THE GLAVEN VALLEY NEWSLETTER



Brent Geese at Cley by Mike Wade

October 2021

TO BE HELD ON THE CARNSER CAR PARK, BLAKENEY QUAY. FREE PARKING AT THE VILLAGE HALL CAR PARK

PROFESSIONAL FIRE-WORKS DISPLAY by the company responsible for the Cromer Carnival Displays; 'TITANIUM FIREWORKS'

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BONFIRE & FIREWORKS 2021 SATURDAY 30TH OCTOBER

BLAKENEY PARISH COUNCIL Proudly presents this Annual End of Season Event

This annual end of season Bonfire & Fireworks Event, will once again be held on the Carnser Car Park, Blakeney Quayside.

5pm BBQ and various attractions, 6.15pm 'Ruby Flames', 6.45pm Bonfire Lit, 7.30pm Fireworks



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The event historically benefits the COMMUNITY FUND which local groups apply to each December for a grant, such as the Primary School, Duckpond, Coastal Rowing Assoc, Village Hall Trust, Historical Society, etc & also our PUBLIC EVENTS. Donation buckets will be doing the rounds, please do give generously as the event itself remains FREE!

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FIND US ON FACEBOOK - In event of bad weather, reserve date is Sunday 31st Oct.

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If you think you may like to help, please get in touch,
Thank you.

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Arrangements for Remembrance 2021

Regrettably it will not be possible to have a Remembrance Parade or public gathering at the War Memorial this year.

There will be a private Wreath Laying at 11am on 11th November at the War Memorial.

Remembrance Sunday is the 14th November and a full Remembrance Service will be held at St Nicholas Church at 10:45am with Wreath Laying, Roll Call and 2-minute silence at 11am.

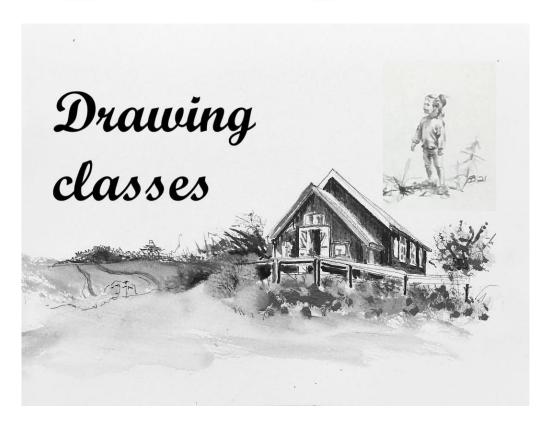
Refreshments will be provided by the Royal British Legion, Blakeney Cley and District Branch, afterwards.

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Emma Blount



Drawing a clothed model EVERY 3rd THURSDAY

14th Oct, 4th Nov, 25th Nov, 16th Dec **6.30pm at Hunworth Village Hall, NR24 2EQ**

£20/lesson drop-in, £15/lesson for a block Drawing class suitable for all abilities, materials, food and drink supplied

BOOK HERE; https://emmablount.co.uk/product/drawing-classes-in-hunworth-clothed-model/

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Blakeney

Blakeney Sailing Club

We had the Seafly Nationals and International 14s at Blakeney for an exciting Open Meeting on 11th and 12th September. The pictures on social media show the exciting stunts, capsizes, winning and spinnaker hoisting. It was lovely to have visiting boats from all over the country taking part. Thank you for the excellent race courses and to everybody involved.

Flotilla Sailing is also still active with trips to Pinchen's Creek and the Watch House along with kayaking trips and swims at the Point

We still have plenty of sailing events left in our busy season, bringing it to a close with the Last Post Horn on 24th October.

Take Care, stay safe on and off the water!

Amy Howes

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As always you are guaranteed a warm welcome and if you would like any further information, you can contact Sam, our Lay Pioneer on 07591 509653 or pilgrimchurchpioneer@outlook.com.

DMN

Gardening & Maintenance

- Grass Cutting
- Hedge Cutting
- General garden maintenance

For more information, please contact:

07943 258828

Morston Boat Yard

Indoor and outdoor storage for boats and trailers
Marine Engineers - outboard and inboard engines
Yachts, motor cruisers, day boats, ribs, tenders
Repairs, refits, service, launch and recovery

&

Land Rover Defender and Series vehicles

Repair, service, rebuild and restoration Vehicle indoor storage Workshop in Wiveton

Henry Archer - 07786 092405 henry@archerengineering.co.uk

Coastal Rowing Association of Blakeney

Rowing expeditions have been regular in recent weeks with seasoned club members and many new rowers enjoying the Blakeney environment. "Crabbers" have been spotted at Pinchen's Creek enjoying a break in the middle of an outing. Competition and social rowing have been happily blended this season. Amidst the fun rows to Blakeney Point or to Cley, there have been timed events and, of course, there was the already legendary race between the *Hoi Larntan* and *Bluejacket* crews at the Blakeney Regatta on August 28th. A close encounter! See pictures of this, and of all other events, at crablakeney.wordpress.com.

At the time of writing, club members are looking forward to the Crabbers' Picnic at Pinchen's Creek at 6 pm on 18th September. Both skiffs, plus other crafts, will be in use. It will be a great chance to meet up after a time away from larger scale social events. There will be a review of this in the next newsletter and, of course, more pictures on the club blog.

As the summer draws to a close, it is time to think about rowing throughout the rest of the year. On 28th September, one of the skiffs will be taken to Cox's Boatyard, near Barton Broad, as a base for further outings. The other skiff will remain at Blakeney until the Carnser needs to be cleared. There will be a period when rowers will be faced with the great choice of whether to take to the water on The Broads or at Blakeney. Could it be any better?

Why not try skiff rowing for yourselves? There is no obligation to compete; you may prefer to exercise and chat to other crew members who simply enjoy outdoor activity after months of restrictions. Everyone is welcome, regardless of experience. You are entitled to three free rows before deciding whether to join the club. Interested? Then phone club captain Humphrey on 07542371469. You can also gain further information on the club website shown above. Follow the club's activities on Instagram and on Facebook.

Come and join members of your local rowing club on the water.

Barry Howes

Blakeney Village Hall Wanted

- Bar Manager and Helpers
 - Volunteers
 - Trustees

Now the Village Hall is up and running again, help is needed to maintain and hopefully expand the programme of events.

You may wish to help steer the development of the Hall by joining the Committee or have enough time to take on management of the bar.

Alternatively, you may only have enough time to help out with the occasional event.

All help will be very gratefully received.

If you would like to be involved, please contact us via the website: - www.blakeneyvillagehall.org.uk



We hope to re-launch Film Nights at Blakeney Village Hall soon. To help us with this, we would like to substantially expand our existing team to allow volunteers some flexibility in covering the sessions.

If you would like to be involved in any way – from helping with the film selection process, to promotion, distribution, hall set-up, refreshments, bar, projection, etc, then come along to a meeting at the Village Hall: FRIDAY 19 NOVEMBER, 6.30 for 7.00. Please join us for a glass of wine or a cuppa to find out more from the current Film Night Team. And, if you can't make it but are interested, please call Jill on 01263 741082 instead.

BLAKENEY CONSERVATION DUCK

POND CHRISTMAS CARDS 2021

There WILL be a new Christmas Card design this year, to once again raise Winter funds for our well loved Blakeney Conservation Duck Pond!

Look out for the packs of cards in Buoy Coffee House, Blakeney Crabpot Bookshop, Cley

from the end of October/ beginning of November to once again, give the ducks a QUACKING Good Christmas!

