

# THE GLAVEN VALLEY NEWSLETTER

## URGENT APPEAL

The financial position of the GVN is now precarious. Each year we appeal for funds to help cover the costs of producing the Glaven Valley Newsletter – this year is more important than ever.

Over the last year we have faced a number of challenges

- A reduced number of advertisers with some defaulting on payment.
- A significant increase in the cost of the white paper used to produce the main part of the Newsletter – costs have increased over 80%.
- A continual reduction in the number of people donating to the Newsletter – in 2022 227 people made contributions – 4 years ago this was over 400.

Taken together this meant that we ran at a loss of over £4,000 in 2022 and is obviously not a sustainable position.

We are taking a number of steps to address this, including a strict payment up front for the Yellow Pages section, increasing our advertising rates, reviewing our printing costs, and ensuring we are printing the right things for our readers. We are also asking you, our readers, if you can make a donation to us. We appreciate that times are tight for all people, but without increased financial support then the Newsletter will not be able to continue on its current basis.

If you value this publication and would be sad to see it discontinued or drastically altered, please make a contribution via the envelope to the Treasurer, or in one of the collection boxes, or better still fill in a standing order form today to make a regular annual commitment.

Full details of how to donate are on Page 4.

# May 2023

# Open Studios

Four local artists open their Studios to visitors from Saturday May 27th 10am-5pm  
*Check dates for each artist* [www.northnorfolkstudios.co.uk](http://www.northnorfolkstudios.co.uk)

## Jeremy Bevan

Sunny Corner, Chapel Lane, Wiveton, Norfolk  
NR25 7TQ [www.jeremybevanartist.co.uk](http://www.jeremybevanartist.co.uk)  
@jeremy\_bevan\_artist 07950 334677  
May 27, 28, 29 June 2, 3, 4, Drawing,  
Mixed media, Paintings, Printmaking



Royal Society of British Artists

## Carole Griffin RBA

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



## Callisto Azura Linnet

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



## Alison Wagstaffe

28 Langham Road, Blakeney, Holt NR257PJ  
[www.aliwagstaffe.co.uk](http://www.aliwagstaffe.co.uk) @alisonwagstaffe  
07881 094930  
May 27, 28, 29, June 1, 2, 3, 4  
Paintings, Prints, Cards



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Copy for the June edition must be received **by the 15<sup>th</sup> May** at the latest.

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## **GVN Web Address**

**<https://glavenvalleynewsletter.weebly.com/>**

**\*\*CHECK OUT FOR EXTRA ITEMS\*\***

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

## Glaven Valley Newsletter – Urgent Appeal

You will have seen the details of our appeal on the front page. The £4,000 loss we incurred last year needs puts the Newsletter in an unsustainable position and we need more donations as part of addressing the position. Ideally we need people to commit to making an annual donation, preferably by standing order.

Donations can be made by

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

Many thanks

Martin Tyler Treasurer, Glaven Valley Newsletter

### Standing Order Mandate

<b>To</b>	<b>The Manager</b>	
<b>Bank (Your bank)</b>		
<b>Bank Address</b>		
<b>Bank details (your bank details)</b>	<b>Sort Code</b>	
	<b>Account Number</b>	
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<b>For the credit of</b>	<b>Glaven Valley Newsletter</b>	
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<b>Starting on (enter date of first payment)</b>		
<b>Frequency Delete as appropriate</b>	<b>Monthly / Annually</b>	
	<b>And continue until cancelled by me in writing</b>	
<b>Signature</b>		
<b>Date</b>		

A Charity Fundraiser for  
**Blakeney Village Hall**  
Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May

# RACE NIGHT



Doors Open 6pm

**First Race Starts 7pm**

*Two Course Supper Included*

*Open Bar*

**Tickets £15 available at Blakeney Garage**  
**From Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May to Monday 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Coast Road, Blakeney  
10am – 4pm weekdays  
Max 8 tickets per booking

**07704 220204**

*Please do not use Blakeney Garage landline no.*

*Call to reserve, Call in to pay*

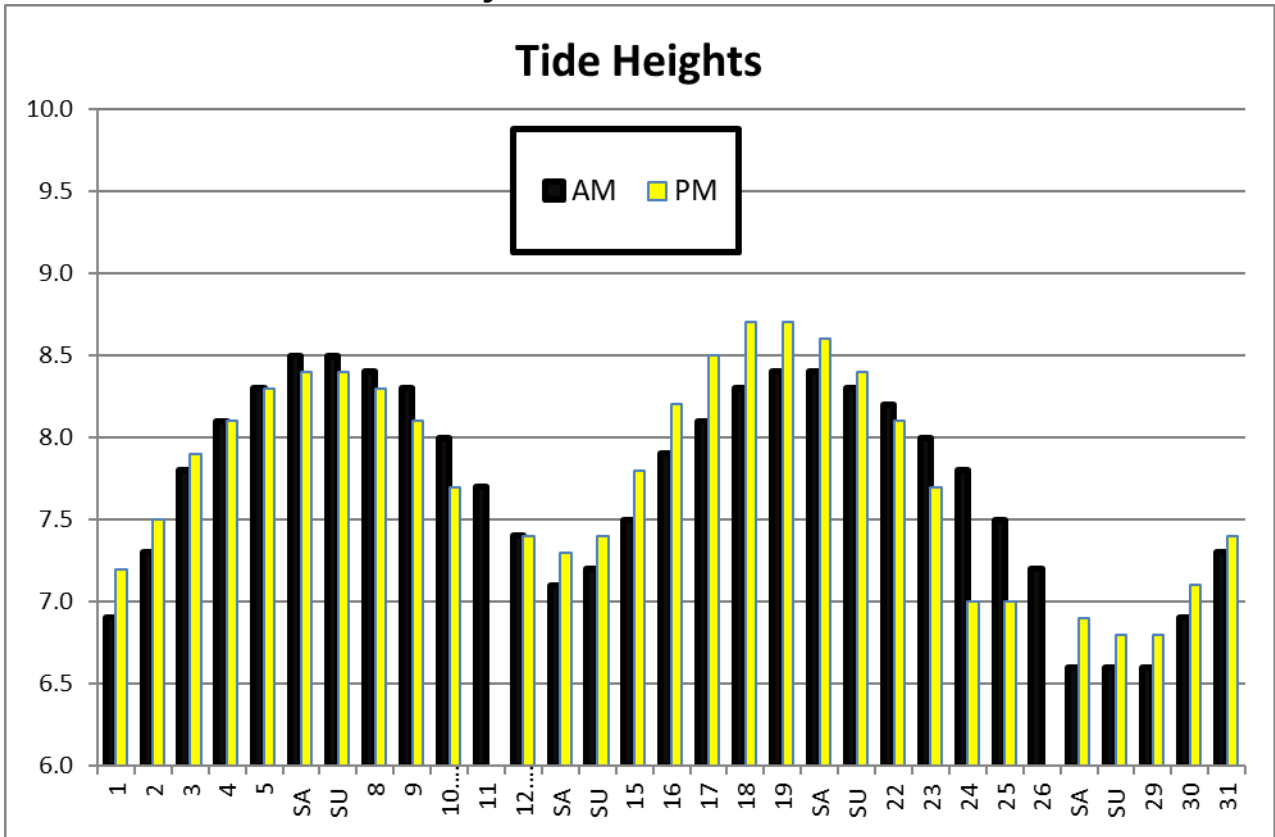
*Enquiries: [racenight@blakeneyvillagehall.org.uk](mailto:racenight@blakeneyvillagehall.org.uk)*

Blakeney Village Hall And Pavilion Trust

Registered Charity Number 279969

[www.blakeneyvillagehall.org.uk/race-night](http://www.blakeneyvillagehall.org.uk/race-night)

