

The Glaven Valley Newsletter



Confirmation Service at Cley Church

Rt Reverend Jane Steen, Bishop of Lynn, with the 5 candidates from the Glaven Valley; plus 4 others from Barnham Broom and the clergy from both benefices, after the service on Sunday 24th September...photo taken by Hanne Siebers

November 2023

Many beautiful festive windows in Cley, to be lit daily between 4-8pm.

The first windows will be revealed on 1st December with more windows added each day until 24th December

CLEY ADVENT WINDOWS

2023

AND

CAROLS ON THE QUAY 10TH DECEMBER, 4.00PM

The windows will be lit daily until 6th January.

Carols on the quay-10th From 4.00pm. Santa arriving by boat at approx. 5.00pm

Organised by and raising funds for Cley Harbour

Maps will be available from late November and can also be downloaded from www.cleyharbour.co.uk or our Facebook page (search for Cley Harbour), or can be picked up from shops and pubs in the village.

To donate towards Cley Harbour, please visit our Justgiving page (search for Cley Harbour) or scan the QR code at the bottom of this poster.

We're happy to take a cheque (payable to Cley Harbour) or cash – just pop an envelope through the letterbox at Porticus in the High Street.

BACS payments also accepted: Cley Harbour 20571261 20 45 45

We will also post photos regularly on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook, so you can follow the trail remotely.

THANK YOU, FROM ALL AT CLEY HARBOUR!



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

Treasurer's Report

A BIG THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO TOOK PART IN THE RECENT QUIZ EVENING AT BLAKENEY HARBOUR ROOMS - £575 WAS RAISED FOR THE NEWSLETTER'S FUNDS

If readers wish to donate this can be done by:

- Setting up a standing order – use the form below or set up online;
- Cash or cheque to the Treasurer, Stonebridge House, Bridgefoot Lane, Wiveton, Holt NR25 7TP (cheques payable to Glaven Valley Newsletter);
- Online bank transfer to us (Sort Code 30-94-34 Account 00897099);
- Collection box at Blakeney Garage

Many thanks

Martin Tyler Treasurer, Glaven Valley Newsletter

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“End of an Era”

For many years now the GVN has been produced in a small shed in Glandford. This was generously made available to us - first, by Robin Combe and more recently by Roger Combe. We are most grateful for this.

During these years our team of lovely volunteers have stoically and uncomplainingly dealt with cold, damp and even a wasp's nest, but the recent collapse of the ceiling due to a leak led us to look for alternative premises. Richard Millward raised our concerns with the Blakeney Village Hall committee and with the support of Alex Scott and Richard Daley the committee have kindly agreed that we can use one of the hall's changing rooms, on a permanent basis. This is terrific news, as the premises are much better, and there are even nice loos nearby!!

I would like to thank Richard M, Alex and Richard D for their support and help with this, and to Vicky and Peter Forrest, and Tony Batchelor for their help with the physical move last week. There are a few things to sort out, but we should be up and running (i.e.: printing, collating, and stapling) in time for this November edition.

I would like to take this opportunity to give a big thank you to all the people involved in producing, distributing, and delivering the GVN throughout the valley, and for your generous contributions: without your help we would not be able to continue with the newsletter.

Finally, if anyone may be interested in helping with the printing, stapling, or bulk distribution of the newsletter (in our lovely new premises!) please do get in touch. It is no more than half a day every month or so, and we really could do some addition to our friendly team: I will be very happy to explain what is involved.

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

Thank you.

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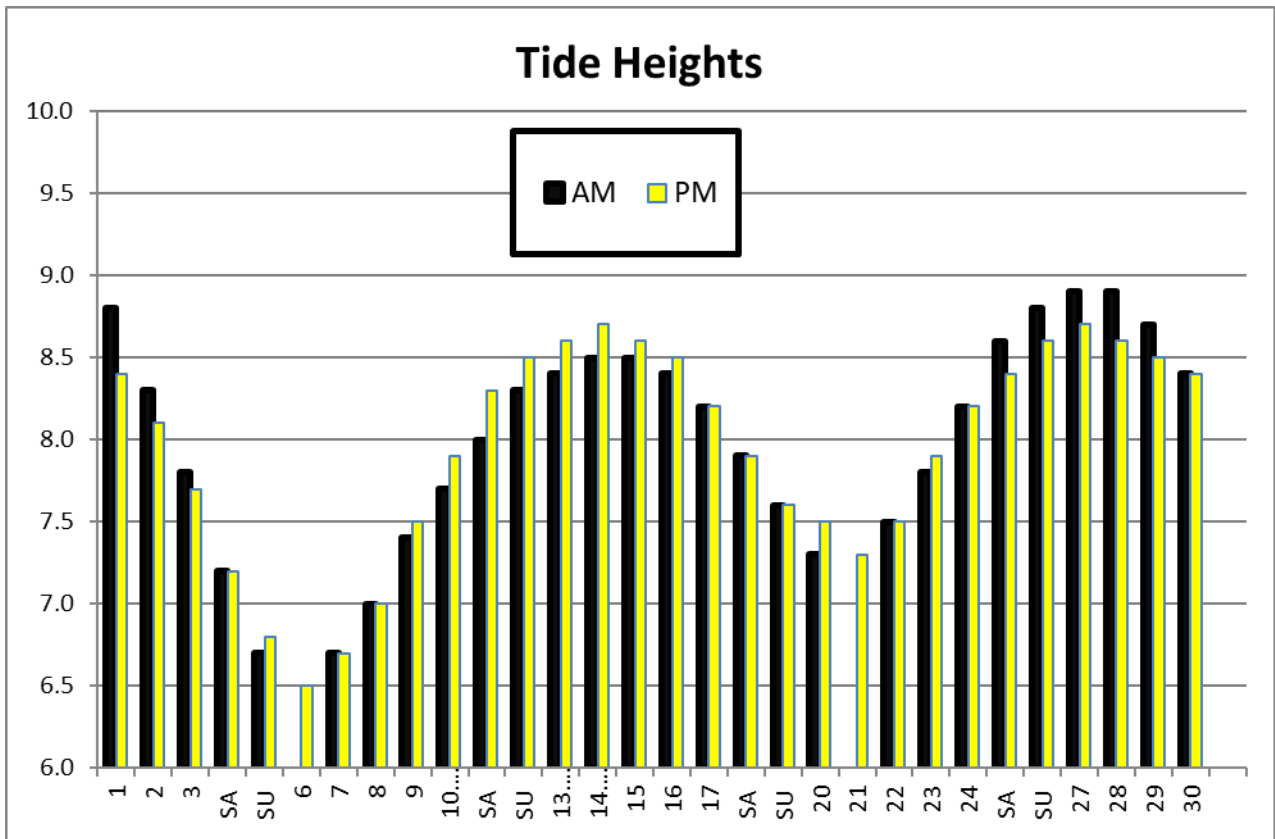
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November 2023 - Tide Details



Tide Times

	AM	PM		AM	PM
			Mon 13 November	06:14	18:39
			Tue 14 November	06:52	19:14
Wed 01 November	08:29	20:42	Wed 15 November	07:31	19:50
Thu 02 November	09:09	21:15	Thu 16 November	08:12	20:26
Fri 03 November	09:50	21:49	Fri 17 November	08:56	21:04
Sat 04 November	10:35	22:29	Sat 18 November	09:43	21:48
Sun 05 November	11:38	23:30	Sun 19 November	10:40	22:42
Mon 06 November		13:17	Mon 20 November	11:53	23:53
Tue 07 November	01:40	14:48	Tue 21 November		13:21
Wed 08 November	02:49	15:27	Wed 22 November	01:18	14:33
Thu 09 November	03:41	16:13	Thu 23 November	02:31	15:33
Fri 10 November	04:24	16:52	Fri 24 November	03:31	16:25
Sat 11 November	05:02	17:29	Sat 25 November	04:25	17:10
Sun 12 November	05:37	18:04	Sun 26 November	05:14	17:52
			Mon 27 November	06:01	18:31
			Tue 28 November	06:47	19:10
			Wed 29 November	07:31	19:46
			Thu 30 November	08:13	20:21

By Martin Tyler

Blakeney

News from Blakeney Church of England Primary School

I love November in Blakeney! It is easy to forget all about Summer as the weather gets colder but the annual fireworks event is a reminder that the community is still working hard.

All the children in the school recently completed a piece of art work to compete for the honour of lighting the bonfire and pushing the button on the fireworks. The email from the Parish Council office inviting the children to enter was timely as I had already been bombarded with “When do we do our firework pictures?” questions. Thank you, Blakeney Parish Council, for including the children-it is one of the highlights of their year. Our specialist music teacher judged the entries and was very impressed.

The children are all rested after half term and are beginning to move into Christmas mode. The nativity play practice has begun and this year we have the added bonus of the Nursery children, who are going to add to the number of animals around the manger! The weather is still holding (as this is written) so that the children can still cycle to school. We have also had some more new pupils arrive and settle in quickly. November is going swimmingly!

The Hedgehogs and Hoglets class have been celebrating the season by Pumpkin picking. They had a wonderful trip and were very proud of their pumpkins. They are currently planning a trip to the sea life centre in between adding increasingly large numbers and exploring making ice!

Samphire Class have been focussed on their topic of Healthy Body, Healthy mind by going on a Mindfulness walk to the Marshes and trying new and varied fruit and vegetables. We had some very reticent children when it came to trying beetroot and butternut squash but the rule of “just a tiny nibble” seemed to work-sort of! In English, Year 5 and 6 have been reading Pig Heart Boy and have produced some amazing newspaper articles and stories. Years 3 and 4 are currently engrossed in Leon and the Lost World and are busy learning how and when to use speech marks.

We held parent consultations recently and it struck Miss Collison and I that for many of the parents, nothing that we told them came as a surprise (thankfully!). Their very welcome presence in the school on a daily basis, and for special events, means that communication between home and school is a real strength in the school. In just the last month we have held an Open Day, A French café, 4 celebration workshops, 3 PTFA meetings and a Harvest festival. Parent volunteers run the weekly playgroup and our PTFA are always organising curriculum enhancement opportunities.

We hope that parents feel welcome and a very much needed part of their children’s school. The PTFA are organising a community Bingo event at the village Hall on Friday 1st

December. Please come along if you can, you will be helping to support the work we all do for the children. It is a great night out too!

Claire Thoday

The Pilgrim Federation

The children at the primary schools that make up The Pilgrim Federation - Blakeney, Hindringham, Kelling and Walsingham - have much to look forward to in this new school year as we build on another successful year, including two fantastically positive Ofsted reports.

In addition to the irresistible learning that the individual school staff have planned for them, they have a programme of Federation activities.

Later, this term, in November, all our Year 6 children are heading over to The Norfolk Lakes Outdoor Activity Centre in Lyng for a residential stay that will involve a wide range of exciting activities both on water and dry ground. And then next term, the Year 5 children from all four schools have a three day residential trip to How Hill on the Norfolk Broads.