Patricia Alexander

Blakeney Channel Coastal Community Team Public exhibition of B3CT plans for New Cut – 1500 to 1700, Saturday, 30/10/21Blakeney Village Hall

We would like to see you at the Village Hall to see our plans, drawings etc. prior to us then consulting with the relevant stakeholders and regulators. There will not be a formal presentation, we felt it preferable due to Covid restrictions, and to provide more opportunity for exchange of information, to hold this event as an exhibition. So please attend between 1500 to 1700. If attending please be prepared for Covid restrictions — e.g.: face masks, social distancing, visitor registration, and restriction on the numbers in the room at any one time. It would be helpful, for our planning, if you are going to attend to please book in advance at: info.b3ct@gmail.com

We very much hope that this meeting goes ahead as planned, but please be aware that we will have to respond to any changes that might be brought about due to a change in Covid requirements...so in that case please check with BHA web page, Blakeney Parish Council Facebook page or our Facebook page:

After this exhibition, depending on the outcomes, we then intend to hold detailed discussions with relevant stakeholders before approaching regulators for the necessary consents.

If you require any further information, or cannot attend and want to be kept informed, please contact: info.b3ct@gmail.com

COLIN MILLER SCULPTOR

OPEN STUDIO

10th – 24th October 10am – 4pm Or by appointment after 4 pm **Lapwing, Saxlingham Road, Blakeney NR25 7PB**

01263 740808 <u>www.colin-miller.co.uk</u> Sculpture in various materials and size including Sculpture done during Lock Down.

Very limited Parking. Please use Village Hall Parking.



Make & Do

Come and join us at Reef House in Blakeney for our colourful creative workshops where you can learn new skills, meet new people and unwind.

Upcoming workshops this term include pattern making with indigo dye, making beeswax wraps, making silver jewellery, designing vintage headpieces and chokers, cyanotypes and much much more!

Also, if you are a maker and looking for a warm welcoming space to run a workshop then do get in contact with me

For Bookings & Enquiries please email Rachael Janes at

reefhousemakeanddo@gmail.com

or visit the website at

www.refmakeanddo.com

BLAKENEY PARISH COUNCIL -

www.blakeneyparishcouncil.org.uk



Extracts from the meeting of Blakeney Parish Council which was held on Tuesday 14th September 2021 in The Scout Hut.

Wells Safer Neighbourhood Police Team - PC Simon Blakeley.

This is a summary of police callouts to Blakeney, crimes reported and targeted patrols that have been conducted in the local area since the beginning of July.

We have had 5 calls for police attendance in this period, of which 3 were reports of missing persons, all were quickly located. One was a criminal damage, relating to a family domestic incident and one was an alarm activation at the church, which turned out to be a false alarm. We have had one crime reported during this period which was an assault and it also related to a domestic incident.

Alongside daily, targeted patrols by response officers, the Wells Safer Neighbourhood Team, myself and Jason, have conducted numerous foot patrols of Blakeney Quay and the High Street. As part of our local PSP to reduce marine related thefts we have conducted regular night time patrols of Blakeney Quay, the dinghy park and Blakeney Marine Services boat yard on the Morston Road.

We have also utilised the police boat based at Wells to conduct marine patrols of Blakeney harbour and the Quay to engage with local boat owners and visitors. This has been on a wide range of subjects including marine crime prevention, water safety, local wildlife and anti-social behaviour on the water. We will also make a point of mooring on the Quay so we can be approached and spoken to.

Open Public Session – 3 members of the public spoke.

- Shared the history of the Harbour Room at the Royal British Legion in Blakeney and their aspirations to offer improved catering in 2022, 7 days a week during the summer by replacing the existing BBQ with a simple cost effective, kiosk trailer service, thus retaining a local business, whilst retaining the full kitchen service for events 52 weeks of the year. A planning application will be made shortly.
- As requested, amended plans for 26 Langham Road have now been resubmitted and I have spoken with the neighbour who has no objections.
- Have brought a mock-up of the proposed new signage for the Quay. Chose to approach the Parish Council first, not knowing the protocol for such advertising arrangements. We have noticed that there are Blakeney and non-Blakeney businesses operating/advertising along the quay and in the village and as a new business the advertising here in this heavy footfall area would help us no end.

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

PF/21/2077 – Proposal; Demolition of existing two-storey rear extension and replacement part two-storey/part single-storey rear extension and front boundary wall at, **26 Langham Road**, **Blakeney.** Resolved - No objection.

PF/21/2307 – Proposal; Single storey extensions; removal of part of roof and extension to provide first floor accommodation; other external alterations at, **Cranford, High Street, Blakeney.** Resolved – No objection subject to the following conditions; i) The use of traditional pantiles, ii) The lessening of the impact of the number of rooflights in the swimming pool and other areas when lit from the inside, in line with our adopted 'Dark Skies Policy', given that this application is in both the Conservation & AONB area. We have seen and agree with the comments made to NNDC by the neighbouring property.

PF/21/2341 – *Proposal; Single storey rear extension to garage for home workshop at,* **Pine Lodge, Old Rectory Lane, Blakeney.** *Resolved* that as this has just come in and that there are currently no yellow public site planning notices up, that we will consider this at our October meeting.

Finance -

Accounts totalling £13,076.58 were approved and paid.

Clerk/RFO Report – Carnser Car Park and Coronation Car Park figures reported along with cashbook balances held.

Thanks, from The Blakeney Sailing Club for use of the overflow car park during recent sailing events.

Children's 'basket swing' repaired by Fenland Leisure at end of August.

Coronation Car Park began accepting contactless card payments on 1st September.

The Events Committee have kindly agreed to organise a 'Platinum Jubilee Street Party Lunch' in The High Street to complement the beacon lighting celebrations which take place on 2nd June 2022, details to follow. (*If you would like to help with the arrangements, please contact the Parish Clerk.*)

Quote accepted to repair/replace the fence (so long as using pressure treated timber) in **Coronation Car Park** as per the July PC minutes.

Add the possibility of an informal trod to the east side of Langham Road, linking the Kingsway footpath area with the bridleway to New Barn Farm, and thus taking pedestrians off Langham Road and to reconsider any other additional possible applications to the **NCC Parish Partnership Funding Scheme** again at our November meeting, in addition to those already decided at our meeting on 6th July 2021.

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

Summary of report from **Events Committee** – Party on The Pastures Chairman – Samantha Arlow; A late decision to

proceed meant full steam ahead with scaled down preparations. The day was a huge success despite the weather at the start, with many new stallholders joining us for the first time, the committee worked hard (half are volunteer members of the public to whom we are extremely grateful) and the public turned out to join us. The aim is to make the event cost neutral to the Parish Council, and we are pleased to report that we made around a £1,000 profit, which was amazing under the circumstances. The Committee have already stated that they are happy to hold the event again next year, and back to its prepandemic size, all being well.

Report from the **Dinghy Park Management Committee** – Rosemary Thew; The committee met on 31st August and the main topic was the use of the dinghy park area as an overflow car park this year, which had at times been in conflict with the sailing/high tides. With the Car Park Attendants busier than in any other year and not able to monitor the area as they had in the past it was acknowledged that some thought was needed to resolve this ahead of the next season and the committee will be having a site meeting again to consider various options.

The Quarterly Play Inspection reports will be added to the responsibilities of the **Finance & Governance Committee.**

Councillors Questions –

Received from Cllr Donohoe – Please may we have an update on the dog bins; Manor Hotel and Cart track.

The Clerk advised that NNDC had recently undertaken a monitoring situation of the dog fouling on the bridleway from the entrance point on Langham Road towards New Barn Farm and had found minimal evidence of dog fouling in the area and having spoken to local dog walkers and the owners of New Barn, none reported any issues of dog fouling in the area, and as such they would not look to install a dog bin in this location in this instance. NNDC will however, now monitor the location known as the Cart Track, opposite The Manor Hotel and report back to Blakeney Parish Council in due course.