# May 2023 - Tide Details



## Tide Times

	AM	PM		AM	PM
Mon 01 May	04:46	16:59	Mon 15 May	04:15	16:08
Tue 02 May	05:32	17:41	Tue 16 May	05:13	17:06
Wed 03 May	06:11	18:18	Wed 17 May	06:01	17:57
Thu 04 May	06:47	18:55	Thu 18 May	06:42	18:44
Fri 05 May	07:23	19:33	Fri 19 May	07:21	19:30
Sat 06 May	07:59	20:12	Sat 20 May	07:57	20:13
Sun 07 May	08:35	20:53	Sun 21 May	08:32	20:54
Mon 08 May	09:11	21:35	Mon 22 May	09:06	21:33
Tue 09 May	09:49	22:20	Tue 23 May	09:38	22:10
Wed 10 May	10:31	23:11	Wed 24 May	10:10	22:48
Thu 11 May	11:19		Thu 25 May	10:44	23:29
Fri 12 May	00:12	12:19	Fri 26 May	11:25	
Sat 13 May	01:35	13:39	Sat 27 May	00:20	12:17
Sun 14 May	03:04	15:01	Sun 28 May	01:26	13:25
			Mon 29 May	02:41	14:49
			Tue 30 May	03:46	15:57
			Wed 31 May	04:41	16:51

By Martin Tyler

# REEF HOUSE

## Make & Do Workshops

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

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

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

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For Bookings & Enquiries please visit the website at:

**[www.reefmakeanddo.com](http://www.reefmakeanddo.com)**



### WIVETON WANDER

**Stroll through Open Gardens in Wiveton**

**Saturday 10th June**

**10.30am - 5pm**

Explore the fabulous gardens in Wiveton.

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

**£5 admission** - Tickets available on the day from the village green.

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

Organised by the Friends of Wiveton Church

**All proceeds to Wiveton Church Restoration Fund**

# Blakeney

## 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*

## The Glaven Valley Arts Society

The Glaven Valley Arts Society have recently completed the third in a series of Trails of Discovery. They have produced a bright illustrated leaflet which offers a walking trail around the village of Blakeney pointing out interesting features and drawing on knowledge about its fascinating history with the advice of the Blakeney Historical Society. The trail, which is suitable for the whole family, can be followed using a free printed copy available at venues in Blakeney such as the Spar shop, Two Magpies, Blakeney Hotel, Kings Head, White Horse, Blakeney Manor Hotel. The Trails can also be downloaded by scanning a QR code on your phone. The trail and the QR code will also be shown on a new display board at the Village Hall by the Parish Council office.

The Arts Society Glaven Valley has previously made two other interesting Trails of Discovery for St. Margaret's church Cley -next-the-Sea and St. Martin's Church Glandford.

*Vic Cocker*

## News from the Glaven Centre

Here at the Glaven, we have been busy organising and preparing for our coronation party on the 3rd of May - We will be celebrating a new chapter for our country being led by King Charles III; a momentous occasion for us all.

We also look forward to the lovely Blakeney Primary school coming in regularly to play games, chat and have fun with us. Children and older adults spending time together is a hugely positive experience. Inter-generational participation and meaningful cross-age relationships may decrease social isolation. In older adults it can also increase their sense of belonging, self-esteem and well-being; whilst also improving both the social and emotional skills of the children. What a treasured exchange and enhanced well-being all-round for our lovely clients, here at the Glaven.

In view of this, we would like to remember a very special client of ours, Mary Jones. Mary was a reception school teacher and particularly benefited from this inter-generational exchange. Her smile lit up the room when being alongside those children. Being a teacher was innate for Mary and she used to tell us she was like a mother hen in the classroom, what an inspirational lady and well adored member of the Holt community. Mary will be truly missed. Our love goes out to her family at this time.

We would like you to know that we are here for anyone who feels lonely or isolated. We welcome people to drop in on Mondays from 10am til 12, for hot drinks and chats, to enjoy company and to feel the warm sense of community. This is a valuable resource for those needing it and you are welcome to then stay on for our £5 happy Monday 2-course hot meal if you so wish.

We would love to see you. Or call first if you have any questions, on 01263 740762.

**Do you need care at home?  
Call Sally on 07867 490846**

**DBS checked**

**10 years' experience  
with excellent references**





# Cley-next-the-Sea Coronation Picnic

Sunday 7th May 2pm-5pm

In the Garden of Rest

**JOIN US FOR THE KING'S CORONATION CELEBRATION  
CPC WILL BE PROVIDING...**

Children's Games ★ Entertainment by Jade Murray Music  
Ice Cream ★ Wine and Beer ★ Tea & Coffee  
Cake & Scones

*All Welcome*

**Please bring your own picnic, plates, cups and glasses  
- limited seating will be available**



**FREE  
Coronation  
mugs for  
Children**

In the case of inclement weather the Coronation Picnic will be moved into the Church

## News from Blakeney CEVA Primary School

We have successfully made it to the end of another action-packed term and despite the 2-week Easter holiday, seem to have an already packed schedule for our summer term. I am always amazed at the energy and achievements of the children and the support we are given from the school community. It only takes one look at the school learning journey board outside the school office to see how much we manage to fit into each term.

Our Rainbows class went to Blickling Hall last term to help with their tree planting scheme. Thank you so much to Mr Banks for the invitation-it was a wonderful morning and I'm sure they will all remember to revisit in the coming years to see what they helped to achieve. Our new learning theme of "Diversity and where we live" will fit in beautifully with more visits such as this. The diversity in our natural environment is sure to inspire the curious minds of the children. As the learning theme is the same for Key Stage 1 and 2, we have planned lots of whole school activities.

We have 2 big events to get excited about in the next few weeks. The first of these is the Pilgrim Federation Founding Day. It is the 10-year anniversary of our Federation of schools and this year the celebration will be at Blakeney. All parents and children are invited and we will have a wonderful church service followed by a party and games. We are currently busy making a Blakeney banner for the children to show in the parade.

This will then be followed by HM the Kings coronation. Although the children will not be in school on the actual day, we could not let the occasion go unmarked. We are planning a Coronation reading café where parents and grandparents will be invited to come and share a book, a cup of tea and cakes. Obviously, this will include singing the National Anthem and the dress code for such an event will be to wear something red, white or blue!

We also look forward to the start of our new stay and play group. We have been busy purchasing some wonderful play equipment and ensuring that we are compliant with all of the health and safety aspects of running such a group. We are very excited to be welcoming the local pre-school children and their grown-ups.

That takes us to May-time does indeed fly when you are having fun.

*Team Blakeney*

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## **BLAKENEY FILM NIGHT**

### **VILLAGE HALL**

**"The Father"(12A)**

**Friday 19th May**

**£5 on the door**

A hugely powerful film with exceptional acting and masterful direction about a rascally older man living defiantly alone who resists all his daughter's attempts to help him, despite his encroaching dementia. Anthony Hopkins gives a truly remarkable performance, as does Olivia Colman. Also starring Rufus Sewell & Imogen Poots.

This is an extraordinary piece of cinema, not only exploring a complex subject with great sensitivity but also offering enormous insight & understanding by providing an immersive experience of the condition's effects as well as its impact on others. Fearful, funny, heart-breaking in turn, it will engage you at every level.

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

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### **BLAKENEY VILLAGE HALL**

#### **Fabulous Craft Fair**

**Sat 20<sup>th</sup> & Sun 21<sup>st</sup> May**

**Open 10 am-4 pm**

**All talented local crafters  
Free Admission, Free Parking,  
refreshments  
(dog's welcome)**

## BLAKENEY HARBOUR ROOM EVENTS MAY 2023

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



### SATURDAY 6th MAY - CORONATION DAY

2pm The Rhythm Travellers will be performing in The Top Bar. Also known as The Baroness and the Bear, this duo will be performing an eclectic repertoire of musical styles including Blues, Roots, Americana and Original material.