The Governors and Staff of the four schools will once again be organising our fabulous firework night held at Hindringham School, the proceeds from which pay for all the children to attend a quality pantomime in the spring term. Everyone looks forward to the annual Federation Art Exhibition held at Salthouse church and our termly Federation sports mornings, and another highlight of each year is the Federation Founding Day celebration which this year takes place in Walsingham.

Prospective parents who are interested in a place for their child at one of our four schools are welcome to phone the school to make an appointment for an individual visit and tour:

Blakeney – 01263 740531
Hindringham – 01328 878323
Kelling – 01263 588230
Walsingham – 01328 820265

A Big THANK YOU to everybody who supported the Charity Supper Quiz at the Harbour Room on Saturday 7th October and to the people that gave prizes for the raffle.

A special thanks to P&S Butchers for donating the meat for the supper and to their support in the past.

A total of £1150 pounds was raised which will be shared between Blakeney Neighbourhood Housing Society and Glaven Valley Newsletter.

*Many Thanks
The Supper Quiz Organisers*

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

BLAKENEY VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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Date and time:

Wednesday 15th November 2023,
at 5pm

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Where: Wallace Room, Blakeney Village Hall

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The AGM will be followed by an informal meeting for residents to suggest the way forward for the Village Hall

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All members of the public welcome.

BLAKENEY VILLAGE HALL The Way Forward

The Village Hall is now more than 40 years old and following the AGM at 5.00pm on Wednesday 15th November there will be an informal meeting for residents to put forward suggestions regarding the way forward for the next 40. The bar will be open and all ideas are welcome.

The Hall dates back to 1981 and was in part built as a sports hall with changing rooms to facilitate football and other sports. However, the changing Blakeney demographic means that sports usage has declined dramatically and only carpet bowls and badminton remain active.

The Hall is also showing its age and considerable work is needed to bring it up date. More recently, of course, the dramatic hike in energy costs has meant that it has been extremely difficult to heat the Hall.

It is not all doom and gloom however. The Players still put on two shows each year, the monthly film nights continue to be popular and Tai Chi continues to prosper as do Badminton and Carpet Bowls. The U3A meet at the Hall on a regular basis and the regular Craft and Antique Fairs continue to draw crowds. The Hall is also hired for many one-off events.

There are, however, many times during the week when the Hall is not in use and ideas are needed as to how it could be more fully utilised. Maybe sports more suitable to the Blakeney demographic could be developed such as walking football or rugby or indoor or outdoor pickleball. Perhaps exercise classes more suited to the elderly [like me] among us could be set up. In addition, there may be other local groups that could be encouraged to meet and use the space and ways that the stage could be more fully utilised.

If you have ideas and, even better, the energy to develop them do come along. Changes are already being made to upgrade the heating system but we would welcome further input. Ideas are also needed for how the Hall might be brought up to date, and how the money for these very necessary improvements can be raised.

Richard Baughan, Hon. Secretary

Coastal Rowing Association of Blakeney

As I write this newsletter, there are only two more rows on Blakeney water. After these outings, *Bluejacket* will be taken off the Carnser and rowing activities will be based around Barton Broad for the winter. *Hoi Larntan* is already at Barton Turf. See the club's website at crablakeney.wordpress.com for some excellent words and pictures concerning recent outings down the River Ant to How Hill and beyond.

The two skiffs will be seen on The Broads on Saturday 4th November when there will be a series of races culminating in the award of the annual Robin Coombe Trophy. This event promises to be full of activity because, besides the competition, anyone who is interested in rowing will be invited to come and try the sport in a non-racing situation. Triallists will be able to experience gentle, sociable rows in good company. There will be plenty to enjoy!

November will be a busy time for your local rowing club. This year's AGM will be on Thursday 9th November, 7 pm, at The Blakeney Harbour Rooms. This will be an opportunity for all interested parties to show support and discuss club matters. You may wish to offer your own skills behind the scenes at the club. Contact details are below.

Please contact Humphrey at hborgnis@icloud.com if you wish to know more about becoming involved and if you would like to come along to Barton Turf on 4th November to try rowing for yourselves. When you are on the water, coaching and helpful advice will always be available. You will be made very welcome. There is no obligation to participate in any competitive event. Come along and enjoy.

Hope to see you on the water soon...maybe on 4th November, Barton Turf, at 10 am.

Barry Howes

**Blakeney Village Hall
Fabulous Craft Fair**

**18th & 19th November
Open 10am – 4pm**

All talented local crafters
Free admission
Free parking
Refreshments
(Dogs welcome)

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**BLAKENEY FILM NIGHT
VILLAGE HALL**

**"The Unlikely Pilgrimage of
Harold Fry" (12)**

**Friday 17th November
£5 on the door**

Harold Fry is a very ordinary man who, on impulse, embarks on a quite extraordinary journey following news from an old friend: his wife is far from pleased, wondering if he's taken leave of his senses.

But however, "unlikely" it seemed, Harold's expedition turns out to be a cathartic one. Full of inner turmoil & self-discovery, his "pilgrimage" offers a story of transformation & redemption around the themes of loss & regret - renewing faith in humanity & instilling a sense of hope.

Jim Broadbent & Penelope Wilton are perfectly cast in this gentle, poignant & quintessentially British drama.

**Doors open at 6.30 for a 7pm start
Bar/Refreshments
All profits to the Village Hall
www.blakeneyvillagehall.org.uk**

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News from the Glaven Centre

We must start this month's news by wishing our colleague and friend Janine all our very best wishes as she commences her Maternity leave.

Not only will she be missed here by staff, clients, and volunteers alike but also as the contributor to this regular news slot. We will be telling you all about our activities as best we can albeit without Janine's way with words!

Whilst Blakeney Medical Centre and its future is very much at the forefront of everyone's thoughts, we at the Glaven Centre are very much still here and not going anywhere! So, feel free to visit us and book a Happy Monday meal or consider a relative who could benefit from our Daycare services, Treatment Room services (Foot care, Ear care and haircuts for the over 70's) or if you would like to spend time with us volunteering.

This month we will be marking Remembrance Day and have already had some remarkable stories from clients of their time serving overseas. As ever our amazing kitchen will be helping these memories along with some recipes to help evoke past times. We will let you know how they go down!

Our new, regularly updated picture board displaying recent activities will have plenty of photo's up so have a look next time you are here!

In the meantime, we continue to update our training to provide the best service we can to the local community and are looking forward to a busy autumn.

The Glaven Centre

NORTH NORFOLK ARTS & CRAFTS

MAGICAL WINTER FAIR

A HAND PICKED SELECTION OF NORFOLK'S FINEST ARTISTS AND MAKERS, OUT IN THE BARN AND GARDENS

WARM AND FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE

RESTAURANT RE-OPENED
- COME FOR BREAKFAST, BRUNCH, LUNCH OR TEA, COFFEE AND CAKE

DOGS WELCOME. PARK AT THE DOOR. FREE ENTRY

**SAT 18 & SUN 19 NOVEMBER
10-4 BOTH DAYS**

[RESTAURANT OPENS AT 8.15AM SAT AND 9AM SUN]

BACK TO THE GARDEN
FARM SHOP BUTCHER RESTAURANT

BACK TO THE GARDEN, LETHERINGSETT, HOLT NR25 7JJ
INSTAGRAM/NNARTSCRAFTS FACEBOOK/NORTHNORFOLKARTSANDCRAFTS

NOVEMBER EVENTS AT BLAKENEY HARBOUR ROOM

BINGO

MONDAY 6th NOVEMBER 7pm

A Welcome return to the Harbour Room for this ever-popular game. Phone 01263 741666 for more details.

FOLK IN THE AFTERNOON

SUNDAY 12th NOVEMBER 3 - 6 pm

An acoustic folk session for all.

An open session for performers and audience.

THE DIRT ROAD BAND

SATURDAY 18th NOVEMBER 8pm (£15.00)

A first appearance in Blakeney for this top blues rock trio. Guitarist Steve Walwyn has made many appearances over the years at The Harbour Room with Dr Feelgood. Following in the footsteps of Wilko Johnson and remaining with band for 32 years. He is joined on stage by Horas Panter, the bass player from The Specials. The line-up is completed by Ted Dungen, the ex-drummer from Badfinger. The band has been selling our shows across the country this summer - so do not miss it.

Tickets available from The Harbour Room 01263 741666

QUIZ NIGHT

THURSDAY 23rd NOVEMBER 7pm

OPEN STAGE IN THE HARBOUR ROOM

SUNDAY 26th NOVEMBER 7pm

These sessions are now very well attended, and we have heard some great Folk, Blues, Americana and even Jazz over the last few months. Performers and audience welcome

If you would like to perform on a stage, Mark our sound engineer will be on hand to set up and record your performance.

George Crawley (Harbour Room Events Committee)

Grace and Ease Meditation

Free friendly Zoom meditation classes

Less stress, More peace

Beginners and busy minds welcome

Please message for details

07799 328400

BLAKENEY PARISH COUNCIL -

www.blakeneyparishcouncil.org.uk



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

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

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

EXTRACTS FROM THE OCTOBER FULL COUNCIL MEETING...

Chairman's Announcements –

- Welcomed Claire Chapman, Community Connector NNDC, who in turn updated the meeting on her role.
- Attended the hearing at NNDC regarding the planning application appeal, in respect of the 'Storage Barn, Morston Road' and we await the outcome.

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

PF/23/1910 – *Proposal; Demolition of North Down House and the construction of a replacement dwelling alongside soft and hard landscaping, at; North Down, Blakeney Road, Morston. Resolved – No objection* subject to the following condition; non-reflective glass to be used on the north elevation on the gable.

PF/23/1917 – *Proposal; Construction of studio following demolition of existing studio (amendment to previous application PF/21/1425) at, Southdown, The Downs, Blakeney. Resolved – No objection;* subject to the following condition; So long as the colour used is neutral.

PF/23/1952 – *Proposal; Two storey front extension replacing existing porch and bay window; detached garage; external alterations including new external finishes and alterations to some window openings; installation of air source heat pump at, Doelen House, Back Lane, Blakeney. Resolved – No objection.*

FINANCE - Accounts totalling £16,203.83 were paid.

Clerk/RFO Update –

- **Blakeney Neighbourhood Plan (BNP)** – the result of the referendum held on 14th September 2023, was 90% in favour of those that voted, to adopt the Plan. Subject to endorsement, NNDC expect to issue the required statutory Decision Notice the w/c 6th November 2023. During this interim stage the BNP should now be given significant weight in decision making.
- **The Blakeney Harbour Room** has been successfully nominated and therefore listed as an Asset of Community Value.

We will be replacing the **Play area Signboard** as soon as possible on the playing field, as the original is no longer fit for purpose.

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

Blakeney Surgery – *Cllr Rosemary Thew* gave an update in the absence of Cllr Sutcliffe.