Correspondence -

Members considered the request for views; with regard alternative uses of buildings at **Brecks Farm** which lies within the parish of Blakeney and agreed that whilst we appreciate that diversification will likely be the way forward for farms, we have concerns over any change that may result in harm to the local 'Dark Skies' policy, for which North Norfolk is known and we can only comment fully if and when a detailed planning application is received.

With regard the request for new signage along the quay from a new **Business Operator**, we can only initially agree to this in the short term, as it goes against the report/findings of the NNDC Conservation Area Management Appraisal which we are in the midst of adopting locally and which we will shortly bring back to the table for further consideration.

We will write to all residents of **Coronation Lane** re. the responsibilities and potential liability of Coronation Lane, having had concerns brought to us by members of the public, as this does not come under the jurisdiction of NCC Highways or the Parish Council.

It has been brought to our attention that **Advertising Signs** placed on pavements and other locations are becoming numerous and causing a problem for pedestrians in places. We note our decision at item no. 11.2. re. the policy/signage review and in the meantime, we conduct an audit of all advertising signage in the village; location, size, material and condition and note if permanent or non-permanent.

We shall respond to the NNDC **Statement of Licensing Policy** stating that given the very local nature of all applications, Parish & Town Councils should be on the list as a responsible authority and therefore consulted automatically, as the knowledge and impact lies within the local community.

A Councillor will undertake the review of the condition of the **Commemorative Seats** in the village over the coming weeks.

The Parish Council has granted permission for the proposal for a **May Day Morning celebration** on either 1st or 2nd May 2022 as detailed and ask the organiser to share the details with the community asap, in particular notifying the properties on Mariners Hill.

We pledge our support to the article from Norfolk Association of Local Councils **Offshore Wind**, 'A perfect storm heading for Norfolk' and the group of Parish Councils who have been working hard as a team for the past few years to find an alternative way of bringing the huge quantities of power being generated from wind turbines in the North Sea on shore, without disrupting the lives of all the people in Norfolk.

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

Planning Appeal Lodged – PF/20/1109 (APP/Y2620/W/21/3267614 – Agricultural Barn, Morston Road, Blakeney.

PF/21/1572 - Robin Lodge, 25 The Pastures, Blakeney - Granted

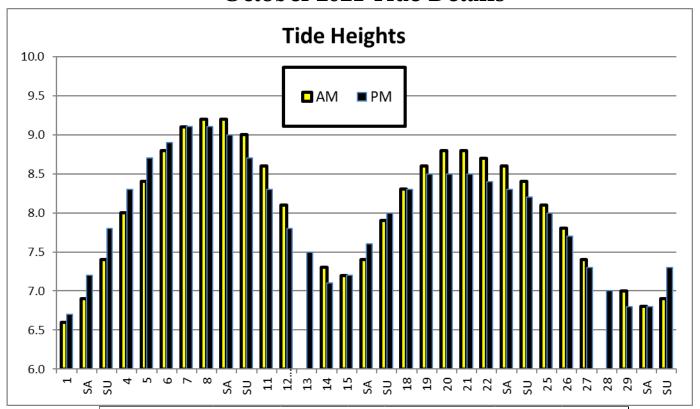
PF/21/1781 - Tremor, 13 Morston Road, Blakeney - Granted

Resumption of BPC Meetings – We continue to use The Scout Hut for our Parish Council meetings for the time-being, as it is more spacious than the Parish Office. However, the venue is only permitted to allow a certain number of people inside due to Covid restrictions we will have to manage accordingly, and so for now, if you do wish to join us at a meeting, if you could please let the The Clerk know in advance that you plan to attend (a quick phone call or an email), that would be helpful and we will set the room out accordingly.

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

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 5th October 2021.

October 2021 Tide Details



Tide Times

	AM	PM		AM	PM
Fri 01 October	02:36	15:39			
Sat 02 October	04:12	16:50			
Sun 03 October	04:32	17:42			
Mon 04 October	05:53	18:26	Mon 18 October	05:46	18:41
Tue 05 October	06:32	19:07	Tue 19 October	06:30	19:18
Wed 06 October	07:11	19:46	Wed 20 October	07:10	19:50
Thu 07 October	07:50	20:24	Thu 21 October	07:47	20:17
Fri 08 October	08:30	21:01	Fri 22 October	08:23	20:43
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Sun 10 October	09:55	22:19	Sun 24 October	09:28	21:38
Mon 11 October	10:40	23:01	Mon 25 October	10:00	22:06
Tue 12 October	11:31	23:51	Tue 26 October	10:34	22:38
Wed 13 October		12:36	Wed 27 October	11:13	23:15
Thu 14 October	01:01	14:22	Thu 28 October		12:04
Fri 15 October	02:39	15:51	Fri 29 October	00:07	13:17
Sat 16 October	03:55	17:01	Sat 30 October	01:25	14:58
Sun 17 October	04:56	17:57	Sun 31 October	02:19	15:13

BRITISH SUMMER TIME ENDS ON SUN 31 OCTOBER - TIME ABOVE IS GMT FOR 31 OCT

By Martin Tyler



Thoughts from the Rectory for October 2021

Dear Friends,

The days before submitting this article have been rather clouded by the death of some much-loved friends here. Two in particular have had special links with our churches. At the end of August, Robin Combe died. Robin was known to so many people in this area, through so many different connections. He was a lovely man and a marvellous character, and an expert in various fields (metaphorically and literally!) He contributed so much to the Glaven Valley area, not least through the Bayfield Estate, and the Hall where he and Kim lived for many years. He was Churchwarden at Glandford Church for many decades, and an absolute pillar of the church family there, and the benefice more widely. Glandford will not be the same without him. Then on 11th September, the day after Robin's funeral, Jim Woodhouse died. Jim's death was not quite as sudden as Robin's, but a shock nonetheless.

Like Robin in Glandford, Jim's presence in Wiveton was very substantial, and hugely valued. He was likewise another real gentleman (and "gentle man"), with a wide variety of interests and expertise. Jim was also, until earlier this year, churchwarden at Wiveton, where Jim and Sarah have done such amazing work together over the years. Their contribution to the life of the church has been enormous, and they have left a great legacy in many ways.

Robin and Jim were both people who always made time for others, who were very well informed, deeply committed to their causes, and also great fun. They will be very much missed and remembered with great fondness. Others known to many here have also died in recent days, as I write, including Sue Brunson and Amanda Holden. It's been a sad time.

Some of us attended a Deanery Service yesterday (Sunday 12th) in Cromer. One of the hymns was "How shall I sing that majesty". It's a fantastic hymn with a wonderful tune (Coe Fen). It's partly a vision of heaven and of the greatness of God's love. It includes the following lines:

"How great a being, Lord, is thine, which doth all beings keep! thy time is now and evermore, thy place is everywhere."

I found myself thinking about them as we sang that on Sunday. God's love is limitless, in this world and the next. We give thanks for Robin and Jim, and many more. We know that they live on, and that the love they shared with us is finding new expression in the joy of heaven. Thank God for them and all those we love.

God bless, Richard

Services - news & information

Service schedule for October is included in this edition. As ever, everyone is always welcome!

Plenty more information 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 do 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.

Weddings and baptisms:

None were scheduled to take place this September.

Funerals:

Jim Woodhouse's funeral and celebration of his life was held at Wiveton Church on Friday 24th September.

Robin Combe's funeral was held at Glandford Church on Friday 10th September. A Memorial Service for Robin will take place on 9th October in Blakeney Church.

Susan Brunson's funeral will take place on Friday 1st October at Letheringsett Church.

They will be greatly missed. We continue to hold all their families in our thoughts and prayers.