### 5pm onwards.

The Harbour Room has teamed up with Blakeney Parish Council to host the Community Coronation Celebration Event This will include children's entertainment, face painting and a live music from 'Night Train' For further details please see the Blakeney parish council advertisement in the Glaven Valley News.

**Sunday 7th May - THE OLD WILD ROVERS** will be performing in the afternoon.

**Saturday 11th May - THE CO-POLICE** (doors open 8pm) £10.00 entry. If you like the music of The Police and Sting, this is a show you don't want to miss

**Sunday 14th May - FOLK CLUB** (3 - 6pm) Free entry  
Come and listen, come and perform

**Saturday 20th May** - Disco night from 7pm £5.00 entry

**Thursday 25th May** - Quiz night 7pm

**Saturday 27th May - LET THERE B/DC** (doors open 8pm) £10.00 entry. A brilliant tribute to the brilliant AC/DC!  
There will be a BBQ on band nights

### Sunday 28th May - Open Stage in The Harbour Room

In addition to Folk, this event now opens up anyone wishing to perform Blues, Roots, Americana and especially Original Material.

A chance to perform on stage with the assistance of a professional sound engineer.

The Harbour Room is open from 9.30 every day for breakfast. The Top Bar opens a 5pm during the week, and 11am at weekends.

The Top Bar opens on Coronation Weekend from Friday 5th - Monday 8th at 11am.

*George Crawley*

For full details of our King Charles III Coronation Event, please see our separate article within the pages of the GVN.

**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. ~~Canoe – triple seater – green polyethylene~~ - Collected by owner
4. 1 x launching trolley
5. Project boat: - 2-man yellow kayak in poor condition
6. 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.**

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**.

- a. 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.
- b. 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** – Please remember to vote for those, who you would like to see serve/represent you on Blakeney Parish Council for the next 4-year term (you can vote for up to 11 individuals, and we have 13 people standing) and for the person, you would like to see represent you at North Norfolk District Council for the next 4 years also. The list of names can be viewed on the North Norfolk District Council website, Blakeney Parish Council website or on our noticeboard on The Pastures and in the Parish Office window.

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

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

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

**EXTRACTS FROM THE APRIL FULL COUNCIL MEETING...**

The Chairman welcomed our **Guest – Giles Orpen-Smellie (Police & Crime Commissioner for Norfolk)**. Giles gave an informative verbal update on various aspects of the constabulary and his role and answered questions. We hope to have the Police & Crime Commissioner join us at a future Annual Parish Meeting, as this would be a wonderful opportunity for both parties to engage.

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

**PF/23/0070** – Proposal; Change of use from holiday cottages to ancillary accommodation to main dwelling, and external alterations including demolition of porch, construction of lean-

to plant room, blocking up of one window and installation of two bifold doors, at, **Barn Owl, Three Owls Farm Cottages, Saxlingham Road, Blakeney**. No objection.

**RV/23/0473** – Proposal; Variation of Condition 2 (approved plans) of listed building consent LA/21/0227 (Works associated with replacement side extension following demolition of existing side extension) to allow amendment to design at, **Red House, The Quay, Blakeney**. We support the comments made by the NNDC Conservation & Design Officer, ie. that the parapet should be lowered by approximately 0.5m so that it is no higher than the proportionate verge height approved.

**PF/23/0472** – Proposal; Insertion of two rooflights into south facing roof slope at, **1 Hilltop Retreats, Langham Road, Blakeney**. No comment.

**PF/23/0579** – Proposal; Demolition of existing single-storey dwelling and erection of replacement single-storey dwelling with accommodation in roof space at, **Little Butts, Saxlingham Road, Blakeney**. No objection.

**FINANCE**

**Accounts totalling £11,946.28** are to be paid.

**Clerk/RFO Report** – Parish Partnership Scheme – **Village Gateways** application approved by NCC; however, we will assess the offers of the same via the proposed A149 speed limit review before committing.

**Blakeney Surgery** – Cllr *Nigel Sutcliffe* gave the following update; The closure was raised and discussed at the recent Annual Parish Meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023. We were well supported by our MP, District Cllr, and Alex Stewart from Healthwatch Norfolk. On the day of the meeting, we had received a letter from the Integrated Care Board, thanking us for our letter of the 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2023 regarding opposing the closure. They identified the reason for closure as being that it is no longer economically viable to continue providing primary care services to the local population from Blakeney surgery. It also said that their decision will be based on the information provided in HMP initial request to close, options appraisal and existing patient feedback. As the result of a ‘teams’ meeting arranged by our District Cllr, and Healthwatch we were advised to respond to the ICB’s letter, which we have done today. We have a meeting with Healthwatch scheduled for the 18<sup>th</sup> April, when we will discuss further actions and they will help prepare some surveys that can be conducted to help our case. In addition, Jill Bennett of BBC Radio Norfolk has been in touch so that they can start to air news items about it. BPC can do nothing now because of the election, but she would like to interview patients who are adversely affected by the closure so please help us to prepare a list. One final point, is that a letter has been prepared for inclusion on the website of our MP for complainants to use. Other issues will follow with him, once the election is concluded. Holt Medical Services Ltd; this is the company with the partner GPs in control. What is the connection? **Please do visit this very simple survey on the website of our MP Duncan Baker**, where you will find a dedicated tab at the top, titled ‘Blakeney Surgery’ and encourage others to do the same <https://www.duncanbaker.org.uk/campaigns/blakeney-surgery>

\*Our most recent letter to the Integrated Care Board is copied at the end of this report, for information.

**Blakeney Village Hall Trust** – Cllr Jane Armstrong attended meeting last week and shared the legal advice with them with regard the management of the car park and the trustees confirmed that they will be happy to meet with BPC to discuss further.

**Other matters –**

**A149 Speed limit review: Old Hunstanton to Sheringham** – *Resolved* that in principle this is a good idea, however, with 20mph limits in residential areas and any clear/straight stretches of road to stay at 60mph.

*Resolved* to allow the Blakeney Regatta Committee use the playing field for the **Rural Sports** on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> August 2023.

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

- i) **RV/23/0018 – Cranford, High Street, Blakeney** – 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 – **Approved**.
- ii) **RV/22/2830 – 43 New Road, Blakeney** – Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) of planning permission PF/21/3073 to allow rear porch addition to Plot 1 and brise soleil removed from west elevation of plot 2 – **Approved**.

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

[clerk@blakeneyparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@blakeneyparishcouncil.org.uk)

**\*Ms Sadie Parker**  
**Director of Primary Care**  
NHS Norfolk and Waveney ICB  
County Hall  
Martineau Lane  
Norwich  
NR1 2DH  
4<sup>th</sup> April 2023

*Dear Ms Parker,*

Re: Application for closure of Blakeney Branch Surgery (part of Holt Medical Practice)

Thank you for your letter dated 15<sup>th</sup> March 2023 in response to our letter of the 23<sup>rd</sup> February concerning the above application. Your letter is regarded as the first step in the consultation process which will ultimately decide whether the proposed closure takes place or not.

Those who oppose this closure are concerned with the content of the fourth paragraph of your letter in which you indicate, “. That decision will be based on the information provided in Holt Medical Practice’s initial request to close, options appraisal, and existing patient feedback received, which the Practice has represented to the IBC in its initial request to apply for closure.” I must state that the current status of Blakeney surgery, which the collection of repeat prescriptions, is the result of Holt Medical Practice withdrawing services from the community by an incremental process starting with the removal of the dispensary, this was followed by doctors and nurses not holding any face-to-face consultations. This action was taken without any proper notification or discussion with the patients who use it and in direct contravention of guidance to medical practices contained in the document ‘The NHS Primary Medical Care Policy and Guidance manual’.