- A 14-page letter was sent to the ICB on 26th September by BPC with regard the proposed closure of Blakeney Surgery by Holt Medical Practice. We received a reply on 28th September advising that in accordance with the NHSE Policy Guidance Manual and the stages set out in their associated advice note, that they have not yet received a final application with supporting documentation from Holt Medical Practice. This is expected towards the end of the year, if HMP choose to proceed, and therefore the members of the Primary Care Commissioning Committee, will not be considering this matter further until any such application is received and listed on their agenda.
- A petition which had over 1,500 signatures was delivered to HMP and the ICB last week.
- With the agreement of BPC, a letter of complaint will now be sent to Jon Punt, at the ICB.
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CORRESPONDENCE –

Having received a request from a resident, we will; i) ascertain what level of community interest there is for the construction of a Petanque, (**French Boules**) ground on the Playing Field & ii) establish the costs of providing and maintaining.

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

- i) **PF/23/1330 – Charnwood, Pintail Drive, Blakeney** – Single storey extensions and external alterations to dwelling - **Approved.**
- ii) **PF/23/1577 – 8 Langham Road, Blakeney** – Installation of two dormer windows (front and

side), enlargement of first floor rear windows and rendering of property - **Approved.**

- iii) **NP/23/1753 – New Barn Farm, Saxlingham Road, Blakeney** – Erection of agricultural storage building (prior notification; Agricultural) – **Prior approval given.**

YOUR SERVING PARISH COUNCILLORS ARE: -

Rosemary Thew – 740555 – Moonraker, Back Lane
Nigel Sutcliffe – 741714 – Dallinga, 71 Morston Road
Jenny Girling – 740792 – 11 Queens Close
Samantha Arlow – 741297 – 40 Langham Road
Alban Donohoe – 741741 – Ivy House, Back Lane
Shirley Everett – 740819 – Southside, 87 Morston Road
Barry Girling – 740792 – 11 Queens Close
Willie Weston – 740910 – 27 Queens Close
Iain Wolfe – via Parish Office
Judy Pegden – 741497 – 8 Wilsons Way
Mike Reed – 07760 162344 – 2 Memorial Cottages, New Road

Next Full Council meeting; Tuesday 7th November 2023.

NEW DEFIBRILATOR AT THE BLAKENEY HOTEL –

The Blakeney Hotel have asked if I can share the news, that they have installed a defibrillator on their premises. It is located in the main reception area. There is no code to access it, but there is a code on the door, so if someone needs it, then they would need to go to the main reception and ring the bell. The reception team will then allow access to the room. (This is great news, and is in addition to the one located outside of the Parish Office on Langham Road, and the one by the ladies toilet block on The Quay)

BLAKENEY DINGHY PARK – Sadly, sometime over the weekend of 6th – 8th October, a number of items were stolen from the dinghy park, mostly kayaks, but a boat and trailer also. The dinghy park management committee undertook a routine site check on the morning of the 9th Oct, and found that things were not as they should be. All those on our dinghy park register were contacted and made aware. We believe that around 18 or so kayaks have unfortunately been stolen, despite, chains, and locks. Anyone who has yet to report the theft of an item, must do so by calling the Police on 101; if you need to check your tag registration number with the Parish Clerk, then please do so. Many kayaks have a serial number on them, which may help the Police in any potential recovery. Crime numbers will be allocated to individual owners via the Police.

November Sudoku: Easy

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5	3					2	1	
6	2			1				
			3		7			
				5			3	1
	8	5					6	4
	1	9			8	7		
					3	5		

Fill the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the numbers 1 to 9.

Hard

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				3		5		
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		9		7		1		
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		5		2				
	9		8		3			7
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Fill the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the numbers 1 to 9.

Medium

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			1				9	
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		7				3		

Fill the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the numbers 1 to 9.

Wordsearch

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 E S Y Z O U T S F O D X L G D
 V M U W M N O G E N H V E O P
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ANTICYCLONE, CIRRUS, CUMULUS
 DEPRESSION, HURRICANE, ICE
 ISOBAR, METEOROLOGY
 NEPHOLOGY, NIMBOSTRATUS
 PRECIPITATION, RAIN
 SNOW, STRATIFORM
 TROPOSPHERE

WANTED

1 BEDROOM RENTAL PROPERTY

Urgently looking for a rental property for myself, must be on a bus area – within the Glaven area for my work.

Pet friendly.

I am a non-smoker.

Please contact: Debra Cornwall
on 07568387455

Colin Lloyd

Painter and decorator
Cley next the Sea

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Eden Rock

They are waiting for me somewhere beyond Eden Rock:

My father, twenty-five, in the same suit
Of Genuine Irish Tweed, his terrier Jack
Still two years old and trembling at his feet.

My mother, twenty-three, in a sprigged dress
Drawn at the waist, ribbon in her straw hat,
Has spread the stiff white cloth over the grass.
Her hair, the colour of wheat, takes on the light.

She pours tea from a Thermos, the milk straight
From an old H.P. sauce-bottle, a screw
Of paper for a cork; slowly sets out
The same three plates, the tin cups painted blue.

The sky whitens as if lit by three suns.
My mother shades her eyes and looks my way
Over the drifted stream. My father spins
A stone along the water. Leisurely,

They beckon to me from the other bank.
I hear them call, 'See where the stream-path is!
Crossing is not as hard as you might think.'

I had not thought that it would be like this.

Charles Causley

Quotable Quotes re....Philosophy...

It does not matter how slowly you go, as long
as you do not stop.
Confucius

The only true wisdom is knowing you know
nothing.
Socrates

One of the penalties for refusing to participate
in politics, is that you end up being governed
by your inferiors.
Plato

No man ever steps in the same river twice, for
it is not the same river, and he is not the same
man.
Heraclitus

Do not spoil what you have by desiring what
you have not: remember that what you
have now was once amongst the things you
only hoped for.
Epicurus

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Programme November 2023

Nov 2nd ***Fakenham to Wells***
A retrospective view
Philip West

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The Sinking of HMS Princess Victoria *The Cley Connection*

A Story of Tragedy, and Discovery

By Richard Jefferson

Saturday November 18th at 3pm

Cley Village Hall NR25 7RJ



Tea and cakes to follow
Free entry, donations welcome

In aid of Friends of Cley Church



Thoughts from the Rectory for October

Dear Friends,

With reasonable confidence, I can tell you that St Mary's Church Wiveton will be open again by the start of November!

My confidence is slightly qualified because we have already had predicted finishing dates for the work on the roof that have been pushed back (from the end of July onwards)! But as at the time of writing this in mid-October, things are looking hopeful. It will have been six months since the work began, so it has been a slightly frustrating time, but we are all looking forward with great excitement to having Wiveton Church up and running again. It was over 4 years ago that the beam fell from the chancel roof, so it has been a long haul. And we were very grateful that it happened during the night, and no one was injured (just the altar!) Some of you will remember that we had temporary repairs made to allow us to resume services and activities there, until we had raised the necessary funds to embark on the full restoration.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have been involved in making this work happen. Special thanks go to our Wiveton churchwardens Stephen and Charles, who have been at the helm of everything. But many others have also played a crucial role, particularly with fund-raising. The Friends of Wiveton have been marvellously creative and hard-working, as ever, led by Anthea, and there has been important support from the PCC and the small group involved with the Heritage Lottery Fund bid, and so on. Many people have been extremely generous in terms of finance and time, and it has been a great team effort. Thanks to everyone for making it happen.

And so, we look forward to the usual service pattern being restored: early Communion on the first Sunday of the month; Meditation Service on the second; Evensong on the third; Family Service on the fourth; as well as the weekly Contemplative Service on Tuesdays (NB: start time probably to be changed from 5.45 to 6.00 – do check!).

This month there will also be an extra service (along with other churches in the benefice) on 12th November, Remembrance Sunday, at 10.45. Please see the full schedule below for all the services on that day and for the rest of the month.

Wishing you all a happy November!

Richard

More information, as always, is available on our benefice website: www.glavenvalleychurches.org.uk 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. Contact details are also on the website, and the contacts page of this magazine.

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Baptisms:

It was a joy to be part of the recent baptisms in the benefice: of Preston Sylvester on Sunday 17th September, and of Jack & Elodie Sykes on 22nd October, both in Cley Church.

Funerals:

Among the funerals which took place locally last month were those of Valerie Dickinson and Marga Britton. Also, Elizabeth Gardner's (from Wiveton) funeral was held in Lowestoft. Please remember all their families at this time.

Weddings:

October saw the wedding of Henry Baker and Alex Hacking at Cley Church.

This month, James Miller, and Katherine Guinez Vildosola will take place on the 4th, also in Cley.

Our congratulations to both couples!

St Peter's Catholic Church
Back Lane, Blakeney, NR25 7NP
Mass Sunday - 11am
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NOVEMBER 2023 SERVICE SCHEDULE

Wed 1st	Holy Communion (BCP) 10.00am	Cley
Thur 2nd	Evening Prayer 5.00	Blakeney
SUNDAY 5th	<i>4th before Advent</i>	
8.00	Holy Communion (BCP)	Wiveton
9.30	Holy Communion (CW) [<i>& live-streamed</i>]	Blakeney
11.15	Holy Communion (BCP)	Letheringsett
4.00	Taize	Cley
Thur 9th	Evening Prayer 5.00	Blakeney
SUNDAY 12th	<i>Remembrance / 3rd before Advent</i>	
11.15 (after 10.50 at War Memorial)	Remembrance Service	Blakeney
10.45	Remembrance Service	Cley
10.45	Remembrance Service	Letheringsett
10.45	Remembrance Service	Wiveton
11.15	Holy Communion & Remembrance	Glandford
6.00	Service of Meditation	Wiveton
Wed 15th	Holy Communion (BCP) 10.00am	Cley
Thur 16th	Evening Prayer 5.00	Blakeney
SUNDAY 19th	<i>2nd before Advent</i>	
9.30	Celtic HC with Healing [<i>& live-streamed</i>]	Blakeney
9.30	Morning Prayer (CW)	Letheringsett
11.15	Café Church	Cley
6.30	Evensong (BCP)	Wiveton
Thur 23rd	Evening Prayer 5.00	Blakeney
SUNDAY 26th	<i>Christ the King</i>	
8.00	Holy Communion (BCP)	Cley
9.30	Holy Communion (CW) [<i>& live-streamed</i>]	Blakeney
11.15	Family Service (All-Age)	Wiveton
3.30	Evensong (BCP)	Glandford
Thur 30th	Evening Prayer 5.00	Blakeney

CW - Common Worship; BCP - Book of Common Prayer (1662)
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4.00pm to 5.30pm.

Anyone who has suffered
bereavement is very welcome.

Refreshments at 3.50pm

3000

The sale of second handbooks in Blakeney Church continues to exceed all expectations.

In August, we reached the total of 3,000 books sold overall. In these difficult times this is a tremendous help towards the work of St. Nicholas in our community.

Thank you to everyone who has bought books or donated books to be sold. We always need good quality paperbacks, so if you have any you no longer wish to keep, please put them in the wooden boxes to the right of the main door. We will be delighted to receive them or we can collect.

Thank you to everyone.