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First Sunday of the month - Traditional Methodist Service Second Sunday of the month - Cafe Church Third Sunday of the month - Garden Church Fourth Sunday of the month - Cafe Church Fifth Sunday of the month - live streamed interactive Big Sunday service on the theme of light

Our Thursday morning prayer time is 9.30 - 10am and is an informal time of prayer using liturgy written specially for the Pilgrim Church by our very own Rev Jacqui Horton, followed by refreshments.

As always you are guaranteed a warm welcome and if you would like any further information, you can contact Sam, our Lay Pioneer on 07591 509653 or pilgrimchurchpioneer@outlook.com.



OCTOBER 2021 SERVICE SCHEDULE

SUNDAY 3 rd	Trinity 18	
8.00	Holy Communion (BCP)	Wiveton
9.30	Holy Communion (CW) [& live-streamed]	Blakeney
11.15	Holy Communion (BCP)	Letheringsett
6.00	Sacred Space	Cley
Wed 6 th	Holy Communion (BCP) 10.00am	Cley
SUNDAY 10 th	Trinity 19	
11.00	Harvest Service (followed by lunch)	Blakeney
11.15	Holy Communion (BCP)	Glandford
5.00	Harvest Evensong	Letheringsett
6.00	Service of Meditation	Wiveton
SUNDAY 17 th	Trinity 20	
9.30	Celtic HC with Healing [& live-streamed]	Blakeney
9.30	Morning Prayer (CW)	Letheringsett
11.15	Café Church	Cley
6.30	Evensong (BCP)	Wiveton
Wed 20 th	Holy Communion (BCP) 10.00am	Cley
SUNDAY 24 th	Last after Trinity / Bible Sunday	
8.00	Holy Communion (BCP)	Cley
9.30	Holy Communion (CW) [& live-streamed]	Blakeney
11.15	Family Service (All-Age)	Wiveton
3.30	Evensong (BCP)	Glandford
SUNDAY 31st	All Saints (tr.) / 4 before Advent	
11.00	Benefice Communion [& live-streamed]	Blakeney

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

Cley

Shirley Lord

Shirley died, aged 86, on Monday 6th September, at home with her daughter Kathryn, sadly only 4 months after her husband Peter, when cancer swiftly overwhelmed her.

Shirley was born in Hatfield and lived in Hertfordshire all her life until Peter and she retired to the North Norfolk coast to 'live dangerously' enjoying its natural beauty and to be close to the Sea. They had extensively travelled the world and made lifelong friends wherever they went. She was a lover of nature and had great empathy with people and animals. She was a keen spotter of birds and had a very good ear for bird song, "that's the Cetti's warbler!" She loved walking everyday with her dogs (from dachshund to wolfhound!) and the Dandy Dinmonts, Austin and Morris - all who lived to great ages.

After the dogs, she took up Nordic Walking with a local group which kept her very fit and active, until relatively recently.

Her first job was in the medical department at de Havillands so met all the dashing test pilots! This interest led her, in later years, to train as a Beauty Therapist and she ran her own clinic. Many of those clients remained close friends and kept in touch when she retired to Norfolk. She was a great listener and a wise woman with a healing touch.

Shirley always got involved by volunteering; in the early days with the WRVS and Meals on Wheels, then the hospital shop. She was Fixtures Secretary (and player) for Welwyn Garden City Ladies Hockey Club. Later when in Norfolk, The Glaven Valley News stapling and compiling and then bulk deliveries were taken on. She enjoyed being NADFAS Visit Secretary arranging many memorable trips. She was a member of St Margaret's Church Cley flower rota, interested supporter of Glaven Valley Conservation Group, Cley Bird Club, and Norfolk Wildlife Trust.

Shirley was the ultimate entertainer and host. An excellent cook, catering for many large (and small) parties with what appeared to be ease. She was always socially active with an energetic, busy, approachable, happy and smiling attitude and with Peter they made the 'perfect couple'. She was stylish and chic, a beautiful person inside and out and will be sorely missed by everyone who knew her.

Donations in her memory are gratefully received for: East Anglian Air Ambulance or Wood Green Animals Charity and.... Please collect your old postage stamps and send to Bransby Horses. She regularly sent these so could you follow her, and do this simple thing on her behalf? All you need to do is: 1. Cut the stamps out being careful not to damage the perforated edge. Please note we cannot re-sell stamps that include personal information, so please remove all sensitive data before donating, thank you. 2. Send your collected stamps to: Stamp Appeal, Bransby Horses, Bransby, Lincoln, LN1 2PH.

Kathryn Lord

Cley WI

A special meeting took place on 2nd September - special because it was the first time, we had been able to meet in person in our usual venue of Cley Village Hall. Meeting up again was very exciting and we were welcomed back by Sophie our President.

After the usual "Business Matters" we were entertained by Liz Scott who performed a re-enactment of life as a scullery maid at Blickling Hall. We were given a fascinating glimpse of "life below stairs" and also informed of the history of Blickling Hall. Liz was joined by her husband who made a very dashing "His Lordship"! The meeting ended with our usual excellent afternoon tea permitting everyone the chance to chat and catch up.

We meet again on 7th October, when Andrew Roe, our speaker, will be enlightening us on "Paperbacks to First Editions - a book lover's journey" - perfect for all us book addicts! Visitors always welcome - details from Sophie Archer (01263 740225).

Lorraine Crossland

Future WI Meetings

(All take place at 2.30pm in Cley Village Hall, unless otherwise indicated)

07 Oct Paperbacks to First Editions

- a book lover's journey

Andrew Roe

04 Nov The Magic of Blakeney

Point

 the wanderings of a naturalist

- Richard Porter

02 Dec Christmas Party & AGM –

Members Only

Cley Village Hall News

A record turnout of parishioners attended our AGM and it was good to see so much interest following our appeal. We now have a new chairman, a new booking clerk, and a team of helpers on a when and if basis. A good start!

Most certainly a good outcome for this booking clerk who after keeping the diary for longer than she can remember (when did Joan Weedon close the post office? That's when I took on the bookings) - is now handing over to her friend and colleague Ellen Monaghan.

So please note that from October 1 bookings will be taken by Ellen, and you can contact her under:

bookingscleyvillagehall@gmail.com

The village hall is seeing a very welcome upturn in its business, and to make Ellen's work easier please always go the village hall's website diary first before you plan an event. The address:

www.cleyvillagehall.org.uk

Cley Christmas Market

Another piece of good news is that we are having a Christmas Market. Project volunteers have come forward to organise the market and the café. It will be a joy to see the hall filled with noise and people again! And we will be needing raffle prizes, so please think about what and if you can donate. Items can be dropped off at the pottery.

The date for your diary: December 4, from 10am to 4pm. Pease also look at ad in this GVN.

And finally: if you would like to exhibit, please contact David Ford on 741690, stalls are £12 per large table.

G.E.

Cley Parish Council's Chairman's Report September 2021

Anglian Water came to our meeting to discuss capacity issues at the Glamdfrod Sewage Treatment Works, which struggles with the increased population over holiday periods.

Over the summer, there was frequent tankering of excess flow from the site to Holt. These tankers either use the rural single lane road through Letheringsett or drive through Holt High Street, neither of which routes are at all satisfactory.

AW have created more capacity at the works over the summer but it is only just now coming into operation. We need to keep a close eye on whether this actually benefits us by reducing the number of tanker movements.

This site does not have any storm discharge so when it rains heavily the water goes into the works and has to be tankered out. Also, many of our houses aren't set up to divert rain water away from the mains drainage: a simple solution to this is more rain butts catching roof water.

Again, please report odour to the clerk who will pass on to AW.