The Parish Councils whose patients would use Blakeney surgery have made representations to Holt Medical Practice since 25<sup>th</sup> November 2021 but these have been ignored. There seems to be a view that since Blakeney surgery have not provided front line medical services to its patients for a few years it does not matter and that that has become the new reality which patients must accept. Let me assure you this is not the case, and the various villages who used Blakeney surgery are deeply concerned by its proposed closure. The Covid-19 pandemic has only compounded this problem and it is felt that this is being used as a vehicle by Holt Medical Practice to legitimise their actions taken before the pandemic to remove medical services from Blakeney surgery without the proper consultations having been taken as required in the above-mentioned manual.

In addition to the above other important facts have either not been considered or considered and dismissed by Holt Medical Practice. These relate to equality, health inequalities and social value. The population of North Norfolk has, according to census data, the highest proportion of population that is aged 65 years and over in England and Wales amounting to 33.4%. It is suggested that this profile is in fact under represented by patients who used Blakeney surgery and that it is an ever-increasing percentage. Many patients are not only elderly but are infirm and for them to get to Holt Medical Practice (6.5 miles away) or Melton Constable branch surgery (9.5 miles away) is a difficult journey especially where public transport

is virtually non-existent. Use has to be made of patients own transport, or use a taxi, or seek support from a relative or a friend. This impacts adversely upon their individual carbon footprint at a time when everyone is expected to be reducing it not increasing it.

We now have support from Healthwatch Norfolk in our campaign to get face-to-face medical consultation returned to Blakeney surgery.

Our future actions will include conducting a survey with parishioners to explain what has occurred so far and to ascertain their concerns and establish what they feel their medical requirements are. This information will be communicated to you once completed.

Since you are the statutory partner with the responsibility for holding Holt Medical Practice to account, I look forward to receiving your response to the issues I have raised.

*Yours sincerely*

**YOUR SERVING PARISH COUNCILLORS ARE: -**

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*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 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2023.*

**A few Quotable Quote's from Lewis Carroll:**

*If you don't know where you are going,  
any road will take you there*

*The rule is jam tomorrow and jam  
yesterday, but never jam today*

*Begin at the beginning and go on to  
the end; then stop*

*Sentence first, verdict afterwards*

## Coastal Rowing Association of Blakeney

April was an enjoyable and eventful month for your local rowing club with the return of both skiffs to the Carnser after a wonderful winter season of Broads rowing. On several occasions last month *Hoi Larntan* and *Bluejacket* were rowed alongside each other, and it is hoped that this trend will continue into May. There has been a great demand from all members for places in the skiffs and this bodes well for the summer season. See pictures of “Crabbers” in action on the club web site at [crablakeney.wordpress.com](http://crablakeney.wordpress.com).

The high point of May will be La Semaine du Golfe du Morbihan which takes place in Brittany between 15<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> May. *Bluejacket* and an intrepid group of local rowers will be representing the club at this massive gathering of craft. Meanwhile, at home, I am sure that *Hoi Larntan* will be well used on the local Blakeney waters.

The Broads Tour will soon be with us. This will commence on June 26<sup>th</sup> and end on June 30<sup>th</sup>. The tour has attracted a range of rowing clubs from many parts of the country and travelling the Broads itinerary in company promises to be another great experience. There will be much to look forward to in the year of the tenth anniversary of The Coastal Rowing Association of Blakeney.

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

*Barry Howes*

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# King Charles III

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[www.blakeneyparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.blakeneyparishcouncil.org.uk)

## Thoughts from the Rectory for April 2023

Dear Friends,

The main event of this month has to be the Coronation of King Charles III. It's been a long time since the last coronation, of course, and I'm sure there will be plenty of spectacle and celebration. There are all sorts of events marking the weekend, locally and nationally. Let's hope for fine weather! In these troubled times, it's hoped that the coronation and activities surrounding it will bring people together, as they focus on a very ancient institution, with all its time-honoured traditions, steeped in Christian symbolism.

The Church of England has produced a prayer booklet, with a prayer and reflection for each day from Easter Day through to Coronation Day. On the back it explains that the booklet is designed to help people to: "pray for the King, our nation and the world; explore the symbolism of the Coronation Service; reflect on Jesus, the Servant King".

That last phrase is interesting. Queen Elizabeth always said she saw her role as one of service and sacrifice to the people of this country and the Commonwealth. King Charles has also pledged to continue that approach. It just so happens that on the day I'm writing this, the Bible passage given for today in this Coronation booklet quotes Jesus saying "Whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant" (Matthew 20:26). That's a commitment that's not easy to honour when you're in a position of great power or privilege, whatever organisation you're involved with. And dare I say, it's something which a lot of our political leaders could do with re-learning? And it's something that the new King will need support to fulfil, including the support of our prayers. As we remembered very recently on Maundy Thursday, Jesus, on the last night before his death, demonstrated servant leadership in the most dramatic way by washing his disciples' feet – a job normally reserved for lowly servants to carry out.

Let's pray for King Charles, that he will be able to take that sense of service into his reign, and for ourselves, that we're committed to serving each other in our communities, and live out our calling to "love our neighbour", whoever they may be.

Have a wonderful Coronation Weekend, and enjoy the celebration!  
*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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### Funerals:

The funeral of Lilian Nurse was held in Cley Church on 13<sup>th</sup> April, and the funeral of Louise Nelson will be on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May at 2.00 at Blakeney Church.

Roy Preston also died in April, though the date for his funeral had not been set at the time of writing. Please remember their families at this sad time.

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**MAY 2023**  
**SERVICE SCHEDULE**  
**NB: No services in Wiveton**

<b>Wed 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	Holy Communion (BCP) 10.00	Cley
<b>Thur 4<sup>th</sup></b>	Evening Prayer 5.00	Glandford
<b>SUNDAY 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>Easter 5 / Coronation weekend</i>	
9.30	Holy Communion (CW) [ <i>&amp; streamed</i> ]	Blakeney
11.15	Outdoor Benefice Communion	Bayfield Hall
6.00	Taize	Cley
<b>Thur 11<sup>th</sup></b>	Evening Prayer 5.00	Glandford
<b>SUNDAY 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>Easter 6 [start of Christian Aid Week]</i>	
9.30	Praise and Worship [ <i>&amp; streamed</i> ]	Blakeney
11.15	Holy Communion with hymns (BCP)	Glandford
6.00	Service of Contemplation	Cley
<b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>Ascension Day</i>	
10.00	Holy Communion (CW) [ <i>streamed</i> ]	Blakeney
5.00	Evening Prayer	Glandford
<b>SUNDAY 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<i>Easter 7 / Sunday after Ascension</i>	
9.30	Celtic HC with Healing [ <i>&amp; streamed</i> ]	Blakeney
9.30	Morning Prayer (CW)	Letheringsett
11.15	Café Church	Cley
<b>Thur 25<sup>th</sup></b>	Evening Prayer 5.00	Glandford
<b>SUNDAY 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>Pentecost</i>	
8.00	Holy Communion (BCP)	Cley
9.30	Holy Communion (CW) [ <i>&amp; streamed</i> ]	Blakeney
11.15	Family Service (All-Age)	Cley
6.30	Evensong (BCP)	Glandford

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

# Cley

## THURSDAY'S AT 3PM, CLEY CHURCH

### Thursday May 4th The Sam Smith Singers

Barbershop singing and entertainment by this well-known local group led by Dan Earp

### Thursday May 11th A Coronation Celebration

A special programme celebrating the coronation of King Charles III and produced by some of the same team responsible for Hope Springs Eternal, Gloriana, Autumn and The Jubilee. Contributions are from Jayne Jones (soprano), Ian Summers (bassoon), Paul Hands and Steve Benson (narrators), Angela Dugdale (harpsichord), Robert FitzGerald (recorder) and Wyatt Earp (flute).

### Thursday May 18th Music for Two Flutes

A second programme of flute duet music by Brian Frost and Wyatt Earp (flutes) and Angela Dugdale (piano) playing some delightful original and arranged pieces for this combination.

### Thursday May 25th Love is in the Wind

Music by our own local musicians Jo Fawcett (clarinet) and Patricia Alexander (piano and organ) treating us all to some favourite tunes.

