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THOUGHT FOR APRIL

Dear Friends,

We heard in recent days of the disappearance of the air liner in the South China seas and search for survivors and wreckage, none of which has yet to be found. Soon the search will be called off as all hope appears to have gone, and our hearts go out to all concerned and all we can do is offer them all to God. As believers in Jesus Christ there is always hope, even in the face of darkness and death. For as we remember in Lent, God in Jesus walked this earth before us, sharing our sufferings and sharing our temptations, yet without sin. He understands. Ultimately He even shared our death on the Good Friday Cross. We know the hope did not end on that cross, nor in the tomb, and all was made plain on the first Easter Day of Resurrection. Then it was seen that the suffering path had to be followed in order for the Day of Resurrection Glory to come.

Now we do not know why such disasters like the China Seas aeroplane happen in life, but we do know that we do not travel alone, for God in Christ is with us, and one day we will understand, when we shall see Him face to face. Until then we have a certain hope that nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord, however dark the situation may seem. For our hope is founded in God who is always with us wherever our journeying may take us as we go from the darkness of the Good Friday Cross to the resurrection light of Easter morning.

Every blessing,
Simon

(Revd. Simon Lawrence, Rural Dean, St. Benet’s at Waxham & Tunstead)

APRIL COVER
Another thought-provoker based on ‘Empty Tomb and Three Crosses’, a photograph by Collette Scharf.

Nick Walmsley
SUNDAY SERVICES – April

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**HOVETON ST PETER CHURCH**

This year’s Annual General Meeting of Hoveton St Peter Church will take place on Monday 28th April 2014 at 3:00pm, in the church. All are welcome. The PCC is looking for a new Treasurer – it is not an onerous role and if anyone would like further information, please contact the PCC Secretary, Alex Howe on 01603 783096 or 07702 607130.

**FRIENDS OF WROXHAM CHURCH**

*President: Right Reverend Graham James, Bishop of Norwich  Charity no: 1107913*

Our film for April, showing in Wroxham Church Hall at 2:30pm & 7:00pm on **Saturday 26th April**, will be **“Philomena”**, starring Judi Dench and Steve Coogan.

*A world-weary political journalist picks up the story of a woman’s search for her son, who was taken away from her decades ago after she became pregnant and was forced to live in a convent.*

Please note that film show tickets can now also be bought at Broads News, Riverside Centre, Hoveton.

Make sure you book this date now – **Saturday 14th June** at 3pm, when Michael Loveday from HEART (Norwich Heritage, Economic and Regeneration Trust) will be giving what should be a fascinating illustrated talk all about Norwich.

If you have any ideas for fundraising activities, or would like to join the Friends and get involved, please contact Val Ovenden on 01603 782466 or email fowc@btinternet.com.
UNITED REFORMED CHURCH
Minister: Rev Matt Stone, Tel: 01603 781623, matt.stone@cantab.net
Wroxham & Hoveton United Reformed Church is an informal and friendly church, meeting in our building, The Wroxham Hub, at 114 Norwich Rd, opposite The Avenue. We love to welcome visitors – why not come along and give us a try? There is provision for children during services too.

Services and Events in April

Thu 3rd 7pm Churches Together Lent Course St Helen’s
Sat 5th 2pm Spring Sale Hoveton Village Hall
Sun 6th 11am Worship led by Graham Fletcher
Sun 13th 10.30am JAM Kids Club
Sun 13th 11am Palm Sunday Worship led by Jenni Stone
Mon 14th 6pm Holy Week Communion Service, led by Matt Stone
Fri 18th 10am Good Friday Walk of Witness, starting at St John’s, Hoveton
Fri 18th 11.15am Good Friday Service, led by Matt Stone
Sun 20th 11.15am Easter Family Communion, led by Matt Stone,
followed by Easter Egg Hunt
Sun 27th 11am Worship, led by Carrie Sant

Coffee is served after each service. Please do join us!

Matt’s Musings
Our Easter Day Family Service on 20th April is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate Jesus’ resurrection and the hope God offers us, and ends with an Easter egg hunt for children.

Our weekly Open House is a great opportunity to meet up with friends over a coffee and slice of homemade cake or for a simple soup lunch. It is free – all we ask for is a small donation towards the costs. Open House meets every Thursday from 10:30am to 1pm. All are welcome!

MOTHERS’ UNION – WROXHAM BENEFICE BRANCH
We are lucky to have Kay Dorling coming to visit us on Tuesday, 15th April to talk about Branch Worship and intercessory prayer in particular. She will definitely be an inspirational speaker.