We have been given an amazingly generous donation towards village gates, for which we are extremely grateful. The gates formed part of our Traffic Management plan, for which 75% were in favour in the recent consultation. These are found by many villages to help with speeding. We will also have funds to buy our own SAM2 speed monitor. We still have to fine tune the proposal for double yellow lines, and discuss residents' further ideas for controlling parking with our Highways engineer.

We have signed up to the 39 Norfolk Parish Councils' response to the Ofgem consultation re new windfarm developments in Weybourne requesting the use of an Offshore Transmission Network to reduce the landscape impact of recurrent cable laying through our countryside en route to the National Grid.

Our Flood Warden team is ready to serve you, but one of the great difficulties in Cley in a flood event is knowing which properties are occupied. If you own a second or holiday home, we <u>really</u> need your contact details so we can easily find out whether your property is occupied or not at the time of a flood alert or warning. This information could save lives: so please send your details to the clerk on <u>clerk.cley@gmail.com</u> and we will keep them securely.

Our superfast broadband is now live! Whether or not you submitted a voucher, you can contact your provider of choice to get a quote and be connected.

The Arcady appeal process is continuing; there will be revised plans submitted this month for us to review.

The next meeting is Thursday, October 14th at 6.30pm in the Village Hall. The Agenda will be published on the Notice Board and on the website www.clevpc.info. Come along, no booking needed at present, please comment on or ask general questions about Agenda items before the meeting by getting in touch with the clerk or myself. Minutes are posted as usual on the website.

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

Wiveton

Wiveton Church 200 Club

I am delighted to report that Simon Burgess won 1st Prize in September's 200 Club Draw.

The 1st prize now stands at £60.

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

WIVETON PARISH ROOM

Wiveton residents are invited to the AGM on Wednesday 3rd November at 7pm in the Parish Room. To book your place please ring Michelle on 01263 711585. COVID secure procedures will be in place, please wear a mask. Booking essential.

B.V.

Glandford

Robin Combe

It is with great sadness that we must report that Robin Combe of Bayfield Hall, passed away on the 28th August after a short illness. A private family funeral will be held, with a memorial service at Blakeney Church on the 9th October at 2pm and afterwards at Bayfield. A longer obituary to follow in next month's magazine.

Walnut Hollow

It is with great sadness and sense of shock that I heard of Robin's death on 28th August, unexpectedly after a short illness. His loss will be felt not only in the Glaven Valley, and especially as my fellow church warden of 30 years (me) and 50 years (him) at St Martin's, Glandford, but throughout North Norfolk. He was a man of great kindness and generosity of spirit and would do anything to help others, He treated everyone the same with exuberance and little regard for the niceties of political correctness, usually with a richness of language that cut through any diffidence!

Our hearts are with his wide family, especially Kim, his wife and children Simon, Roger with Caroline, Silvia and Carey and also grandchildren Fred, Kitty Martha and Flo, Sam and Emily and Rufus and Cordy.

Robin's memorial/thanksgiving will be at Blakeney Church on Saturday 9th October 2pm, this is also on YouTube for those who can't make it.

Averil Monteath

Letheringsett

HARVEST

Once again, it's time to celebrate Harvest. So, we at St Andrews will have our service on SUNDAY 10th October, EVENSONG at 5.00 pm. We plan to decorate the Church on Thursday 7th October. We will be very happy to receive Fruit and Veg and Flowers.

Come and help us decorate the Church on the 7th any time that suits you! I will be around all day. We look forward to a service to remember.

Ann Thomson, Churchwarden

OBITUARY Robin Combe

Dad was many things, Naval Officer, Brewer, Fish Farmer, Landowner, Husband, Father and Grandfather. Above all though he was a kind decent man who saw the best in absolutely everyone and wanted to use his good fortune to help others.

Born a product of two old and illustrious families the Combe brewing dynasty from London and the Cokes of Holkham.

He was intensely proud of both and loved nothing more than the family get togethers organised by the Holkham Estate each year.

After being bombed out in the Blitz, the family came to live in Norfolk on the Holkham Estate where he spent every day either shooting with 'Mr A' the keeper or ratting with his dog Binny beginning his love of the countryside.

Going to Dartmouth Naval College in 1947 as the penultimate intake of 14year olds before the college became 18+. He served 12 years in the Navy mostly in Minesweepers and Destroyers. More importantly, however, he met his future wife Kim and our Mum in Bahrain, she working for the Foreign Office and he the newest dashing young Naval Officer on station.

Leaving the Navy in 1959 to go and work for the family firm Watney Combe and Reid at the Mortlake Brewery. A year later the bequest that was to change his life arrived. Far from getting the pair of English shotguns he had been secretly hoping for, his great Uncle Roger Coke left him the Bayfield Estate. For the next few years that taking a back seat while he pursued brewing and as he later told me the unpleasant job to close several well-known local breweries including Bullard and Steward and Patterson, these having been bought by Watney's then an FTSE 100 company.

In 1969 he left London with his young family to the newly converted Glandford Mill where the fish farm was created and his appreciation of his inheritance really began. He was especially proud of the access created on Bayfield saying that it needed to be enjoyed by as many people as possible.

It would be easier to list the organisations locally which dad did NOT join rather than the ones he did. Getting involved in many local charities, appearing for the Blakeney Players. The longest serving Church Warden in the country, he had been informed upon inheriting Bayfield that this came with the Estate! He served 3 terms as a very active and appreciated Lib Dem councillor and was thrilled to see Norman finally elected to serve 3 terms as MP for North Norfolk.

A long-time member of the CPRE, the CLA the Hawk & Owl Trust amongst many other countryside organisations over the years. He was the instigator and founding member of the River Glaven Conservation Group, very proud of the new stretch of river which runs past the Hall and his relentless battle to eradicate the Signal Crayfish. In part because he introduced them in the 1960's as a new business venture!

For the last decade or so spending his time between continuing to champion and help local causes, planting trees on Bayfield and sailing his beloved Cockle 'Water Rat' again another club he helped to begin. He adored his 9 grandchildren introducing them to sailing, shooting and driving dangerously in his old Land Rover. He was loved, respected and admired by everyone who knew him and will be hugely missed by his family and friends.

Roger and family

Robin Combe was an absolute gentleman, generous, kind and a friend to everyone he met. In his battered Landrover, usually accompanied by several lively dogs, he was familiar and welcome everywhere in the Glaven Valley. He was one of those rare people of whom no one has a bad word to say.

Robin lived life to the full, he loved the countryside, its wildlife, the ancient trees on the Bayfield estate and especially the lovely River Glaven. Long after his eightieth birthday he was sharing the delights of the Valley with anyone who showed an interest and patiently teaching children, and a few older people, to sail on Blakeney Pit. His diligent and persistent work on innumerable causes has helped countless people to live fuller, happier lives.

Our deepest sympathy is offered to all the Combe family and especially to his beloved wife, Kim.

Jim Crossley, Chairman GVN

St Margaret's Church Cley Public Consultation Meeting

You are warmly invited to attend a meeting to hear about the PCC's provisional plans for improvements to the interior of our church building.

There will be the opportunity to ask questions over a glass of wine.

We would love to hear your views and feedback.

Do come!

Wednesday 13th October 6pm at Cley Church

Community News

National Trust

As the new ranger on Blakeney Point I'd like to provide an update on the 2021 season. This year saw excellent numbers of terns nest on Blakeney Point, food appeared to be plentiful throughout the season and good numbers of birds fledged. Over three thousand (3134) pairs of Sandwich Tern nested, the most since 2013, and successfully fledged a minimum of 997 chicks. Common Tern numbers were the highest since 1980, 324 pairs successfully raised a minimum of 190 chicks.