### Thursday June 1st Music for Voice and Flute

Meg Starling provides a summer flavour to some songs, featuring Angela Dugdale (piano) and Wyatt Earp (flute).

*Wyatt Earp*

## Cley WI report on March talk

Richard Jefferson has long been the 'go to' person for facts, figures and minutiae where local history is concerned and Cley WI has reaped the rewards of his extensive knowledge at previous meetings. More recently he has been channelling his efforts into putting together the data for the newly-launched Cley Heritage Walk, now available in leaflet form and via an interactive map on the Cley Parish Council website.

At our March meeting, Richard brought the Walk to us by means of an interesting and informative talk and slide show spanning more than 700 years of the life of the village. It is well documented that in the Thirteenth Century, Cley was one of the busiest ports in England and the River Glaven a wide estuary with huge ships sailing all the way up to the church, something we can scarcely believe today. The slides were many and varied following the direction of the Walk and its

sites of historic interest. Even those of us who think we know our village well found that we still had a lot to learn.

The Walk itself takes about 45 minutes and Richard has offered to lead a small group of our members on a tour later on in the year. Further details to follow.

*Alison Cole*

## Report on April talk

A Talk by Dorothy Tucker on **Kantha: Stitched Stories**

Dorothy Tucker returned to Cley WI to present an excellent talk with slides explaining the history of the Kantha quilt tradition which emanated from the Bengal region of India before Partition.

During the monsoon season Bengali women used worn out garments such as Saris placed layer upon layer and stitched them using a running stick to quilt the fabric - they even used the threads from old saris - an early example of recycling.

In some cases, elaborate embroidery was sown onto the fabric depicting Hindu symbols e.g., a Lotus was often placed at the centre of the piece then birds, fish, flowers, parrots, elephants, lions, horses and riders were embroidered from the centre out to the edges of the fabric.

Dorothy showed us examples of various pieces of work - one was approximately 100 years old. She also brought along other pieces she had purchased on her trips to India as well as some of her own work. The Joss Graham Gallery in London has an extensive collection of Kantha Quilts.

Dorothy has been a member of a Textile Study Group for many years - it is celebrating its 50th year and works are being exhibited in various locations. For more information visit the website: [textilestudygroup.co.uk](http://textilestudygroup.co.uk)

The May meeting of Cley WI will be on Thursday 11th May at 2.30 p.m. (**note the changed date due to the King's Coronation**) when Auctioneers Bishop & Miller will be giving a talk.

Non-members are welcome - the entry charge will be £5 which includes a Coronation Tea.

*Mary Roe*

**Glaven Valley  
Bereavement Support Group  
will meet on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May  
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### **Cley Parish Council's Chairman's Report**

Don't forget that you will need photo ID (passport, drivers' licence, a Blue Badge, bus pass etc.) to vote in the local elections on May 4<sup>th</sup>. These don't have to be current – as long as you still look like your photo.

Very sadly Cllr Meadows is standing down from the Parish Council. He will be hugely missed - he has contributed an enormous amount over the last four years - and we are extremely grateful for all he has done. I know he has plans for his well-earned 'retirement' and we wish him well.

We now have a vacancy on the Parish Council, to which we will coopt. It's a great way to get involved in and help your community. If you are eligible and interested in standing, please contact the Clerk for more details ([clerk.cley@gmail.com](mailto:clerk.cley@gmail.com)). We would love to hear from you.

The Parish Council has signed up to the Local Government Association 'Debate not Hate' campaign, which is calling on the Government and relevant partners, such as the police, to ensure candidates feel safe standing for election and serving as Councillors.

Our new community café in the Club Room at the Village Hall is running Wednesdays 10-4. We are very grateful for a significant donation towards the running costs, and the

Village Hall has been extremely generous in giving us a reduced rate for the room. We are offering bingo 2-4pm and we're knitting squares for our community blanket in the morning. Everyone is welcome -come along and meet your friends! Many thanks to the cake bakers, bingo callers and casters-on. We are always looking for more volunteers, so if

anyone would like to come and offer a cheery welcome just get in touch with me or the Clerk.

The final count for the Toad Patrol is 1129 toads, 105 frogs and 11 newts saved. This is a fantastic result for our first year and many thanks to all the hardy volunteers who have walked miles each evening in sometimes very inclement weather. We're also very grateful to our Clerk, Gemma, for her superb organizational skills. We will hold a wrap up meeting to discuss our strategy for next year.

Thanks to the grant from the NNDC Art and Culture Fund, we now have very smart leaflets for the Heritage Walk,

available from beside the community toilet and from businesses and galleries. These have already proved very popular. Many thanks to Richard Jefferson and Sarah Poppy

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for their historical expertise, and to Gemma for arranging the design.

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

Plans for our Coronation tea party are firming up. We have music, an ice cream van, cream teas, beer and wine, children's games, a mega tug of war and coronation mugs for children. Everyone is very welcome. As we did with the Jubilee, were asking you to bring cups, plates, cutlery, glasses etc to be more sustainable, and if you have picnic tables and/or chairs that would also be helpful. We would be very grateful for donations of scones and cakes: please email the Clerk if you are able to help ([clerk.cley@gmail.com](mailto:clerk.cley@gmail.com)). Parking will be on Newgate Green and if it rains, we will move into the church (thank you, churchwardens!)

Our quest for a toilet on the beach continues, but due to changes in personnel at Norfolk Wildlife Trust we need to rebuild our case. If anyone sees any unsanitary incidences on the beach, could you send us a photograph we can use as evidence? Whilst were talking about the Beach Car Park, Cley residents are eligible for car parking permits and we're trying to arrange a way to get these to you easily (currently they can be obtained from the Visitor Centre with proof of residency).

The Annual General Meeting and Annual Parish Meeting are on Thursday May 11<sup>th</sup> in the Village Hall at 6.30pm. The agendas 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 group. Please comment on or ask general questions about Agenda items before the meeting by getting in touch with the clerk or myself, or come along and participate. Minutes are posted as usual on the noticeboard and website.

*Dr Victoria Holliday, Chair*  
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Our popular Thursdays @ 3 Music in the Afternoons restarts after Easter on April 20<sup>th</sup> and runs till July 20<sup>th</sup>. We now regularly have audiences of up to 100, a testament to the work Wyatt Earp puts in organising the concerts, for which we are extremely grateful, and to our cake bakers, who are so much appreciated.

The Friends' Committee is very sorry to lose Sally Empson who has been an integral part of our team for three years. We will miss her enthusiasm, innovation and organisational skills terribly. Thank you, Sally, for all you have done.

Our Soiree at Cley Old Hall was a stupendous success and the most enormous thanks to Pam Keys for generously throwing open her historic and beautiful home for a delicious meal and a wonderful evening of music. Also huge thanks to Wyatt and Dan Earp and Angela Dugdale for arranging the programme and performing so exquisitely.

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

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*

# Wiveton

## SAVE THE DATE

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

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.

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### CHURCH CLOSURE

St Mary's Wiveton is closed until approximately the end of July for repairs to the Chancel roof to be carried out.

Huge thanks to everyone for your incredible support, which has enabled this much-loved church to be saved.

### Emma Bridgewater Wiveton Church Mug

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

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

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

April's 1st Prize Winner was Kate Harrison, with a prize of £65.

There's still time to join! Just email me or pick up a leaflet from the Church.

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# Glandford

After an uplifting Easter service, and beautiful weather, we now come back to usual rain and bluster, but we should make the most of it when, perhaps, the summer sun May make us wish for some night rains!

The Shell Museum at Glandford is now open for the season, with clearer signage and improvements, The Glandford farm complex is also growing, with the new Art Gallery, and the Auction Rooms, which are fascinating and an extension to Bishop and Millers large auction rooms in Stowmarket of particular interest to the many birding enthusiasts in our area is the Ornithological auction in May now I think rescheduled for 30th May.