Sue Alexander

01263 741366

Cley

The Great British Rake Off.....at Cley!

A huge thank you to everyone who came and helped at the annual raking up of the Cley Churchyard on 7th October. A terrific crowd of joyful workers came from Cley and our wonderful neighbouring villages, accompanied by a multitude of rakes and forks, to gather up the recently cut long grass. Breaks for coffee and lunch added to the happy, relaxed atmosphere and, before we knew it, the job was done!

Thank you also to Al Cargill for so kindly cutting the grass with his heavy-duty mower the week before; and to our wildflower meadow gurus, Leo Batten and Rachel & Robin Hamilton, for all their expert advice.

This was a wonderful, community-wide effort, which will enable the wildflower meadow to flourish again in the spring.

Thank you all! See you next year!

Shannan Stevenson

Cley Village Hall Report

Dates for your calendar:

Saturday 4. November

9:00 - 13:00

Great tidy-up and maintenance blitz around the VH, drive, car park, front garden, play area. All welcome, bring your own tools where possible. Bacon sarnies, teas and cake will be provided.

Saturday 2. December

10:00 - 16:00

Cley Christmas Fair and pop-up café

This very popular traditional event is on again, bringing a festive and cheerful spirit to our village. There will be a wonderful variety of stalls with beautiful presents and stocking fillers, a raffle with quality prizes to win, a lovely pop-up café with home-made cakes and refreshments. Come and enjoy a gentle way of Christmas shopping without high street stress!! **Stalls** are still available @ £12 per table, please contact David on info@davidfordbooks.co.uk

Any offers of help either with baking for the café or behind the counter on the day will be very welcome. And that is not all: if you have a good quality raffle prize to donate, please drop it off at Made in Cley.

And please look out for the full-page advert in this edition!

Our AGM was held on September 21 - with not a single member of the community present! We take this as a sign of trust and confidence in the committee's management of the VH!

A **quick overview** of what has been done and achieved throughout the year:

A new noticeboard has been installed, the fencing around the rear of the Hall and the play area has been renewed, gutters cleared, a leak in the Club Room roof identified and repaired, the drains outside the clubroom toilets jet washed, and all general maintenance carried out. Inside, five old radiators have been replaced, the new ones being fitted with thermostatic valves so they can provide background heat when and if required, thus saving energy. These are just some of the visible results, but I think that all the behind the scenes work that keep the hall's business running smoothly also deserve to be mentioned here. A big thank you to everyone involved.

Financially the hall is in good shape. Income from hall hiring is well up, and car park donations are providing a welcome boost. However, due to this year's high level of investment and repair costs we ended the financial year with a - planned - deficit.

The overall picture is positive: the VH is a thriving community centre and offers excellent facilities for a great variety of organisations and private users. Under the auspices of the PC the club room was used to provide a 'warm space' for residents through last winter, and as Wednesday's Community Café is still open one day a week.

The bottom line is still the same: without your support as a regular user, private hirer, donor and volunteer this hall would not be where it is today: so, a big thank you all around!

G.E.

Thursdays @ 3pm November

Thursday November 2nd

No 88 *Lo! Hear the Gentle Lark!*
Voice, Flute & Piano

Meg Starling (soprano) Wyatt Earp (flute)
Angela Dugdale (piano)

Thursday November 9th

No 89 *Clarinet and Piano Recital*
featuring works by Brahms, Finzi and Dukas

Michael Bishop (clarinet) Elisabeth Rooke (piano)

Thursday November 16th

No 90 *Something with a French Flavour*

Wyatt Earp (flute) Justin Harmer (piano)

Thursday November 23rd

No 91 *The Lyrical Clarinet*

works by Brahms, German & Arnold

Geraldine Allen (clarinet) Jeremy Brown (piano)

Thursday November 30th

No 92 *Where the Picnic Was: Hardy in Love*
a words & music programme featuring the work of
Thomas Hardy set by different composers.

Julian Godlee (bass)

Brenda Blewett (piano)

Paul Hands, Steve Benson, Sue Andrews,

Richard Clothier (narrators)

Wyatt Earp

Blakeney Area Historical Society

Tuesday 28th November at 2:30pm

Cley Village Hall & Zoom

**Sir John Fastolf:
Our Norfolk Knight
Followed by the AGM**

Dale Wiseman

Tuesday 30th January at 2:30pm

Cley Village Hall & Zoom

Talks By Members

Two interesting finds from Blakeney and
Salhouse by *Roger Bland*

Five Cley Men Went to War and Died by
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2.30pm

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Cley Village Hall – NR25 7RJ

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(includes afternoon tea)*

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**North Norfolk Creative Craft Fair
Makers Market
18th & 19th November
10 – 4pm
The Church Room, Aldborough,
NR11 7AA**



Our popular Thursdays @ 3 Music in the Afternoons is having a blockbuster season! We are very pleased with the reception to this season's brochures which have very kindly been sponsored by Helena and Paddy. Thank you! And as ever, enormous thanks to Wyatt and Marketta for the tremendous work they do in organising the music and the teas.

The Friday @ 5 concert by the Louis Vandory String Trio from Germany was outstanding and we were thrilled they chose to play in St Margaret's.

The Great British Rake Off was a huge success and many thanks to all who participated, and Hannah and Shannan for organising. I hope you saw the fabulous photos which were in the North Norfolk News – thank you so much, Hanne.

We're very excited St Margaret's will host the world premiere of James McConnel and Kit Hesketh-Harvey's *Olaf Schmid: A Cantata for Soloists, Choir and Orchestra* on 11th November at 7pm. This is conducted by Stephen Threlfall. Free entry but donations welcomed for the Legacy of War Foundation.

Richard Jefferson is giving what promises to be a fascinating talk on *HMS Princess Victoria: A Story of Tragedy and Discovery* - the Cley Connection followed by tea and cake on Saturday November 25th at 3pm in Cley Village Hall.

Look out for our new range of Christmas cards from November in the church!

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.

Victoria Holliday, Chair, Friends of Cley Church

Cley Parish Council's Chairman's Report

Thank you all very much indeed for your support to save Blakeney Surgery. The petition had over 1,500 signatures, I understand about 500 practice surveys have been completed and so many of you have written into the practice and the Integrated Care Board that there is no doubt as to your views. In addition, NNDC passed a unanimous motion asking the ICB to keep health services local to Blakeney. If the practice still plans to go forward with their request to close the surgery despite our opposition, the decision will be made by the ICB in January or February next year in public.

Our beat policeman, Graham Gower-Smith, reported there have been agricultural thefts local to Cley, so please keep an eye out for any unusual and suspicious activity.

We did not receive the necessary information on the proposal for electric car charging in the village to hold a village referendum to find out what you think, so we've deferred our decision until we do.

We have approved the design for the Newgate Green improvement works. Gemma will be posting this on the website.

Many thanks to all who have signed up to another season of toad patrolling. We have new signs we will put up at the time of the migration.

We are going to ask Highways to again review the speed limit on Old Womans' Lane, as that is a continual cause of concern, especially as we now have school children walking to the school bus at the intersection on the Coast Road.

Following last month's flood on the River Glaven at Letheringsett, I would encourage you to sign up for river flood alerts if you live in a house which might be affected by river flooding. The best way is to call 03459881188 or 08459881198.

The draft Glaven Valley Conservation Area Appraisal is out for reconsultation, closing October 27th. We are happy that it is now proposed to retain the saltmarshes north of Cley and Blakeney and all the villages within the GVCA, including Sharrington. The boundary has been extended to include north of Baconsthorpe, and Selbrigg Pond. We will request that Cley Village Hall car park is put back in.

We are awaiting a planning application for the Barn on Cookes marsh, to request permission for the render which has been applied. The land will returned to its original levels with consideration of any new habitats which have developed over the last few months.

We have decided to continue the Community Café through the winter but not to add in another day – we wouldn't be able to staff it. Do get in touch if you would be interested in joining our helpers for the Wednesday Cafe.

Huge thanks to all those who joined in our litter pick. We collected a satisfying number of bags. As before, there were lots of alcohol bottles and cans which we have mentioned to the local beat policeman.

We've started our loke working parties. Do come along. We'll post-dates on Spam and FB.

We have been trying to get Highways out to cut roadside hedges with varied success, but we will continue. Still to do are Glandford Road outside the houses and Old Woman's Lane near Holt Road.

We are buying electric throws from our Community Support Grant and giving them out via the Community Café. If there are none left by the time you read this, we can get some more. Let us know. Tesco vouchers sufficient for a home delivery

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The next Parish Council Meeting is on Thursday November 9th in the Village Hall at 6.30pm. The agenda will be published on the Notice Board, on the website (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 website.

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**NWT North Norfolk
Group
and
Cley Bird Club
November meeting**



What's so special about Kenya?

Nik Borrow is an experienced tour guide, artist and photographer, with a wealth of experience of Africa. In this talk he will describe the bird life of one of the richest and most scenic parts of Africa, and the wonderful mammals won't be left out. This joint event between the North Norfolk Group of the Norfolk Wildlife Trust and Cley Bird Club is on Thursday 16th November 2023 at 7.30 p.m. in Cley Village Hall. Entry £3.00 - refreshments included – no need to book.


The meeting is kindly sponsored by Van Der L Feeds.

Forthcoming meetings – dates for your diary:

Norfolk's wonderful 150 – Tony Leech – 14th December 2023

Changing my Perspective: Small is Beautiful – David North – 18th January 2024.

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Fantastic Music in Cley Church

The Thursdays@Three Autumn series has hosted two exceptional concerts recently by some very talented professionals.

The first was on Friday October 6th when a professional trio of young musicians from Munich came to play two Beethoven Trios in the lovely acoustics of St Margaret's Church. They were the Vandory Trio who had just been touring Scotland and generously gave their services free in aid of the Cley Church Regenerate Fund on their way back to Germany. The evening sun lit up the arches high up on one of the side aisles as the music filled the church with beautiful ensemble playing, lovely phrasing and a rich tone from all three as they took us deep into the heart of Beethoven's sound world with an energy and commitment which really communicated to all of us in the audience. People were generous in return with donations to the Regenerate Project in a truly memorable evening.

The following week Thursday@Three hosted another exceptional concert with a piano recital given by Andrew Leach on October 12th. This came about as a lucky encounter when Andrew and his wife were visiting the church by chance, and I happened to mention our concert series to them. Andrew was interested in hearing about our community music project and tried out the piano whilst he was there. He was kind enough to come at no fee to play for us, which produced a recital of this professional standard. His interesting programme ranged widely from the classics to jazz, with pieces representing various styles and from

differing times and all played quite effortlessly. Perhaps we had never heard the building so dynamically resound with such resonance, as we were taken from the loud dizzy heights of a Chopin scherzo to a more quiet and distant soundscape of a contemporary piece *Bells* by Tara Guram. Like the String Trio concert the week before, this was a very special experience.

