 10 – 4pm

Saturday 14th May

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!

Children free, dogs on leads

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

LANGHAM BRING & BUY COFFEE MORNING

SATURDAY 28TH MAY 10am-12noon NR25 7BX

This event will be held in the churchyard if the weather is fine or we could be inside the church or in the Village Hall, so keep a look out for posters and flags! There will be books, bric a brac, gifts cakes and a raffle plus refreshments. If anyone would like to bake a cake or bring along books, gifts, small bric-a-brac or a raffle prize, all will be gratefully received. If you would like to help on a stall, do get in touch. Proceeds are for Langham Church General We look forward Fund. to seeing you.

Ann Sherriff, 01328 830605

Celebration of Bells Evensong

Sunday 15th May 4pm at All Saints Upper Sheringham

All are invited to join us for a Celebration of Bells Evensong. The Right Reverend Dr Jane Steen, the Bishop of Lynn will be present during the service and will dedicate the glass balustrade. The bells will be available before and after the service for bellringers to come along and have a ring on our beautifully restored bells. We look forward to seeing you there!

Sue Morton, Upper Sheringham Tower Captain

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May at the Museum of the Broads

Now the Museum is open, it's a perfect place to bring family and friends. Situated at the historic Stalham Staithe, there is nowhere better to sit and watch the river either in our sunny café area or outside. We sell drinks, ice creams and confectionary, and you are welcome to bring a picnic too.

For a unique river trip, book seats on either our steamboat, Falcon, or our accessible electric boat, Marsh Harrier and enjoy spotting wildlife or just relaxing on the water.

The Museum has new displays and our special exhibition, From Sails to Blades – How wind power shaped the Broads, is proving popular. There are trails and activities for families and dogs are welcome too!

And if you're after a bargain, come and visit our Boat and Fishing Jumble sale on Saturday 14 May from 0930 to 1230. It's just £1 entry per person.

The Museum of the Broads, Poor's Staithe,
Stalham, NR12 9DA, 01692 581681
www.museumofthebroads.org.uk @MuseumBroads
on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram

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High, Higher, Highest

Viewed from space, the world's impersonal France appears, but no Frenchmen. Then Germany, without one German.

Regardless, the richest man on earth pays three hundred thousand for a ten-minute flight by rock at three thousand miles per hour to see everything below from sixty-two miles straight up. He's making business plans for space, beginning with Mars and the moon.

There's ample precedent to show how profit motivates. After we mapped the earth as we imagined it, we matched what we imagined with the world as it would look when photographed from space. We did the same with rivers, lakes and seas.

We kept the original names unchanged for everything we saw as far as we could fly. From seashores to the stratosphere the world was seen as property that men could bargain for and buy. We see it now the same whilde profiteers debate how best to advertise and sell the sky.

Samuel Hazo: 1928 -

Taizé singing workshop

with Natasha Hood from 'Sing Your Heart Out'

Tuesday May 3rd 10 - 11.30am including coffee



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The Pilgrim Methodist Church Blakeney 111 High Street Blakeney







Friends of St Nicholas' Church, Blakeney JUBILEE COFFEE MORNING



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Hollywood comes to Blakeney

Film maker Barney Broom's acclaimed History of Hollywood presentation traces the history of the movies from early beginnings to the golden years of the studios and Tinsel Town's continued role in today's media world

Friday 6th May 7pm - 10pm St Nicholas Church, Blakeney Tickets £10 at the door:

Accompanied children under 18 Free !! Hot Dogs - Popcorn - Choc Ice available to purchase -

Enjoy some Movie Magic!!

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ST. MARGARET'S FAIR

St Margaret's Church, Cley SATURDAY 16th JULY 2 - 5pm Free admission



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

We always need help. If you can, please contact Briony on

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> BARKING MAD DOG SHOW 2.30pm - £3 per entry

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

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

Delivery & collection details Hannah Stevenson 07890563567 hannahstevenson@me.com

GIGANTIC BOOK STALL

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

HUGE TOMBOLA

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

ATTENTION ALL GARDENERS

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

GIANT RAFFLE

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

Mel Kemp, 07771 502504

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Norfolk Warm Homes

Keeping Norfolk Warm Could you be eligible for a Warm Homes grant?

The Norfolk Warm Homes Partnership is providing heating and insulation grants to our residents to help keep homes warm across Norfolk!

If you want to keep your energy bills low and reduce your carbon emissions, installing insulation in your home is one of the best ways to keep the heat in. and the cold out.



What help is available?

We are offering 100% grants to help you keep your home warm. Insulation measures including loft and cavity wall/external wall insulation are available under this scheme. If your property is suitable then we can also help you benefit from low carbon energy by replacing an inefficient heating system with a renewable air source heat pump.



♠ How do I qualify?

Eligible properties will have an energy performance rating (EPC) of E, F or G and your household gross income is £30,000 pa or less.



What if I'm a Landlord?

As a Landlord you could get a two thirds grant towards the cost of the works to improve the energy efficiency of your property if your tenants are on a low income. We particularly want to hear from Landlords who have properties with a low energy rating (band E, F or G).



Who carries out the work?

The works will be completed by a preapproved contractor who has passed our rigorous process of selection.



What are the benefits?

We want to help you live in a warmer home and reduce energy usage. Less energy used means smaller energy bills for you and it also reduces the county's carbon footprint, helping to achieve the UK's commitment to net zero by 2050.



How do I apply?

You can apply through Norfolk Warm Homes but if you have any questions then please feel free to contact North Norfolk District Council.



For more information:

Enquire today to find out if you are eligible! To make an application contact Norfolk Warm Homes on 01603 430103 or visit www.norfolkwarmhomes.org.uk



DISCOVER SAILING AT BLAKENEY SAILING CLUB

Are you looking for a new way to get outdoors and active? If the answer is yes, Blakeney Sailing Club is inviting you to come and try sailing on 14th or 15th May. Whether you're completely new to the sport or looking to get back on the water, RYA Discover Sailing is the perfect time to give it a go. The nationwide event will see thousands of people taking part in the sailing or windsurfing activity, with open days and taster sessions taking place at sailing clubs and centres across the country.

"We're inviting the local community to come down to have a go at sailing, see what Blakeney Sailing Club has to offer and get involved. Who knows, you might just get hooked!" commented Angela Harcourt, Club Commodore. Starting at 4:15 on Saturday 14th May and 5:00 on Sunday 15th May there will be the opportunity to dinghy sail in the beautiful Blakeney Harbour.

Sailing can be as physical or as relaxing as you want to make it, you can sail with others or on your own, do it competitively or potter about and just enjoy the gentle escape of being outside in the elements. For full details about what's going on at Blakeney Sailing Club or to contact us about Discover Sailing visit www.blakeneysailing.co.uk or follow the club on Facebook and Twitter. For more information on RYA Discover Sailing visit www.rya.org.uk/discoversailing



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