Another new opening is the replacement for the Art Café, sometime in May but no date advertised as yet.

*A, Monteath*

## News from Natural Surroundings

April has been, for once, fairly average in terms of temperature and rainfall. At Natural Surroundings we are particularly pleased that it has, like March before it, been relatively wet. April droughts have become all too familiar. The plants have responded accordingly, and when the sun comes out it is joyful to see Orange-tips and Brimstones fluttering around a myriad of flowers. By mid-month our Bird Cherries and pears were in full flower, with some of the choice woodland flowers, such as Herb Paris, Beautiful Lady's Slipper and Merrybells coming along nicely.

Bird-wise we have had a quiet spring. A Firecrest sang on one day only, and very few summer migrants had arrived. On 12th and 13th April, however, we were graced by the presence of a Willow Warbler. This used to be a common bird, but with the impact of climate change the 'centre of balance' of its breeding range in Britain has moved northwards - it is still common in Northern England and Scotland. Norfolk is now on the edge of its range and in common with many plants and animals away from their core distribution it is only found as a breeding bird in Norfolk where the habitat is just right. By contrast Chiffchaff, which used to be massively outnumbered by Willow Warblers, is now far commoner and we have several in full song.

We have hosted volunteers at Natural Surroundings for quite a few years now, Our Garden Club have been a loyal band who enjoy working in our wildlife gardens as well as taking on other varied tasks such as meadow management and making charcoal. We are always pleased to work with volunteers and share our skills, and they have the added bonus of free access to our gardens. This spring we are looking for volunteers to help with renewing our willow structures and creating new ones, all under the watchful eye of Larry, who very generously keeps our willow bushes in shape and manages them for use on site. If you would like to

volunteer to come and to learn how to work with willow, or come and help with our herb garden, bee garden and butterfly garden, please do come along on Thursday mornings from 10.30 am till 1 pm - everyone is welcome.

*Anne & Simon Harrap*

# Letheringsett

## St Andrew's Church

How nice it was to see such a good number of worshippers at our Easter Day service recently.

The flowers and floral displays in the porch plus of course the font all looked lovely and a big thank you to all those who helped.

*John Pridham*

## Letheringsett and Glandford

**Coronation Lunch** - Sunday 7th May 2023, Bayfield Hall. To celebrate the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles, there will be an outdoor church service at 11.15am, weather permitting, with a picnic-style lunch from 12.30 onwards at Bayfield Hall, by kind permission of Mr. Roger and Mrs. Caroline Combe.

All residents of Letheringsett, Bayfield, Glandford and Little Thornage, are warmly invited with friends and family also welcome. Drinks will be provided. Guests will need to bring a picnic and their own chairs.

**Volunteering Day** - Bank Holiday Monday 8th May 2023. A community litter pick has been arranged for all parishes.

The necessary equipment will be available in the Letheringsett Village Hall between 10.00- 12.00pm. All filled bags will be collected the following week from outside the Village Hall by Serco. Refreshments will be available during the morning. Alternatively, please call me for equipment.

Finally, thank you to Letheringsett Village Hall Committee who are again kindly donating Coronation Mugs for all the children in our four parishes. The Jubilee mugs were especially beautiful and a wonderful keepsake.

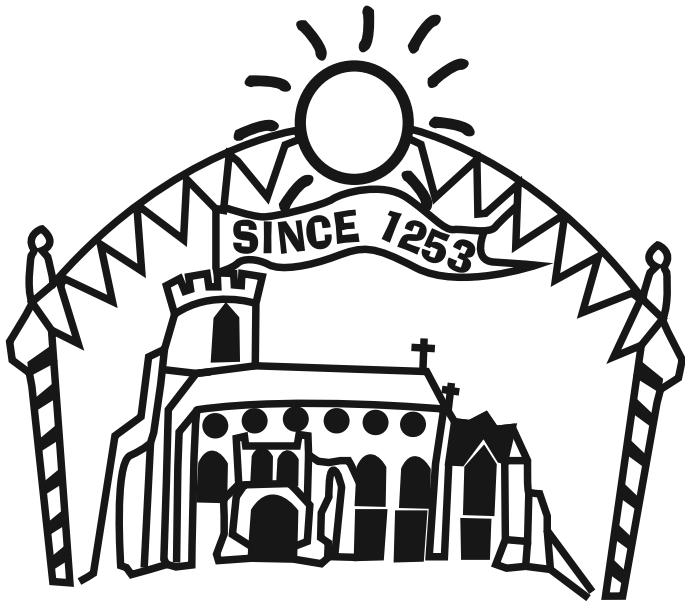
*Louise Stevens 01263 713857*

# ST. MARGARET'S FAIR

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St Margaret's Church, Cley  
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BOOK STALL OPENS AT 10am

Free admission



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Many thanks!*

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If you have any good quality books you can contribute,  
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### 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

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### 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](mailto:740814/alison-cole@outlook.com). Thank you!

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### 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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**in St Nicholas' Church, Blakeney**  
**The Blakeney Lunch will be held on**  
**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May**  
**12noon to 2.00pm.**

**With the warm summer days now with us, we are introducing our special summer menu which includes ploughman's, ham salad or homemade quiche and salad followed by a choice of homemade desserts.**

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



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

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

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

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

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

*Richard and the team at Blakeney.*

## **THE GREAT BLAKENEY BREAKFAST!**

**in St Nicholas' Church, Blakeney**  
**will be held on**  
**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May**  
**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.



# COMMUNITY NEWS

## District Councillor's report From NNDC

### **Do you have limited mobility? Discover the North Norfolk Wheelyboat "Poppy"**

On the 22nd April 2022 Poppy, Norfolk's first wheelchair accessible powerboat made her first official splash.

Officially launched by the Countess of Leicester, Poppy set sail for the first time from the heart of her new home, Blakeney Quay.

Starting again from 8th April until 26th October we plan to operate a free of charge regular service from Blakeney or Morston harbour into the Blakeney National Nature Reserve.

Although trips are free, we welcome donations towards the cost of running/ maintaining the vessel and providing an excellent service to our customers.

Our trips are always dependant on the tides and weather conditions. The trip is approximately one hour but can be made shorter to suit needs.

The Vessel is specifically designed for wheelchair access and enables adults and children with limited mobility the opportunity to access the surrounding area, and experience the pleasure of the sights and sounds of Blakeney wildlife that we all take for granted.

Blakeney harbour provides a sheltered environment comprising part of two national nature reserves famous for its bird life and one of the country's most important seal colonies.

Poppy is owned and administered by The North Norfolk Charitable Trust.

We are able to accommodate a maximum weight, wheelchairs and passengers inclusive, of 365kg. Please ensure that your cohort is equal to or below this weight.

Please get in touch and provide us with all the relevant information so we can look to arrange a suitable trip for you.

For more information, please visit our website, or contact the provided phone/e-mail below.

We look forward to providing an opportunity to those that may otherwise not have the chance to discover our beautiful Blakeney National Nature Reserve.

Contact: 07384896893 [info@wheelyboatpoppy.org](mailto:info@wheelyboatpoppy.org)

The North Norfolk Wheelyboat 'Poppy'

### Elections

NNDC is flagging the need for photo ID to vote in the local elections on May 4th (such as passport, drivers' licence, bus pass, blue badge etc - these don't have to be current as long as the photo is a reasonable likeness).

### Coastal

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

### Planning

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

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

### Benefits

The 4th round of the Household Support Fund has just gone live. This will help those eligible with energy costs.

Discretionary Housing payments are available for those struggling to stay in their homes.