Wyatt Earp

Wiveton

Wiveton Church

As I write, I am hopeful that Wiveton Church will be fully reopened, if not at the end of October, by very early November. It has been over four years since a ridge beam in the Chancel roof collapsed. It seemed an impossible task to raise the funds required to restore the church and keep it open. However, with help and support from so many generous private individuals, businesses, Grant Making Trusts, Norfolk Churches Trust and The National Lottery Heritage Fund - not to mention the hard work and dedication of The Friends of Wiveton Church and the PCC - we have achieved what we set out to do, and have not only restored the church to its former glory but have also secured it for future generations.

Emma Bridgewater Wiveton Church Mug



BRILLIANT CHRISTMAS PRESENT



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 and tick presents off your Christmas list, please contact me (details below). The mugs are £25 each. Payment can be made either by bank transfer to:

Wiveton PCC Fabric Account
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or cash, on collection.

200 Club



October's 1st Prize Winners were Robin and Rachel Hamilton, with a prize of £65 🙌.

Can you help us get to 300, making it a 300 Club!?! There's no minimum monthly amount and you have the chance to win one of 5 prizes each month, with a 1st prize of £65. Just email me and I will let you have an application form.

Anthea de Loynes
Chair of the Friends of Wiveton Church
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The Ralph Greenaway Trust

Wiveton has its own charity, The Ralph Greenaway Trust, which dates back to 1558. It is now governed by a Charity Commission scheme under which trustees can provide relief to residents "who are in conditions of need, hardship and distress". In recent years the charity has also made winter fuel and educational grants.

The trustees need a new clerk to continue the work of the Trust following the resignation after many years' service of our present clerk. The trustees usually meet twice a year, the new clerk would arrange meetings, and would need to be familiar with Word and Excel and will be dealing with the charity's finances. There is an honorarium of £100.

If you are interested in becoming our new clerk and getting involved with the Ralph Greenaway Trust we would love to hear from you.

Please get in touch with any of the trustees or email

Charles Killin charleskillin@gmail.com

Barbara Veitch bpveitch@aol.com

Many thanks.

Letheringsett

St Andrew's Church

Norfolk Churches Trust Bike Ride

A team of five represented the church and enjoyed a good day out visiting various churches in the area on September 9th. Thanks to lots of willing helpers we met for tea afterwards and raised about £300.00 to be shared between the NCT and St Andrew's.

Harvest Choral Evensong

This was celebrated on Sunday October the 8th and we were lucky enough to have the Richeldis Choir with us who sang so beautifully.

It was nice to see the church bedecked in autumn foliage and thanks to various local businesses produce was donated which was given to Letheringsett Hall Care Home.

Christmas Carols

A note for your diaries as we hold our usual Carol Service on Monday December 18th at 4 followed by mulled wine and mince pies.

John Pridham

Letheringsett Mill

In the early hours of Tuesday October 3rd, Letheringsett Mill, the only working flour producing Water Mill in Norfolk, was completely flooded throughout the ground floor. The last occasion being 1912!!

The accumulated storm surge, over five foot above normal for the river Glaven, overwhelmed our flood gates, bringing a torrent of sludge and silt into the kitchen and cafe - completely devastating and contaminating the whole area - wiping out that part of our business. To all our village friends, customers near and far, and those who saw our plight on social and other media, and contacted us with offers of help and messages of support - a huge and heartfelt thank you.

To John Phelps, the Mill owner, our MP Duncan Baker, County and Town Councillors and the Clergy - all of whom have visited in support, again our grateful thanks.

No matter, THE MILL itself, after a thorough deep clean, is now running again, producing top-quality stone-ground flour from Norfolk's wheat fields. All available from the newly relocated FLOUR SHOP on the first floor.

THURLOW'S TEA ROOM aka THE CAFE is going to take a little longer than anticipated to refurbish, and at this stage it is a case of - 'watch this space'!!

Our ANTIQUES SHOP is fully open, and stocked with an eclectic mix of furniture, art, glass, porcelain and the 'quirky.' Christmas is coming!!

Once again, our heartfelt thanks to all who have physically helped us clear up, or supported us one way or the other over the past weeks - you have all been quite amazing.

Let's hope it is another one hundred and eleven years before it happens again.

Michelle and David, Letheringsett Water Mill

let's do lunch

**in St Nicholas' Church, Blakeney
The Blakeney Lunch will be held on
on Wednesday 15th November
12noon to 2.00pm.**

**With the winter days fast
approaching we have changed
our menu to a variety of
delicious homemade soups
followed by a
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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 is a great place to bring friends and to make new ones. Visitors to Blakeney are very welcome. Donations welcome.

COMMUNITY NEWS

PROPOSAL FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A Pétanque (French Boules) GROUND ON BLAKENEY PLAYING FIELD.

The French game of Pétanque can be enjoyed by people of all ages, young and Old(er) and by both players and spectators; it is fun, sociable, and has very few rules for beginners to get to know, as many people have found out on holidays in almost any village in France.

It can be played between two people, or in two teams of up to three in each team. I can even be played between groups of uneven numbers. Adults play with special metal balls; children can play with plastic ones.

The construction of the 'terrain' is very simple and requires hardly any maintenance. Essentially it is constructed on a flat (or flattened) piece of ground, the turf and some sub-soil removed to a depth of perhaps 15cm, a good layer of hardcore is laid to ensure good drainage, the top layer can best be described as very fine 'gritty sand', again to assist drainage. The whole thing should be recessed a few inches below the surrounding turf. Add a few simple benches for the enjoyment of spectators and those waiting their turn to play, bring your boules and of you go, hours of fun for all.

A sign could be printed and permanently mounted to explain the basic rule. This way the terrain would be available to everyone of all ages, young and old, with or without previous playing experience, and at any time in daylight hours.

Feel you are too old to bend down and pick up your 'boules'? No problem, the 'seniors' in France have a magnet on a retractable cord to save bending!

As with tennis equipment, players generally speaking, supply their own set of three metal boules and a small jack (or 'cochonette'), which are available from sports shops at about £30 (Decathlon) for set sets of three (marked differently), enough for two people to play.

So, is this something that would appeal to you, if BPC were to obtain the funding and install this, would you be likely to use it?

Please do let the Parish Council know if there is an appetite for this. Pop a note through the office door, send an email (clerk@blakeneyparishcouncil.org.uk) and telephone on 01263 741106.

PINPOINT INFORMATION The Carers Matter Norfolk Advice Line Call 0800 0831148 Open seven days a week, the Carers Matter Norfolk Advice line provides independent and confidential information to anyone who is worried about the wellbeing of someone else. You could

be a spouse, a parent, or a child helping support a family member. You could be a designated carer, or just a friend or neighbour feeling under stress and needing some time and advice for yourself. You may not even know what you want to say, but the Carers Matter advisor will take the time needed to find out how to help you. I made the call last week, to see how it works. You are first greeted by a recording, but just stay on the line. You may have to wait a little bit (I got through in 20 seconds but I suspect that may not always be the case) and the person I spoke to was patient and interested and had lots of ideas on how to help someone feeling a bit overwhelmed. If you need a little human-to-human contact, Carers Matter Norfolk could really help. RH (ed.) info@carersmatternorfolk.org.uk
www.carersmatternorfolk.org.uk

RH, Local Lynx

District Councillor's report September From NNDC

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'Coast

The Development Committee has approved plans for extensive new sea defences at Cromer and Mundesley which the coastal engineers say will protect the settlements from the sea for the next 50 years.

Planning

The Glaven Valley Conservation Area Appraisal is out for consultation from October 6th till 27th. The saltmarshes north of CLEY and Blakeney are now included, as are the villages, as we had requested. The document will be available to view using the following link: www.north-norfolk.gov.uk/tasks/conservation/glaven-valley-conservation-area-review

If you would like to make any representations, these should be sent to:

email: caaconsultation@north-norfolk.gov.uk.

The Wells Neighbourhood Plan is out for consultation till 13th November. For more details search for Wells-next-the-Sea Neighbourhood Plan on www.north-norfolk.gov.uk.

The 'relaxation' of nutrient neutrality restrictions (which is 'holding up' 100 plus applications in North Norfolk) is on hold awaiting legislation.

Housing

NNDC is running a survey on the current housing allocation scheme, Your Choice, Your Home. Details on the news section of the NNDC website.

Communities

NNDC has agreed to be an 'age friendly community' which allows the council to align with other UK and global age friendly communities and support older residents to enjoy healthy and active lives.

Property services

The Development Committee has approved the plans for the replacement of the Albert Street, Holt toilets.

Customer service

A Chatbot is now live on the NNDC website to answer queries 24/7.

Save Blakeney Surgery campaign

Thank you all for your support with the Save Blakeney Surgery campaign. We have had a great response. We had almost 1500 signatures on our petition, about 500 practice surveys have been submitted and many of you have written to the practice and the integrated Care Board with your views.

NNDC passed a motion on 29th September:

1. The council recognises the critical importance of Blakeney Surgery to the community
2. The council calls on the NWICB to provide local and equitable health care for those living in Blakeney and surrounding villages.

Holt Medical Practice are now collating all the feedback from the consultation and, despite the overwhelming objections, if they still ask to close Blakeney Surgery, the Integrated Care Board will make the decision in January/February next year. At least they have agreed to have this discussion in public.

River flooding

There was a flood warning for the River Glaven last month. As far as we know the only property flooded in our area was Letheringsett Mill. There was a huge amount of water downstream but it was buffered by the water meadows, and the Environment Agency raised the Glaven outfall sluice to its winter level. I would encourage you to sign up for the River Glaven (or Stiffkey) flood alerts if you are in a vulnerable location on www.gov.uk/Environment-Agency or call 03459881188 or 08459881198. It is easier to call!

Storm outflows at Holt create potential sewage spills into the Glaven. Anglian Water say 'we do have a storm overflow at Holt which may have operated (last month) to discharge storm water, but that would have been normal'. I am waiting to hear if there was a sewage leak. I was shocked to find out the Holt Sewage Treatment Works discharged storm overflows 6 times in 2022. I am in discussions with the River Glaven Conservation Group as to how much harm this does to our beautiful chalk river.

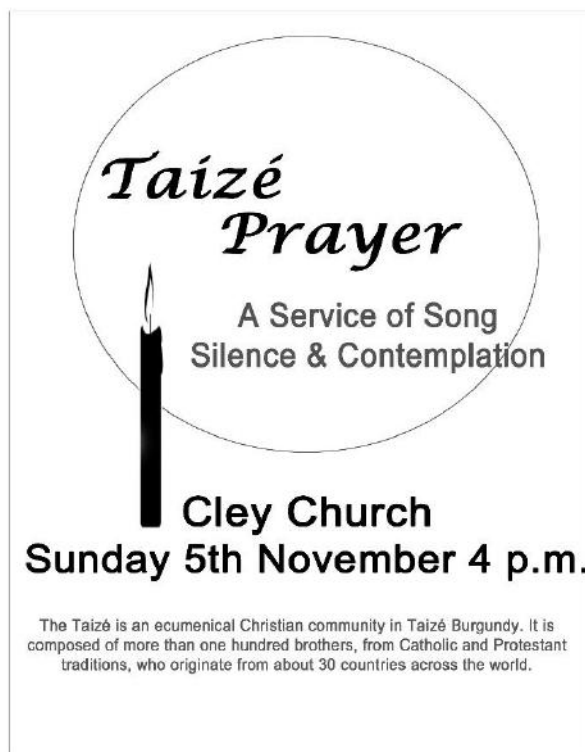
Speeding

I attended a meeting on speeding held by Duncan Baker. There are far more deaths from road traffic accidents in Norfolk than from other crimes. The Chief Constable is putting more resources into rural speeding and I have asked if these could be made available to our area. There are now automatic speed watch cameras with number plate recognition that other counties have linked into the police. I am trying to get more details from the Chief Constable as this seems a good idea.