In contrast, Little Terns fared less well. The season started well with large numbers present on the point and a peak nest count of 217, the most ever recorded on the point. Unfortunately, nests seemed to fail as they hatched. The presence of a Short-Eared Owl and a roost of Common Gulls in the second half of June is thought to be, at least partly, responsible for the main colony abandoning by the beginning of July. A small handful of pairs re-laid at the Watch House, others may have moved to Scolt Head, and 7 chicks successfully fledged. There are many factors that influence the outcome of a breeding season for terns but the large numbers seen this year are due, in part, to the ongoing lack of disturbance from dogs and people and I'd like to thank everyone for respecting the restrictions that are in place during the breeding season.

Duncan Halpin, Ranger, Blakeney Point

Note from the Editor: 2 amazing photos are now available to view at GVN Online which are – Sandwich Tern Colony and Sandwich Tern Creche taken at Blakeney Point – check them out!

The North Norfolk Sustainable Communities Fund (formerly known as the Big Society

Fund) The fund is open to applications throughout the year, although to ensure your application is eligible to go through for consideration to the 29th November Grant Panel, only applications received by Monday, 1st November which are fully completed, signed, and accompanied by all the requested supporting documentation will be accepted. Prior to completing an application, please ring Sonia Shuter on 01263 516173 to discuss the potential application. There are now 2 ways an application can be made to the fund; Applications for grants under £1,000 and Applications for grants between £1,000 and £15,000. Copies of The Application Forms, Guidance Notes on how to complete the form and the Independent Referee form can be downloaded from the North Norfolk District Council Website at https://www.north-norfolk.gov.uk/NNSCF

Completed applications including all supporting documentation are to be sent to supporting.communities@north-norfolk.gov.uk



Charity Supper Quiz Night at 7.00pm on Friday 19th November 2021 in St Nicholas' Church Blakeney.

Supper of homemade Shepherd's Pie
Teams of 6 - £10 per person.
Wine and soft drinks available.
Please contact Geoff Alexander
01263 741366 or email gga1@aol.com
Please join us for a fun evening
raising funds for the fabric of the Church.
Friends of St Nicholas' Church
Charity Number 297272

Readers' Letters & Articles

Macmillan Cancer Support & Blakeney Parish Council

It's good to see that Macmillan Cancer Support will be holding one of their Mighty Hike events in North Norfolk next year and they are planning to use Blakeney's playing fields for the lunch stop. This is a big event.

However, I was shocked to see that Blakeney Parish Council has decided to charge a fee in exchange for using the playing fields for this fund-raising event, even though the event is unlikely to cost the village anything. The amount hasn't appeared in the Blakeney Parish Council minutes but I have asked a parish councillor and am advised that it is £1,500. I am horrified by this and it seems particularly inappropriate given the investment made locally by Macmillan in establishing the North Norfolk Macmillan Cancer Centre. This is just opening in Cromer and will provide support and care for cancer patients in our area.

It would be nice to think that Blakeney Parish Council might reconsider this.

Alistair Lindop, Blakeney

Local Author Writes Exotic Detective Novel

Blakeney based author Vaughan James has set his new detective novel amongst the mysteries and intrigue of India – a country in which he has travelled and worked.

Magphur Past is a story of murder, deception, and dark secrets of the past. Detective Sanjay Sharma – based in the teeming, developing city of Magphur - must find the killers of a foreign tourist. The criminal underworld, the police commissioner and even his own sidekick seem intent on hindering his investigation. Then there are the secrets of Sharma's own criminal past which he must keep hidden from those closest to him.

The story is fast moving, action packed and told from several perspectives. The novel is available from Amazon, as a paperback or kindle version, from Jarrold's Book Department in Cromer and from Holt Bookshop. Reviews include: "This is a novel that grabs our attention and holds it to the very end" and "The story twists and turns ... leading to a gripping finale."

Counting Cherries Tidal Surge 5/12/2013

In the past many tidal storm events have come literally out of the blue, today digital media coupled with local knowledge offer opportunities to look a little further into the future and as early as the 2nd of December there was a clear indication that a very big tide was in the offing for the evening of Thursday the 5th. On the Tuesday this email went out to the Wiveton Flood Wardens - *John, Peter, and Steve, Thursday is*

a long way off but if the current timings for the arrival of the wind change on Thursday remains unchanged there could be a very big tide and a possible breach of Blakeney bank. Which of course is our cue to think about evacuations etc. I will keep you posted.

As the days went by and the wind speed predictions increased, and crucially the timing of its change of direction from SW to NW remained at 5 hours before high water the likelihood of a major event increased. For Blakeney tidal flooding is a relatively gradual process but for Wiveton, Cley and Glandford sitting behind sea banks a more fast acting spectre lurks, because should the Glaven bank breach these three villages would go from dry streets to 20 feet of water in as many minutes. The older part of the Glaven bank was erected shortly after the 1953 event and is a few feet lower than the new one, a fact that was to become significant as the night wore on. By late afternoon of the 5th most of those in Wiveton who might need to be evacuated had been informed that this might happen. The Flood Wardens came together at 6.00 pm and equipped with torches and hand-held radios went to look at the state of play at Blakeney. Pulling up over the rise we were not surprised to see the Carnser deep under water, waves crashing against the Community Centre and the tide visibly flowing over the road toward us; not good with 2 hours to high water, and that was assuming that the peak of the surge wouldn't be later than that. We then went back to check that the Environment Agency had shut the main sluice at Cley; they had and we were able to go into the control room and see for ourselves the spinning gauge showing how rapidly the water was rising, one of the EA team was standing in front of it hypnotised.

At this point two of us went back to monitor the situation at Blakeney, we arrived to see water flooding over the Blakeney bank like a weir. That it had come up so far in such a short time was alarming, so before our way back went under, we returned to Cley. On arrival we immediately checked to see if anything had changed, we stood by some Environment Agency steps, there were a dozen spanning a height of about 14 feet and decided that they would offer a very good gauge of how quickly the water would rise when it eventually arrived. We met the other wardens at the junction where the new bank is joined by the old one coming round from Blakeney could see that the salt marshes were completely covered and a torrent of muddy water was pouring over the old bank. What was visible of Blakeney Freshes at this point was still mostly dry with just the ditches filling and giving off a powerful rotten egg stench of sulphur that carried on the wind, then silently a dark mass of water appeared out of the dark, as the long grass disappeared it looked as if the ground was sinking away beneath it so rapidly did it rise, in seconds all was covered by a moving foam-covered surface that in the light of our torches looked like a fast and mighty river. We saw a hare swimming for its life, it seemed it had too far to go to survive, but after what seemed an interminable time it reached safety, pulled its sodden body out of the water and dragged itself over the sea bank. We then thought of the countless small creatures that were dying as we stood there.

Hastening back to the steps we saw that four were already submerged and the fifth disappeared as we looked. I badly needed a pee so not wanting to add to the problem I retreated to seek relief. On my return another step had -without any help from me - disappeared. By this time the wind was dying and the stars were bright between the clouds, it had become a lovely night, not at all like 1953 when the wind was blowing a 100 mph and it was snowing. This calm gave the whole scene an eerie feel like watching an unstoppable train crash in slow motion.

Within a very short time the water was a couple of feet from the top of the bank, and with 30 minutes to high water, we asked the Environment Agency men if they could get us an update on the estimated time for the peak of the surge, they contacted their coordinators and came back with the rather frightening news that it was thought it had another hour to go. With the water still rising so fast they endorsed our decision to evacuate. Our evacuees were taken to the Parish Room. Once we were certain all were safe, we went back to the scene to find the water had reached to within a few inches of the top of the bank and in a spot where cattle had worn the surface down was slowly creeping over the top.