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

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

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

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

### Sustainable growth

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

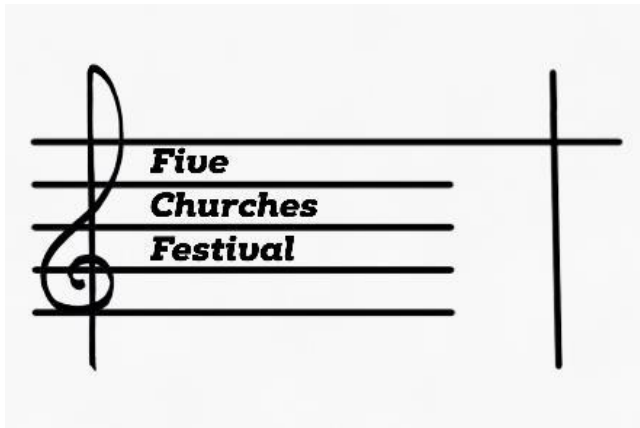
### Environment

Please contact me regarding bin collection issues.

### Finance

A full year deficit of £600k is anticipated. Alternative Fuel payments (for those who don't use gas) and The Energy Bills Support Scheme Alternative Funding (for those not eligible for the £400) are available from the government ([alternativefunding@ebss.beis.gov.uk](mailto:alternativefunding@ebss.beis.gov.uk), 08081753287).

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



**Introducing a new Arts Festival in the Glaven Valley!**

Five Churches Festival is a vibrant programme of concerts, cultural and community events based around the five churches of the Glaven Valley Benefice – Blakeney, Cley, Glandford, Letheringsett and Wiveton – from 13 -16 and 29 July 2023.

The Festival has been curated by the pianist Brenda Blewett, who happens to be the wife of the Richard the Rector, and until their move to Norfolk in 2019 was Head of Accompaniment at the prestigious Chetham’s School of Music in Manchester. She has created the Festival in collaboration with Chaos Collective – an exciting string quartet of established professional musicians based in North Norfolk - Fran Mattishent *violin*, Rebecca Scott-Smissen *violin*,

Rachel Ballard *viola* & Ivan McCready *cello*. Joining them for the concerts and events will be the eminent violinists Benedict Holland and Madeleine Mitchell, renowned actor Jeremy Northam in an evening of poetry and music in Glandford Church, the pianist and entertainer James McConnel in a touching tribute to Kit Hesketh-Harvey in Cley’s Cabaret night with Ella McCready, Lynne Roper and James Boyd.

The wonderful mezzo soprano Susannah Self– much known and loved in North Norfolk - joins Madeleine and Brenda for a final ‘Encore’ concert on 29 July. There’s also a Picnic Concert on Wiveton Green and a ‘Come and Sing’ Festival Evensong as well as artworks on display by Guy Allen.

All accompanied by fizz, cream teas, summer cocktails and on Friday, pizza at Glandford Deli!  
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 Booking will open online on May 13<sup>th</sup> at [fivechurchesfestival.com](http://fivechurchesfestival.com)

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# Letter's & Articles

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to an article by Duncan Baker in your April issue concerning the marsh bridge at Stiffkey.

The bridge was removed in February 2022 by the National trust with the intention of not replacing it. Local people wrote letters and emails to the National trust and our local MP and the National trust agreed to replace the bridge but by December of 2022 had gone back on their word.

People and groups from the community and beyond again campaigned with letters and emails to the National trust pointing out the safety aspect of the bridge being removed and the obvious danger to the public this presented and managed to obtain a commitment in March 2023 from the National trust to replace the bridge with a planning application going in to NNDC in June.

The support from our local MP has been woefully lacking it is the pressure from the community of Stiffkey and the surrounding villages and beyond that has brought about this commitment to rebuild the bridge.

*Ian Curtis (local resident and campaigner)*



## Boots along the Coast Path Part 1

The idea of a walk from Blakeney to Hunstanton was born over supper one night with a friend; Mike Curtis. \* He believed that there was more than one way of knowing the world. You could travel far and have experience of many places, be cosmopolitan, a world traveler, which is not that difficult if you have the means. Or you can know a smaller world, an area bounded by your life and habitation, a wood, a hill, a valley, or as here a harbour, a stretch of coast.

There is as much knowing in a small world as in all the world and this coast has a particular richness and touches us in ways that places known in a wider sense never can. I had been describing some of my favourite spots along the coast and despite his intimate association with Blakeney and Morston Mike confessed that many of them were unfamiliar to him. A walk seemed the obvious way to put this right. The third member of our party was Boots. For all of his life this small, untidy black terrier, with his four white socks, boundless stamina and a IQ superior to a few people I've known was my constant companion – standing like a lookout on the bow of Ebbtide, scampering up mountains in Scotland, or trotting lead-less around Liberty's in the West End of London. I went to few places without him. So, I was anticipating the expedition with as much enthusiasm for him as for myself.

As I approached the bottom of the road - I thought I could hear Mike coming but it was a local man who came lurching round the corner dragged by a large black Labrador. He leaned back on the lead, looked at me with a slightly puzzled expression, and said, "Whatayer goin on a hike"? I replied that I was. "I dorn't much like the look a that." He jerked his head toward the south-west, where there was a cloud. "Still, I'll say namore." It was his habit to append all his statements with these safety-catch phrases, which I suppose is quite natural if most of the prediction you have ever made failed to materialise. So, I was considerably heartened by his observation. I have always thought that a person's perception can be judged by how far and how clearly, they can see down the road ahead, and I knew I was listening to someone for whom life's every moment came as a surprise. When Mike arrived, I told him why I thought it would be a bright sunny day. It was grey and cool as we set off from the Mash Green, but from my reading between the isobars of the previous night's forecast I was confident we were in for a lovely day. The first mile was uneventful. Boots had the most excitement, trying and spectacularly failing to mate with a large Red Setter bitch, I wondered how big things looked to him. Reaching the Greens at Morston my right knee gave way and I fell. Lying face down and peering through the wet grass Brancaster suddenly looked a long way off. My knee had been a problem for a day or two, but when I got up, I found the ache had gone and everything suddenly looked brighter. The path from Morston to Stiffkey Freshes is one of the most beautiful on this coast. The white of the Point dunes standing out brightly against the wind-darkened ribbon of the Pit and Wells East Hills spread indigo to the north west. Some horizons excite you as to what might lie beyond; East Hills do that, it's a landscape that pulls you onward. Stiffkey Freshes came next.

The Freshes where I once kept a boat have a special place in the heart of my family. Every summer evening when the children were small, and if the tide and weather were right, we would be there, the children running naked, flinging themselves off the mud ledges into the warm incoming tide. I would often go out and catch a few mackerel, which we would then cook on an old fire grate propped up on stones. It 's probably still in the bushes there somewhere. At Stiffkey we met Jack Rowe – an old bait-digging mate – gathering hay at the bottom of the Greenway. "What about when you raced my tractor through the village?" he said. "Left my old Fergie for dead." "No running today," I said, "I just hope I can keep walking." Leaving along a narrow-overgrown path we came to the Whirly Gig\*, another favoured spot, the children learned to ride their bikes around its smooth tarmac circle. It was here that we noticed an elderly lady up ahead with her dog. She was dressed as if for shopping in Harrods – long smart coat, grey stockings and big shiny black shoes, each one of which looked at least as heavy as my pack. We thought we had been getting along at a good pace but we couldn't keep up with her. We increased our stride but we still didn't gain on her. Then, as if sensing our struggle, she stopped and turned to wait for us. She turned out to be a Scot and I guessed she could easily have walked from there. Breathlessly Mike said, "We couldn't

catch up with you,” “Ah weel,” she replied, “ye dinna do it all the time like me.” I wondered, how she knew that? While she was distracted with her dog, which Boots's unwanted attentions had driven into the hedge, we seized the opportunity to get ahead of her. But the occasional glance back suggested we were walking on the spot until she turned for home. By now we could see Wells across the marsh, but first we had to negotiate a very overgrown stretch of grass and scrub where we got wet feet. Emerging from there we came onto North Point Bank, directly east of the town, and bounds what was once a finger of tidal estuary stretching inland as far as Warham. The old saltwater creeks can still be seen winding though the farmland. \* We came into Wells through the whelk sheds, which afforded a perfect, unspoiled preface to the town. Sadly, it's not that way anymore.