Housing wanted

I have been contacted by a resident who is looking for somewhere to live in or close to Blakeney from November so their child can stay at Blakeney School. They are prepared to rent or be a live in carer. Please get in touch with me if you can help.

*Victoria Holliday, Member of Council
07557054629*



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

Letter's & Articles

The Great Flood By George Chapman

Reading the story of "The Great Flood of 1953" by Sarah Woodhouse in The Gun September 2023 issue, brought back memories of that event. My father George Chapman, whom I am named after was the policeman in Blakeney at the time, and we lived in the police house at #8 Langham Road which also served as a police station.

It happened that on that Saturday night my parents decided to travel to Holt to watch a movie, the one and only time I have ever known them to do that. In addition, my youngest sister Pat was performing in "Ali Baba and The Forty Thieves" at the local legion hall. Pat, as I remember, was one of the thieves. It was a night that I will never forget as I was alone at home doing my homework when the storm broke. I found myself at the age of 14 manning the village police station which was also our home. I also had to fetch my sister Pat and get her home. On the way home we went down to the bottom of Blakeney High Street where the corner street light was still working and watched the huge waves breaking as if it were the open sea.

My parents did not get home until the early hours of the following morning due to fallen trees blocking the roads. I had not realized the full effect of the disaster until daybreak when I took a stroll along Blakeney Quay to observe the damage. Debris was everywhere with badly battered boats of all sizes which had broken from their moorage and were littering the roadway. One of the larger boats the "Mary," a former life boat, ended up stranded in a farmer's field near Cley church, some 2 miles from where it had been moored. If it was not for the US Army and all their heavy equipment the boat could never have been salvaged.

My father received a call early Sunday morning saying that an elderly woman, Mrs. Dix, was unaccounted for. She lived at the bottom of Wiveton Hill in a house that was badly flooded. My father had Ted Eales trailer a small boat over from Morston which we launched near her house. Ted rowed over, looked in the bedroom window and determined that her bed had not been slept in. Later that day when the water level had subsided, she was found in the living room where she had drowned. She was the only local person to die during the storm.

There was another loss of life later, in the neighbouring village of Cley when the shingle bank sea defences were being repaired; a bulldozer operator was killed when his machine hit a Land Mine that had been left over from the Second World War.

Raising Awareness - Rising Seas By Emma Blount

"We have a choice about how bad we let it get" Norfolk resident Dr Charlie Gardner, 2023.

Check your pension is not funding oil and gas exploration without you knowing... Write to your MP in support of the Climate and Ecology Bill and Zero Hour.... Those are just two of the 10 things conservation scientist Dr Charlie Gardner lists that we can all do right now to avoid the worst outcomes of sea level rise:

<https://walkinginwater.com/what-you-can-do> .

Associate Senior Lecturer at the Durrell Institute of Conservation and Ecology (University of Kent), Dr Gardner is so determined that the worst outcomes of sea level rise can still be avoided if society collectively make different choices, that he walked 180 miles from Cambridge to Norwich this unseasonably warm October, on the parts of the Norfolk coast that will be ruined by climate change. See @walkinginwater1. The two-week long walk was supported by many, including myself, who joined Dr Gardner for the 9.7-mile leg from Cley to Sheringham, giving out flyers, enjoying the soon-to-be-gone scenery and getting a 3cm wide blister.

Cley, where I grew up, could have more to worry about than blisters in 2050. By then Cley, Blakeney, Kings Lynn, Happisburgh, Great Yarmouth...will be under the sea and mostly uninhabitable if society doesn't change. Miles of coastal farmland will be covered by the sea and unable to produce enough food for us all...but global heating could still be limited if we all take the following simple actions. <https://walkinginwater.com/what-you-can-do>

"England expects that every man will do his duty" Norfolk resident Horatio Nelson, 1805

View photos at GVN Online – click on the link where you will also see photos sent in by Sarah Woodhouse re the walk:

<https://glavenvalleynewsletter.weebly.com>

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events start at 7.30pm at The Gallow at the racecourse. 2

NOV – NORFOLK MILLS ON A STICK Andrew Tullet

returns to tell us about the windmills and watermills of

Norfolk. 16 NOV – SCANDAL AT DOLPHIN SQUARE

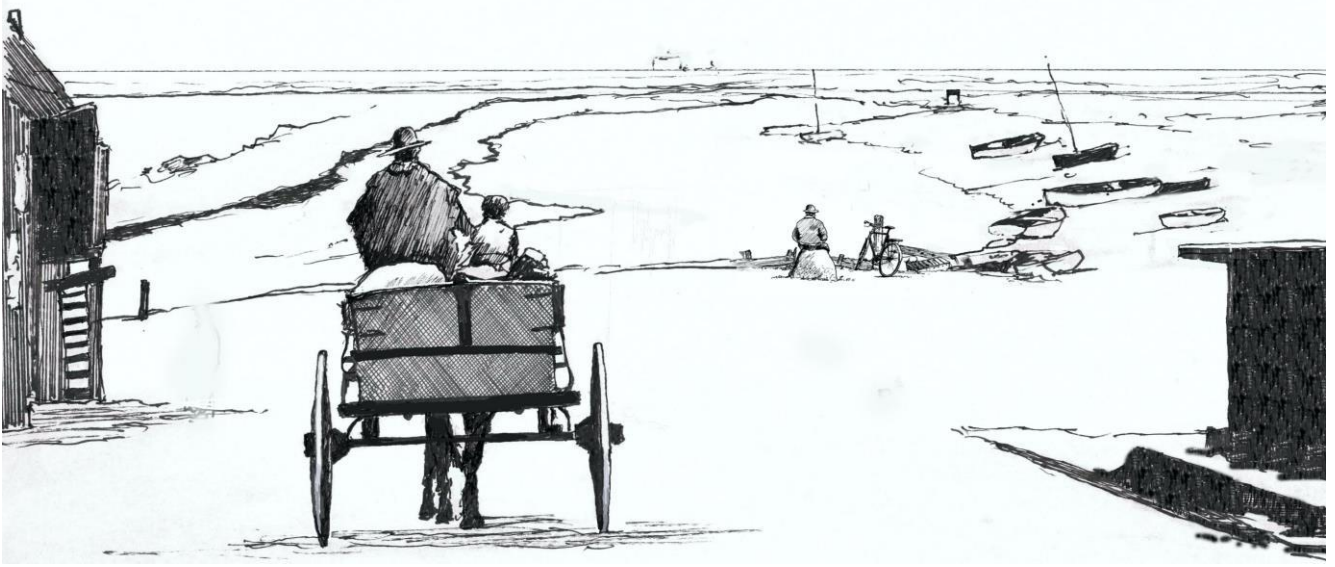
Daniel Smith tells us about the scandals at the UK's most

notorious address. 30 NOV – NEWHAVEN COURT:

LOVE, TRAGEDY, HEROISM & INTRIGUE Helen

Murray tells us the story of Newhaven Court in Cromer

and the interesting guests who stayed there.



A Visit to Old Blakeney - Day one

It is a bright summer morning towards the end of the nineteenth century. We alight at Holt railway station amidst clouds of smoke and steam from a brand-new train onto the platform of a brand-new station, a modern intrusion into an old world, outside are carts and wagons waiting to take passengers to their various destinations. The one that has come for us has emptied its sacks of corn and is waiting to take us to Blakeney where we are to spend a few days and hopefully learn why we think it is so special today. A journey by cart without suspension over rutted gravel roads will be neither quick nor comfortable, we'll get there in about an hour and a half. Life moves at a different pace here, before the railway arrived the journey from Blakeney to Norwich would have taken all day, in winter longer; at times during the worst of the weather, the cart track into Norwich could be anything up to a mile wide, a muddy world. But we are heading north out of Holt on a smaller dusty road that we can see winding ahead beyond the wagoner's broad swaying back. Other wagons occasionally come towards us making their way into Holt, a visible demonstration of a changing demographic. For centuries Blakeney has been the terminus, the stepping-off place to a wider world; people and goods coming and going; that world is dying now but it won't expire just yet, its final demise is still about 30 years away when a millennium's rhythm of ships on the tide will cease; But they'll be still there today.

Despite the swaying and bumping this journey becomes wonderful as we move into the countryside, with fewer smaller trees and softly undulating hills folding down on our left to the Glaven Valley, giving a more open view. A mile or so on we descend into a dip to a ford with a tributary of the Glaven running through it, and the reason this is called 'The Watering Way'. Apart from the breath of the horses and the creak of the wagon; all is still, this world has a silence we don't know*. We slow a little as we climb up the slight incline towards the small farming settlement of Bayfield Brecks, on our right a field of waist-high corn, a line of men attack a waving cliff of stalks, one behind the other their scythes swinging in unison, as we get closer, we can hear their gentle swish, a human cutting machine. Across the field, others are tying the corn into bundles and stacking them into tee pees to dry, 'Stooks'. The view that widens as we come to the rim of the valley is spectacular, the distant blue ribbon of the sea and all the churches of the Haven can be seen, Blakeney's is

particularly striking as the trees that obscure it from the south today are saplings. The wagoner is reigning back the horses as we begin our descent down the steep hill leading us to the bottom of the valley and Glandford Ford, this hill is, of course, the reason why this is the way 'back' from 'not to' Holt. The track heads north, level now but more rutted and wet as it flanks the marsh beside the river.

Arriving at the junction with Bridgefoot Lane we turn left toward Wiveton, this approach fits more neatly over the 2023 template we have in our heads, the bridge, albeit crowned with a dusty, rather than tarmac road looks the same, and the church stands proud above, the pub is still scruffily recognisable, the only slight difference is a road running past the front door with a grassy heater piece* in front. As we leave the village towards Blakeney we can see the remains of one of Wiveton's two windmills on our right another sign of changing times. Then it's down the hill and up as we approach the village, this is the most unfamiliar, without the towering trees of today the church looks very grand. Coming to the crossroads we have a choice, normally the wagoner would use Back Lane as the route to the quay, but perhaps seeing us as interested visitors we take the High Street.