If the wind had not been easing for the last half hour there is no doubt it would have been overtopped or worse would have breached like the Blakeney bank; if that had happened a 15/20-foot wall of water would have rushed up the Glaven Valley and all the low-lying properties in Wiveton would have been inundated, bungalows submerged and the main part of Cley flooded with an almost certain loss of life.

Reflection

There have been the inevitable comparisons with the 1953 surge and claims that this one was more severe, mostly I note by people who were not alive in 1953. Along the coast at Wells those claims may have more substance, as banks that breach in 53 held this time; water levels are not the same everywhere, but having witnessed both events here first hand, I can, without in any way diminishing the scale of this event, tell you that for me there was no comparison. In 1953 there were hurricane force winds, it was snowing, and the wave damage was colossal, boats thrown through walls and houses knocked down.

If you think of the elements that have to combine to produce a tidal surge as reels on a fruit machine you would need at least a dozen to all, come up cherries to generate the worst-case scenario; on Thursday the 5th of December a very important cherry did not come up. In 1953 the centre of the depression tracked down the North Sea into Denmark and Northern Germany bringing the fiercest winds down England's east coast, this time it moved away into Scandinavia taking the severest winds with it, so as the evening wore on, they continued to drop and at the crucial moment ceased. This is undoubtedly what saved Wiveton and Cley from a repeat of the 53 disaster.

Godfrey Sayers



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The Museum is open Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1100 - 1500 to 31 October. Remember, we are also dog friendly. Tickets are available in advance on our website, or just turn up.

The Museum of the Broads, Poor's Staithe, Stalham, NR12 9DA, 01692 58168.

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CLEY WI

Thursday 7th October

Paperbacks to First Editions
A Book Lover's Journey
by Andrew Roe
Cley Village Hall, NR25 7RJ
2.30pm
Members Free
Visitors Welcome - £5.00
(includes afternoon tea)

Further details 01263 740225

Blakeney Area Historical Society

Tuesday 26th October 19:30

Cley Village Hall & Zoom

Blickling Belles:

The Georgian Daughters of Blickling Hall

Kate Barnes

Tuesday 30th November 19:30

Cley Village Hall & Zoom

Blakeney and Cley go to war Pressures on seafarers c.1800

Margaret Bird
Editor of The Diary of Mary Hardy
The talk is followed by the AGM

Both meetings are being held at Cley Village Hall and on Zoom To receive Zoom invite, join the BAHS or sign-up for information emails at www.bahs.uk/information-emails

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CLEARANCE SALE

Books Gifts Bric a Brac Saturday 9th October Langham Village Hall 10 - 12 noon

Providing we are able to use the Village Hall, our remaining goods will be on sale to clear the decks for new stock at Christmas.

Refreshments available.

If you have any Bric a Brac or books, not furniture, do bring them along to the Village Hall on Friday 8th October between 2pm and 4pm.

Proceeds for Langham Church General Fund.
Admission free.

Jeff Short's Showtime Presents GREAT SONGS OF THE 60's

With the Jeff Short Swing Combo & Singers

Tuesday 2nd November, 2 - 4.30pm

The Venue, Kerridge Way, Holt

Tickets £10 inc Tea/Coffee & Cakes

Tel: 01263 733845 or in person from The Venue

and Thoughtful Expressions, Holt

Raffle in aid of Holt Community Café, Charity

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Please see full colour poster at GVN Online

EXTRA ITEMS GVN ONLINE

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RECIPE BY MARY NORWAK

APPLE PUDDING CAKE

A profusion of apples can be dauting, but they really are God's gift to the British kitchen, and worth using imaginatively to bring out the wonderful flavour of which one never tires. Like all fruit, the apple doesn't appreciate water. "Stewing" should be forbidden in the kitchen. What apples really like is plenty of butter and sugar, or a little cider if liquid is needed. Perfect "stewed" apples are best prepared by softening the slices in butter over low heat, with just enough sugar to enhance flavour, and if you won't believe me, you can consult the ghost of Elizabeth David.

One of my favourite ways with apples is to make a pudding-cake. In case you are wondering, that is a pudding which is delicious with cream or custard when freshly-made, but then turns up happily again at teatime as a simple cake which is moist and full of flavour. You can use a mixture of cooking and eating apples and the recipe takes about five minutes to assemble. I actually like to make two or three at a time, as it freezes beautifully and is a good way of getting rid of the surplus fruit. The almond essence is essential and the almond/apple scent is wonderful as you take the tin from the oven. Do use butter too for perfect flavour and texture. The result is mouth-watering and if there are any slices left, you will find that they don't last long if there are any men around. It is best to wrap leftovers in foil and keep in the fridge to retain the fresh flavour.

1 lb (500g) apples
6 oz (150g) self-raising flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
6 oz (150g) caster sugar
2 eggs
½ teaspoon almond essence
4 oz (100g) butter (melted)

Grease an 8 ins (20cm) loose-bottomed round tin. Peel the apples and slice them roughly. Stir together the flour, baking powder and sugar until evenly mixed. Beat in the eggs, essence and melted butter. Don't overwork the mixture which will be rather like very soft marzipan to look at. Put half the mixture on the bottom of the tin. Cover with the apple slices and top with remaining mixture. Don't spread it evenly, but just blob it all over the apples. Bake at 350F/180C/Gas 4 for 1 1/4 hours.

Leave in the tin for 15 minutes. Lift carefully on to a serving plate and sprinkle with a little caster sugar. Serve warm with cream, custard or Greek yoghurt, or cold as a cake.

*** fEast Theatre touring again with 'a dark comedy for our times'***

Visit GVN ONLINE for all the information and dates of performances and venues......

fEast Theatre touring again with 'a dark comedy for our times'

Having been forced by the pandemic to halt their touring programme for nearly fifteen months, fEAST Theatre, one of the region's most prolific and successful touring companies, has been making up for lost time with two regional tours in less than four months. In June and July, the company performed Catherine Herman's moving and evocative play Dulcie and Walter in venues across Norfolk and Suffolk and in October Rob John's new play Rosa Mendoza takes to the road

Set in Cromer, the play opens in February 2016. Keith and Pamela Dawson, owners of the award-winning Poppyland Guest House proudly promise their guests impeccable standards and a traditional, old-school, UK holiday experience. However, The Poppyland is struggling to recruit UK staff, so Pam and Keith reluctantly take on an eccentric Spanish chambermaid with dubious qualifications and a colourful past.

Rosa Mendoza, a free-spirit from Andalucia arrives in Cromer and nothing at The Poppyland will ever be the same again. Rob John's new Norfolk play explores an explosive triangular relationship over four tumultuous years.

fEAST Artistic Director Dawn Finnerty says:

'Although this play is essentially an examination of the relationship between three complex characters it also forces us to re-examine the relationship between the UK and our neighbours. The play is funny, thought-provoking, full of surprises and it's all set against the rapidly changing events of the past five years. It really is a dark comedy for our times.'

Writer Rob John says:

'When I started writing this play, I had no idea how or when it would end. Every time I felt I was reaching a conclusion real life event disrupted my plans and forced me to take the story a bit further. Writing a play set in the present is exciting but also quite challenging because every day history changes right in front of your eyes.' 'It's a great script, we have a fine cast and we can't wait to get this play in front of our audiences'.