Mike and his wife Pooh came to Blakeney in the late 60s. He quickly became a friend, and remained so until his death in 2007. He was one of those people who enable you to see beyond self-imposed limits. Everything you offered for his opinion came back gilded. Painting in watercolour imparts an understanding of less being more, that true beauty is usually simple and clean. Mike epitomised this. During an evening he might, if asked (or if not already playing the piano), pick up a small guitar and play. If it was one of his own songs it would be a gentle but perfect balance of music and words. He was totally in love with this place and became an essential part of it. When he died, Blakeney's enormous church was too small to hold those he left behind. Now a wildlife reserve.

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*With many apologies to Richard!! I found this when turning out my desk, don't know how old or where it came from, but thought it good for a giggle,,,it obviously doesn't apply to us! A.M*

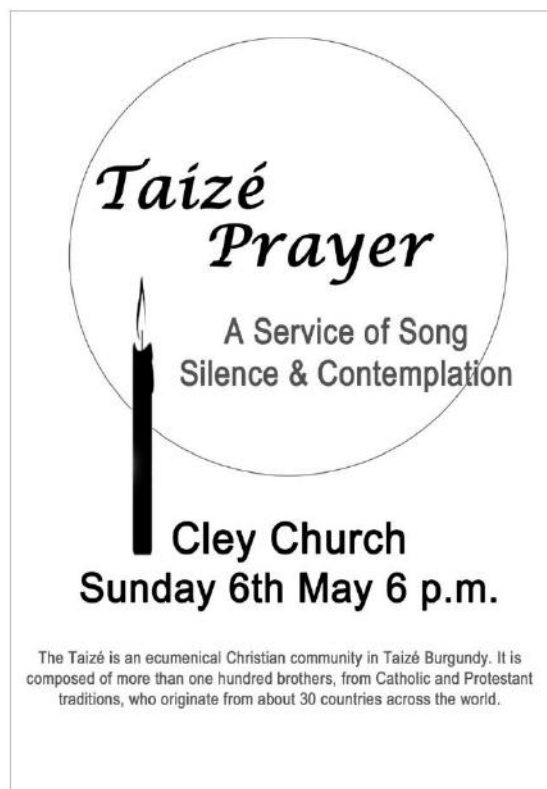
## May at the Museum of the Broads

Make the most of the spring sunshine and bring family and friends to the Museum of the Broads at the historic Stalham Staithe. Bring a picnic and take a boat trip. Dogs are welcome, and remember, all 12s and under visit the Museum for free in 2023!

We are looking for more volunteers. The Museum will be open on the afternoon of Monday 8th May as part of the national Big Help Out. Volunteers will be on hand to chat to and show you around. Don't be shy – come and meet us!

The Museum of the Broads, Poor's Staithe, Stalham, NR12  
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**Taizé  
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**Cley Church  
Sunday 6th May 6 p.m.**

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## GRESHAM'S

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Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2023

All Saints Church, Morston at 7.30pm

Drinks from 6.45pm - Glass of wine included in ticket price



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

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

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

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

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

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

John Worrall produces illustrated features on a range of subjects for a range of publications. He is the east-of-England correspondent for the industry newspaper, *Fishing News*. He has produced three photographic books: *East Anglia in Colour*, (1996) reprinted three times, and *East Anglia Through the Seasons*, (2002) both published by Ian Allan; also, *North Norfolk, the Heritage Coast*, (2004) by John

Nickalls Publications. His next book, 'East Coast Fishing Today (...but tomorrow...?)' will be published next year by Amberley Publishing."

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

Wednesday July 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 usually free donations for The Venue are gratefully accepted.

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

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## The Leaden-Eyed

Let not young souls be smothered out before  
They do quaint deeds and fully flaunt their pride.  
It is the world's one crime its babes grow dull,  
Its poor are ox-like, limp and leaden-eyed.

Not that they starve, but starve so dreamlessly,  
Not that they sow, but that they seldom reap,  
Not that they serve, but have no gods to serve,  
Not that they die, but that they die like sheep

Vachel Lindsay (1879 – 1931)

**FAKENHAM CHORAL SOCIETY  
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SATURDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 7.PM**

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

Rutter's arrangements of traditional songs of the British Isles are beautiful in their simplicity. By contrast, expect a heady mix of your all-time favourites - extracts from Faure and Mozart's Requiems, Haydn's 'Creation', Mendelssohn's 'Elijah', plus Handel's 'Zadok the Priest' and his unmistakable 'Hallelujah chorus'.

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Tickets are £12 (under 16s free) and can be purchased by calling 01485 544335, via the website [www.fakenhamchoralsociety.org](http://www.fakenhamchoralsociety.org) or at the door. The choir returns later this year with an extra special programme of concerts to celebrate its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

## Coffee Morning



Every Thursday 10-11am  
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you're working on or just pop in for a  
chat. There is no charge and all are  
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## **BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> MAY BRING & BUY COFFEE MORNING LANGHAM NR25 7BX 10am-12noon**

Back to our traditional date this year. 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. There will be cakes, gifts, Bric a Brac (no furniture) books, plants, a raffle and refreshments.

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Contact for enquiries: *Ann Sherriff 01328 830605 / Edward Allen 01328 830276.*

## **CLEY WI**

Thursday **11<sup>th</sup>** May

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## EDGEFIELD OPEN GARDENS

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May  
12 – 5pm

Entry tickets and maps to be purchased at  
Edgefield Village Hall, NR24 2AL  
£5 per adult to cover both days. Age 16  
and under free.

New Gardens and Norfolk Flower Farm  
open this year!

Ploughman's Lunch and Afternoon Tea  
Plant and Book Stalls. Raffle.

All proceeds to Edgefield Church.

Assistance dogs only please.

## THURSFORD OPENS ITS GARDENS!

Sunday June 11<sup>th</sup> 2023 10.00 – 4.00

Have a great day out in Thursford on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June.  
Open Gardens, not held since 2014, is back!

Park up at the Thursford Collection where you can immerse  
yourself in their historic legacy of Steam Engines and  
Fairground Rides. Wander round this small North Norfolk  
village to find many gardens displaying their early summer  
glory, visit the Grade 2 \* listed church set in a valley  
landscape. The church has famous stained glass. As well,  
you will be able to see an established vinery.

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

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# **SALTHOUSE ART EXHIBITION**

## **14<sup>TH</sup> TO 20<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**

In the light, bright and reflective space of the beautiful church of St Nicholas, Salthouse, 'The Salthouse', a group of Christian creatives, will again be exhibiting this summer. The eight artists, who work in various media and genres, from acrylic and oil paintings, glass and textiles, sound and poetry. Each artist finds inspiration from an understanding that we are all, to some extent, creative because we are made in the image of a Creator who loves us and loves the world we are blessed to live in. The church, set high between farmland and marsh, land and sea, is worth a visit in itself and many find it a place of deep peace, a place to sit and ponder.

One of the exhibitors, Ian Dyble says 'I love this place and it is a real joy to be exhibiting again this year. Our hope as artists is that many people will come along and enjoy the art but also find a sense of wonder and, perhaps, see a higher hand at work.'

Artist and organiser Tracey Ross says 'I am absolutely delighted The Salthouse is happening again this summer. It is such a great opportunity to see how artists express their creativity through art and faith. This year we have the pleasure of a sound artist and an ecoprinted textile designer to help fill the church with colour and the sound of nature'.

Many of the artists will be offering original work for sale, as well as prints and cards.

There will be a Private Viewing between 6.00pm and 8.00pm on Wednesday 14th June and the dates of exhibition runs from 14th to 20th June and will be open daily between 10.00am and 5.30pm. Entry is free.