'Through the centuries as the quays got busier the noise and horse muck became intolerable for residents in the High Street, particularly during the early hours, so the Back Lane was created to take commercial traffic away. It also led more directly to what today we call the Cart Track (opposite the Manor Hotel). This runs across the fresh marsh, surmounts the sea bank and onto a fording place through the Cley channel. The shingle arm of the spit in this world is at least 150 meters further to the north and on its landward side is a track that runs all the way to the end of the Point and lower harbour* where, during neap tides when ships cannot make it up to the quay, they sit on the sand* and wait to be loaded or unloaded into wagons'.

But here we are still only at the top of the High Street. So slowly we continue down between the cottages, immediately the myth that the street wasn't designed for cars is blown apart as we quickly realise it's even more difficult for two wagons to manage it, the one we meet is driven by a friend of our wagoner. "You got another lot a sketchers then?" he asks. "No," our driver replies, I got no idea where this lot come from". It takes a little while to get the wagons past each other. As we continue the buildings of today are all there, everything

looks the same, yet not the same; this isn't our world, the purposes of the building are very different, every cottage has a permanent resident and interspersed between the dwellings they all they need to survive, a self-sufficient street. As we descend, on our left the 'Top House' alias the Calthorpe Arms pub, then a baker followed by a small grocery, a tea shop, a cobbler, and a fishmonger, then another larger grocery, a butcher, and another grocery/haberdashery. Having most of the staples we need we move on to recreation; on the left the Ship pub, on the right the Anchor pub, and back across the road yet another, the place where are to stay, the White Horse Hotel. The plunge of the road ahead down to the quay offers a more pragmatic reason for why the wagoner brought his horses down the High Street.

Arriving in Holt the smell of the steam engine pervaded everything, as we come to the bottom of High Street it is the scent of the sea, the marsh, and the mud, all laced with a background mix of horse muck, grain, coal dust, and a sweet stirring of malt, where that comes from, we'll discover tomorrow. We are expected; perhaps hearing the wagon the landlord John Pye has come to greet us. Surprisingly this is a busy hotel, Blakeney is already on the map, artists and the first photographers have discovered it, and I'm so glad they did, I wouldn't be able to write this if they hadn't.

*In our world we have a constant background hum, only in the remotest places, does the silence of past centuries exist, stand and listen anywhere and you will hear a distant aeroplane, cars, or a lawnmower, only perhaps on Christmas Day you might stand in your garden and get close to something like 19th-century silence.

Heater Piece (flat iron) was used to describe the triangular patches of grass that got left between roads at junctions.
The Pit today

Please note that my time machine is still in its experimental stages so may not have resolved all the details as clearly as I would like.

Day Two

The next morning John Pye introduces us to John Baines, an oyster fisherman who has kindly offered (for a price) to give us a tour of the village. 'Folla me' he demands, striding off downhill, then swinging his arm to the right says 'Thas the shipping offices of Page and Turner they got ten ships altogether and offices in Wells an Barnam Overy'. "I think he's done this before." More interestingly on the other side, we have wagons pulled up beside the granaries and coal stores; facing uphill they have large blocks under each back wheel to prevent them from slipping back downhill. The view ahead with a spring tide is beautiful, the channel is full and the marshes covered, leading north a ribbon of shingle carrying a road with small boats moored on either side, and this is the way we shall go. John tells us it's called the Carnser*. With this tide it has water on both sides, on our right it covers the marsh to the sea bank and fills it almost up to the road.

John leads us down to a wide bridge, substantial and strong enough to take wagons and carts. A couple of hundred yards

further and we come to the New-Cut, John explains. 'You see this here bit a channel, thas straight, thas corse it was dug out; must a bin 70 yare ago, they say it wos dug by Boney's* prisoners of war, but I don't know nuthin about that, Ida thought they'd a gone home by then. They had a chap come here from the Tidal Harbours Commission about tharty yare ago, he told em ther'd med a mistake an that the channel ought to be allowed to wynd sorta natural like, but thas done olrite, ships kin still git up quicker than afore wen the channel went out in a big bend in the marsh on tother side'.

Coming back the view is totally different from what we are familiar with. No hotel, instead cottages warehouses and a long line of ships, not big, mostly about 50 to 60 feet, some single-masted but most of them two-masted ketches*. One is coming around the bend now being towed by a tug called the Comet, John tells us that it has recently been refurbished by the village blacksmith. 'When we git tother end I'll show you were they do it.' Approaching the quay corner we are surprised to see the granite block that still sits in that position today*. We'll pause a moment and take in this place, the sounds; squeaking pulleys, men's voices, snorting horses, children laughing and the soft hum of physical exertion, and closer the clang of hammer on anvil, we are close by the blacksmith's quayside forge; we are used to the background noise of aircraft and traffic but this place has a different soundtrack. And smells; salty mud, horse dung, sweat, tar and smoke from the smithy. All overshadowed by looming masts, this world is painted a very different colour to our own; yet we walk over the same ground, if you stand in the same place now on a quiet winter morning when all is still you might just hear the echo of that hammer.

All along the quayside ahead the road is filled by wagons, some two-horse, some four. 'Thas mostly grain agoin out, an coal a coming in' John tell us. ' But they teark people too, the London an the Newcastle Packets go from Wells and Blekney to London and Newcastle once a fortnight'.

We are about halfway around the quay when John veers off saying, 'let's hev a look in here', we move away from the quay and turn left into a small yard, 'this here's the' Barking Dicky'* he says. 'Puzzled we say, but the sign over the door says Crown & Anchor '? 'Yare I know, but we call it the Barking Dicky*, it only sell beer', not quite sure how that explains anything. And it's in almost exactly the same place as the bar of the Blakeney Hotel today. It's also in the best place for beer; ahead John points out both a brewery and malting; 'thas were all them smells are a coming from' he says.

We get the impression that he has guided us here because he feels the need for a little refreshment himself, so we'll oblige him. The Dickey is quite small inside, with a few elderly men and some wagon drivers. It's only a cottage, after all, the air is thick with pipe smoke, being guests we are waved to the few seats available. The Landlord, Benjamin Curl, asks us what kind of beer we would like, with maltings and brewery right outside it's hardly going to be stale ale. Not being too sure what we'll get we ask for a light beer, when it comes it is much darker than we expect but tastes very good indeed.

We get into conversation with Wiliam Parker who is the village postmaster, he has one of the very first cameras that use film, he photographs village activities which he makes into postcards and sells to the sketchers (artists) with whom this village has become very popular. We comment on how busy it is outside, he says that the last few decades have probably been the busiest Blakeney has seen, the aforementioned dredging of the New Cut making a huge difference in easing the passage of ships up to the quay. But he says 'it could have been busier 'The Eastern & Midland Railway company had had plans to buy the Blakeney Harbour Company (who currently run the harbour) and bring a line from Sheringham to Blakeney, it would have carried on to Morston where they were intending to construct a branch line out to The Pit and by building an embankment along the shore from Wells to opposite Blakeney Point, embrace a much larger body of water to scour out a navigable channel for the larger vessels they envisaged using the harbour.' Sadly, for them but thankfully for us it never came to pass, the Station Master's house was built in Cley and it is said that the Blakeney Hotel was originally meant to be oil company offices.* But he says that 'now they have taken the railway to Holt instead things here are already beginning to slow down a bit'. John who is leaning on the small bar inclines his head towards the door; it's time to move on.

We pass wagon after wagon, their drivers chatting as they wait to be unloaded, John knows many of them so our progress is slow. Most of the loading is being done on men's backs, but at the end of the quay a small crane is swinging bags of grain into one of the ships, We squeeze through between the horses and on to what today is called Red House Land. A newly built Red House dominates this view, John tells us that its owner Gus Hill is a timber merchant and the quays in front and to the north are his, the space ahead is littered with the stuff from the sea: nets, ropes, buoys and boats, anchors, chains, sails and floats, spread around in considerably less order than the last few words would suggest. Ahead to the north two timber storage barns* the furthest has the masts of a ship looming over it 'There are masts sticking up above that barn', one of us says, pointing north. 'Yare says John, that were I said I'd bring yu, that's were they fixed the Comet, There's a dry dock in there along the north side a that barn. They put ships in there on Spring tides so they kin work on 'em . They caulk 'em and tar 'em and then float 'em out when the next Springs come, or a bit sooner sometimes if the work gits done and there's a big enough tide '. Dry dock is a bit of an exaggeration for what this is as it is just a trough cut into the Marsh.

We've now come to the end of this busy place's activity and as we stand looking to the north and west the view is just as it is today, so we'll allow one image to slide over the other and come home.

* Carnser is a generic term for a road that leads to the sea or a river. Until recent times the Carnser car park today was all marsh. Half of it was still like that when I was a child. What is now and the dinghy park was muddy a crick was filled in during the 1950s and 60s with the rubble from the dismantled wartime army camps that flanked the the Morston to Langham road.

* Napoleon

These small ships were called ' Billy Boys ' and were ideally suited for east coast trading.

See the first illustration. This block which has a hole in the top shows up in every photo I have seen, right back to the easiest time. It could have been around for centuries. Perhaps as a base for a marker pole?

Not sure about that it looks very much like a hotel to me.

* Of these barns only, North Granary remains.

G.S.

Fakenham Choral Society Christmas Concert

Fakenham Choral Society is thrilled to announce details of the first of its 50th Anniversary performances in Fakenham Parish Church on Saturday December 16th at 5.30pm. With an array of Christmas favorites and works by Pergolesi and Charpentier, it is sure to set the perfect festive mood.

As a gift to the community, the concert will be free to attend with retiring donations gratefully received. Choir vice-chairman, Rosemary Dear says "We are indebted to the people of Fakenham and North Norfolk for supporting us over the years. Music has a unique way of bringing people together, and this free concert is our 'Thank You'."

The choir, directed by Mark Jones, will be joined by musicians and soloists to make the performance extra special. Audience participation in some much-loved Christmas carols promises to make the evening a memorable one filled with music, fun and the spirit of giving. As admission is free, the choir is expecting a full house so please arrive in good time to secure your seat. Information about the choir and its 50th anniversary can be found at www.fakenhamchoralsociety.org

November at the Museum of the Broads

The Museum will close its doors for 2023 on Sunday 05 November. Not only are all 12s and under free in 2023, your ticket is also valid for one year.

Opening days are Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Sunday, 1000 to 1600, and you can enjoy a unique trip on our steam launch, Falcon, or our accessible electric boat, Marsh Harrier. Relax in our sunny indoor café or riverside picnic area. We have activities for all ages, and dogs are welcome too.

Museum trustees, volunteers and staff would like to thank everyone for their support in 2023. We look forward to welcoming you back in March 2024 with a brand-new exhibition!

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

www.museumofthebroads.org.uk on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram

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Charity Number 297272

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

In October 2022, St Nicholas' Church set up a programme of support for people in the Benefice and set aside £5,000 to help families and the elderly in our villages through these difficult times.

In addition to this, we received some wonderful donations which have enabled us to continue with our support and provide a Food Bank in St Nicholas' Church Porch throughout the past year.

Can you help us to continue to provide support through 2024 while the cost-of-living crisis continues to have a huge impact on so many people.