Touring at:

Friday 8thOctober - Wells Maltings

Saturday 9th October - Wells Maltings

Thursday 14th October - The Seagull Theatre

Friday 15th October - The Cut, Halesworth

Saturday 16th October - Sedgeford Village Hall

Sunday 17th October Old Buckenham Village Hall

Tuesday 19th October – Beccles Public Hall

Wednesday 20th October – The Garage, Norwich

Thursday 21st October - The Garage, Norwich

Friday 22nd October – Sheringham Little Theatre

Saturday 23rd October – ST Georges, Greats

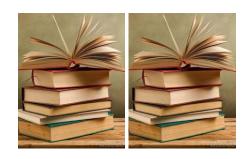
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Wednesday 27th October – Aylsham Town Hall
Thursday 28th October – Aylsham Town Hall
Friday 29th October – Westacre Theatre
Saturday 30 October – Southwold Arts Centre

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WE ARE LOOKING FOR BOOKS IN GOOD CONDITION TO SELL AT OUR CHURCH BOOKSTALL!

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

MANY THANKS
Please contact Hanne and Klausbernd on 01263 740304



THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THE DELICIOUS CAKES YOU BAKED FOR THE CLEY CHURCH BOOK SALE!



HEAD-SCRATCHING AT BRISTON!

There's no monkey business at the next Briston Sounds and Pictures Quiz - just loads of audio and visual clues varying from dead easy to devilishly devious, but it's great fun for all ages and abilities, with supper thrown in, prizes for the best and worst teams, and all this for just £6!

This is just an advance warning to put the date in your diary now - **Saturday October 30th, 6.30pm for 7pm**. You can phone us (EmJay Music) now on 01263 860844 for further details. Full Covid safety rules will apply of course, and the Copeman Centre benefits from the profits raised on the evening. Thanks!

Mick Leary

Ozymandias

I met a traveller from an antique land
Who said: `Two vast and trunkless legs of stone
Stand in the desert. Near them, on the sand,
Half sunk, a shattered visage lies, whose frown,
And wrinkled lip, and sneer of cold command,
Tell that its sculptor well those passions read
Which yet survive, stamped on these lifeless things,
The hand that mocked them and the heart that fed.
And on the pedestal these words appear -"My name is Ozymandias, king of kings:
Look on my works, ye Mighty, and despair!"
Nothing beside remains. Round the decay
Of that colossal wreck, boundless and bare
The lone and level sands stretch far away.'

Percy Bysshe Shelley (1792 – 1822)





'There is no Present'

You are invited to an exhibition of painting and mixed media works by Michael J. Williams, which explore concepts of past and future through site specific architectural forms.

Handa Gallery, Wells Maltings, Staithe Street, Wells-next-the-Sea, Norfolk, NR23 IAN.

Tel: 01328 710885

e: hello@wellsmaltings.org.uk

fb: wellsmaltings

tw: WellsMaltings

artist Website: www.mjwilliamsartist.co.uk

Exhibition dates:

Friday 01 October 2021 to Friday 15 October 2021 (inclusive) entry free PV Saturday 02 October 2021 6-8pm





CAFÉ CHURCH

Re-launched!

St Margaret's Church, Cley

17th October 2021 at 11.15am and then 3rd Sunday of each month



Coffee, croissants and church!

Café Church is church with a difference. Sitting round tables instead of seated in rows, we drink coffee, eat croissants, discuss faith and read the Sunday papers. It's still a service – we sing a few songs, hear a bit of talk, say some prayers – but just more relaxed. Children are very welcome too!

If you're not sure what you believe, but just want to come and see what's going on, that's fine too.

All or very welcome to come and join us!

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LANGHAM ROAD, NR25 7PG

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY FOR 2021

Saturday and Sunday

16th & 17th October

Festive themed: 20th & 21st November

Join us for some half term fun with

Marvellous MINIBEASTS

Thursday October 28th 10.30am - 2pm

Bug Hotel building Minibeast themed arts and crafts Hot chocolate and marshmallows

No need to book Indoor and outdoor activities but please dress for the weather
Children must be accompanied by an adult
The Pilgrim Methodist Church Blakeney 111 High Street

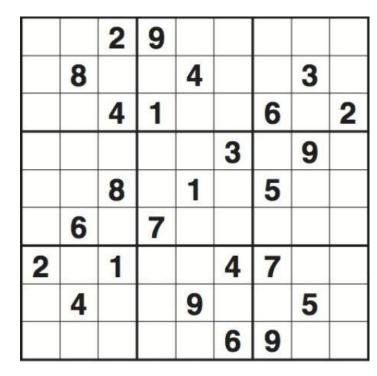
Call Sam on 07951 509653 or email pilgrimchurchpioneer@outlook.com for more details

October Sudoku: Easy

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

Hard



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

Medium

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MAGAZINE, MORSTON
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VALLEY, WIVETON

YOUR NEW HARBOUR ROOM!

A presentation of Community Activities 22nd October 7pm

The Royal British Legion Property has occupied its present site on the High Street for nearly 100 years. It has provided fellowship and support for the Armed Forces community in our district. But it's time for change.

For 2022 and beyond, as well as continuing with our hospitality and music events we shall be offering both the Armed Services and our local population and Emergency Services these initiatives:

- Respite Breaks and Away Days.
- Online Arts based loneliness and isolation support groups.
- A New Harbour Community Room Facility.
- A regular Wheelyboat timetable allowing access to our Harbour for the disabled.
- RBL Caring for Carers Programme *
- RBL Branch Community Support Programme *

And in addition to all of these we shall be introducing a 7 day a week all day food menu.

You are all invited to the launch of our 2022 Community Programme at <u>Blakeney Harbour Room</u> on the <u>22nd October 7pm for 7:30pm.</u>

Refreshments and the opportunity to discuss each initiative with its individual lead.

For more information contact Lisa on:

<u>lisadonnachandler@gmail.com</u>

07425924608

^{*}Exclusively for RBL beneficiaries

Friends of St. Nicholas' Church Blakeney



Tom and Stephanie Green



Friday 29th October

St Nicholas' Church Blakeney at 7pm

In an talk with numerous photographs as well as illustrations by acclaimed local artist Robert Gillmor, Tom and Stephanie tell the story of island life and how they took a year out from teaching and nursing to live on Cape Clear Island with their newborn baby while running the Bird Observatory there without electricity, telephone or running water.

Miranda Krestovnikoff, presenter: BBC 'Coast' series wrote of their 2009 retrospective book;

Tom and Stephanie's 'Echoes from Cape Clear', is a real life adventure to one of the most remote and lovely spots around our shores. This beautiful and poetic account of a year in the 1960s watching wildlife - be it birds or Basking Sharks is a delight to read. I wish I had been in their shoes and shared their experiences!

Admission Free. Donations in aid of Friends of Blakeney Church

Covid Safety - Mask wearing is recommended

BLAKENEY CHANNEL COASTAL COMMUNITY TEAM - B3CT

PUBLIC EXHIBITION

SATURDAY 30th October 2021 – 1500 to 1700

At: Blakeney Village Hall

Purpose of exhibition:

- LIR TO CON • An update on the work of B
- Display of B3CT's design to maintain navigation of the
- We want your views and input on the future for New Cut

ALL ARE WELCOME – but please reserve a place

To book a place please contact: info.b3ct@qmail.com



SPARKLES!



A Gala Concert

Celebrating the arrival of Cley Church's new grand piano

Sparkling Music, Sparkling Wine and Sparklers!

Brenda Blewett and Mark Jones - piano Susie Self – mezzo soprano Julian Godlee – bass

7pm Saturday 6 November – Cley Church Free admission – retiring collection glavenvalleychurches.org.uk







A Matinee show featuring the music of Dusty Springfield, Matt Monro, Cilla Black, Cliff Richard, Petula Clark & Many More!

Tuesday 2 November, 2.00pm - 4.30pm The Venue, Kerridge Way, Holt

Tickets £10 (including Tea/Coffee & Cakes)

Tel. 01263 733 845 or in person from The Venue & Thoughtful Expressions, Holt

Raffle in aid of Holt Community Café, Charity No .1046613