Donations can be made online through the church website:
glavenvalleychurches.org.uk

Click on the 'donate' button, then scroll down the page and click on Blakeney Church

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Introduction and
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'Monthly Memory Swap'



The 'Monthly Memory Swap' is usually the **third Tuesday of the month**, over a cup of tea or coffee, **the next is on Tuesday the 14th of November, from 2.00pm – 4.00pm-ish**, in the main hall of The Venue, Holt Community Centre.

On this occasion John Jarvis will be screening 'The End of the Line' (When the railway came to Holt) plus Don Copeman talking about Holt Hall.

It's a chance to share memories and stories about Holt of the past, and North Norfolk more generally.

If you have fond memories of growing-up and/or living in Holt, or would like to hear the memories of others, why not come along to the 'Monthly Memory Swap'.

Do bring along any photos you have and would like to share, along with memories of Norfolk and Holt, the people and places you remember.

There will be a cup of tea or coffee and a biscuit half way through the afternoon.

Just turn up for this free event. No booking is necessary.

Future Dates for 'John Jarvis's Monthly Memory Swap' for 2023 & 24

Tuesday October 17th 2023, Tuesday November 14th, Tuesday December 5th,

Tuesday January 16th 2024, Tuesday February 13th, Tuesday March 19th, Tuesday April 16th, Tuesday May 21st, Tuesday June 18th, and possibly Tuesday July 16th (?)

We take a break in August and start again on:

Tuesday September the 17th, Tuesday October 15th, Tuesday November 19th, Tuesday December 10th, all from 2.00 to 4.00pm-ish.

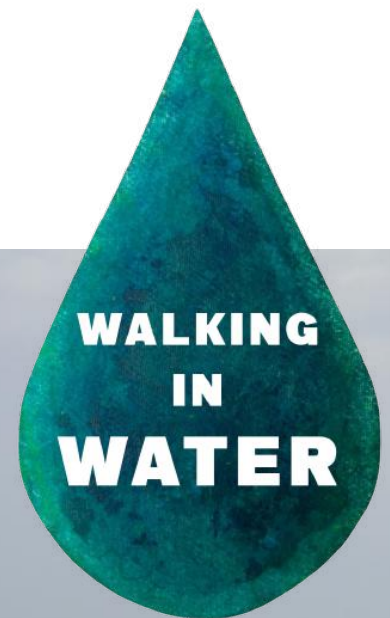


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**Norfolk resident and conservationist
Charlie Gardner is walking 180 miles from
Cambridge to Norwich on land that may soon be
under water, due to burning fossil fuels.**

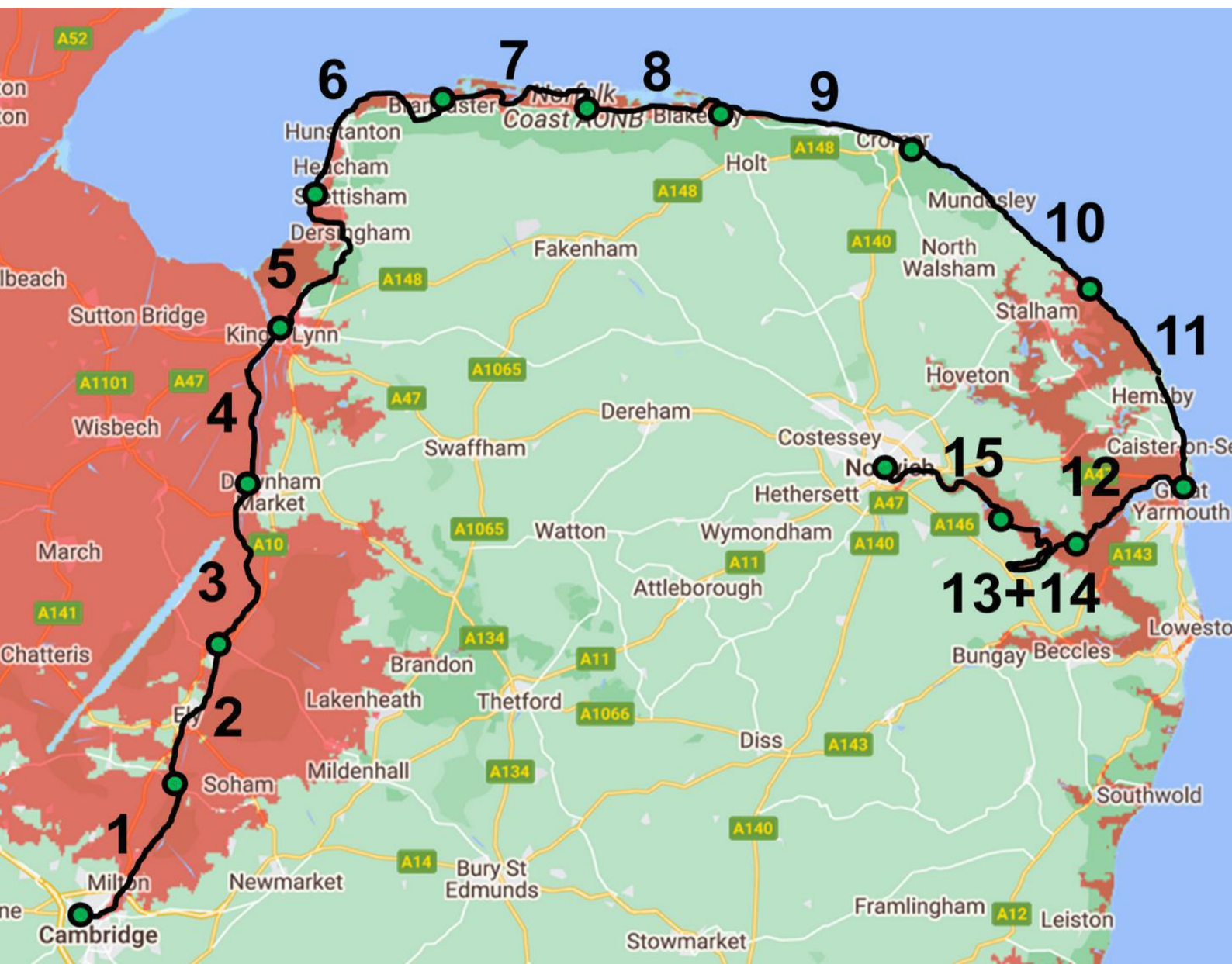
24 Sept - 8 Oct

**Join Charlie on his walk to talk about what we
can do to protect our homes and
the coast.**



“Somehow - horrifically - the fact that tens of thousands of people across the region will lose their homes doesn't seem to be grabbing much attention. So some bloke walking along in a mask and snorkel just might have better luck, so off we go...”

THE ROUTE



WALK WITH CHARLIE

START LOCATION & TIMES

Subject to last minute changes so if you are planning to join Charlie please email: walkinginwater1@gmail.com

Day	Date	Distance (miles)	Start (& other meeting points)	End (approx)
Sunday	24-Sep	11.95	Cambridge Jesus Lock (9am)	Kingfishers Bridge Reserve
Monday	25-Sep	11	Kingfishers Bridge Reserve (8 am)	Littleport
Tuesday	26-Sep	12.36	Littleport station (9 am)	Downham Market
Wednesday	27-Sep	12	Downham Market station (8.30 am)	King's Lynn
Thursday	28-Sep	14.1	King's Lynn (Purfleet, 9 am)	Snettisham
Friday	29-Sep	14.77	Snettisham Beach car park (8.30 am); Heacham North Beach (10 am)	Brancaster
Saturday	30-Sep	12.83	Brancaster (The Ship, 8.30 am); Burnham Deepdale (Deepdale Camping, 9.30 am)	Wells
Sunday	01-Oct	10.97	Wells (harbour car park, 8.30 am)	Cley
Monday	02-Oct	14.33	Cley (George & Dragon, 8.30 am)	Overstrand
Tuesday	03-Oct	14.49	Overstrand (beach car park, 8.30 am); Bacton Beach (12.30)	Sea Palling
Wednesday	04-Oct	14.27	Sea Palling (beach car park, 8.30 am); Winterton beach (12.30)	Great Yarmouth
Thursday	05-Oct	11.5	Great Yarmouth (Euston Rd car park, 8.30 am)	Reedham Ferry
Friday	06-Oct	12.3	Reedham Ferry Inn (8.30 am)	Langley Abbey
Saturday	07-Oct	3.8	Langley Abbey (REST DAY)	Rockland St Mary
Sunday	08-Oct	10.37	Rockland St Mary Post Office (9.30 am)	Norwich (train station or Chapelfield Gardens)

WHAT IS THE WALK ABOUT?

With rising sea levels, much of eastern England may be unimaginably transformed before our children's eyes. Thousands of people will lose their homes, and places we love will be lost to the seas. Yet no-one is talking about it.

By 2050, the oceans will have risen 30 cm above their height in 1971, and by the time today's infants are old they may have risen a scarcely-imaginable 1-2 metres - unless emergency action is taken on climate change. The likely impacts for the east of England are difficult to imagine. The Fens of Cambridgeshire, Lincolnshire and Norfolk, which provide much of the country's prime agricultural land, are already at or below sea level and will be increasingly difficult to defend. On North Norfolk's coastal plain, a string of world-famous nature reserves will be inundated and then washed away. To the east, around Happisburgh, Europe's fastest-eroding landscape will retreat at an accelerating pace, while the Norfolk Broads National Park will be transformed by floods and saltwater incursion. Nor is this strictly a coastal concern, for flood risk maps show the threat to stretch even into the heart of great inland cities, such as Cambridge and Norwich.

To raise awareness, I will be walking 180 miles from Cambridge to Norwich, almost entirely on land threatened by sea level rise.

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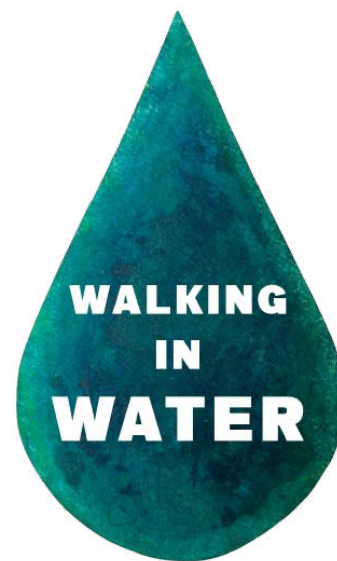
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USEFUL INFORMATION & LINKS

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TWITTER: @Walkinginwater1

CHARLIE'S TWITTER : @CharlieJGardner (51K followers)

INSTAGRAM: walkinginwater1

PRESS COVERAGE (from DAY 1 of the walk)

<https://www.lynnnews.co.uk/news/scientist-to-walk-in-mask-and-snorkel-to-highlight-threat-of-9331338/>

<https://www.cambridgeindependent.co.uk/news/sea-level-rises-must-be-factored-in-to-planning-decisions-9331871/>

<https://www.greatyarmouthmercury.co.uk/news/23802357.dr-charlie-gardner-xr-walk-rising-sea-levels/>





**WALKING
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