Please put a note in your diary for Tuesday, 20th May, when the Reverend Monty Elson will be leading a quiet morning at St. Helen’s. All MU Members from the Broadland area are welcome to join us for this contemplative and informative morning. Everyone (not just members) is very welcome to join us at 10:30am at St Helen’s. Please contact Suzanne Barnett (782002) or Val Ovenden (782466) for more details, or to arrange lifts.
ST HELEN’S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Ash Wednesday: 5\textsuperscript{th} March at 6pm - Mass and Distribution of Ashes.

Women’s World Day of Prayer: this year’s service will be held at 10:30am on Friday 7\textsuperscript{th} March in St Helen’s – see separate item for more details.

Churches Together Lent Course: will be held on Thursdays at 7pm during Lent (see poster) on the subject of Prayer. The meetings on 13\textsuperscript{th} March and 3\textsuperscript{rd} April will be at St Helen’s.

“Children’s Church”: looks at the themes in our weekly Mass and works towards First Holy Communion. When operating it runs in school term-time during the Parish Mass on Saturday evening at 17:30. Our catechists are qualified teachers and are all CRB / DBS checked.

“The Three Cs”: Over the next two months our cheerful Coffee Cake and Chat is on Wednesday 5\textsuperscript{th} March from 10:30-11:30 (or thereabouts). The cost is only £1.20p for coffee or tea and a cake at the “Old Original”, which is far less than anywhere else in the village and just as good quality: proceeds go to charity. We look forward to seeing all our regulars and greeting newcomers in the Narthex at St Helen’s.

Fourth Wednesday Club: meets on Wednesday 26\textsuperscript{th} March. A social club, open to all “Senior Citizens” over 60 from 11:30 – 16:30, with a buffet lunch at 12:30. It is a friendly gathering, fulfilling a local need. In addition to funding the running of the Club, the modest £2 sub includes homespun entertainment and a raffle. Any “profit” is distributed to local charities.

Rooms available: St Helen’s has rooms available for small bona fide meetings and gatherings of up to 30 people; several village organisations meet here on a regular basis. Facilities for preparing light snacks and hot drinks are available (you bring your own refreshments). Centrally situated with excellent car parking. Please call 01603 782758 for further details.

BROADGRACE CHURCH

Minister: John Hindley Telephone: 01603 737974
Email: enquiries@broadgrace.org.uk Website: www.broadgrace.org.uk

Services: We meet each Sunday at 4pm, usually in the Broadland Youth and Community Centre, Stalham Road, Hoveton. Occasionally we meet at Coltishall Village Hall instead. See our banner outside the Broadland Youth and Community Centre or our website (www.broadgrace.org.uk) for where we are meeting this week, or give John a call if it is easier.

NEATISHEAD BAPTIST CHURCH

Tuesday 29\textsuperscript{th} April at 2:30pm. Everyone is invited to a Tea and Cake hour, at the Baptist Church in Chapel Lane, Neatishead. Come along and enjoy a cuppa, a chat with friends and maybe you will make a new friend. No charge, but any donation will be given towards the defibrillator for the New Victory Hall.

Joan Wellsted, Secretary, Tel: 01603 417792
LIBRARY AND SCHOOL NEWS

Wroxham Library: Tel: 01603 782560 or Email: wroxham.lib@norfolk.gov.uk

Coffee Mornings every Monday, 10:00am – 12:00pm. All welcome.

Bounce and Rhyme Time at the library on alternate Tuesdays 1:30pm – 2:00pm during term time only. Songs and rhymes for babies, toddlers, parents and carers. The next dates are: 29th April, 13th May.

Get Online with Learn My Way.com: The Learn My Way website is designed to help people take their first steps with computers and the Internet. Free 1 hour sessions - book yours now for help with getting started and online.

HAPPY HOURS 2 for 1 on DVDs and CDs:
Monday: 10am - 1pm; Wednesday: 2pm - 5pm; Friday: 4:30pm – 7:30pm.
The Scrabble Club meets on the last Thursday of each month from 2 – 4:30pm. All welcome. Refreshments provided.

Wroxham library now has Free WiFi access. Anybody wanting WiFi access needs to be a member of the Norfolk Library service, which is also free and then use their library card number and Pin to log in. With few other WiFi spots in the area, we hope this new service will be much used and appreciated.

The Jobseeker Support Book Collection is now available to help people in the county who are looking for employment. The collection includes titles on Interview skills, writing CVs, job searching, careers, to titles on starting a business. All of the titles in the Jobseeker Support collection can be reserved free of charge and borrowed for up to 6 weeks.

An invitation to enjoy a Free Talk on “St Benet’s Abbey and its literary connections” by St Benet’s Abbey project coordinator and local author Caroline Davison. Find out something new about Norfolk’s heritage! Thursday 15th May 6pm - 7pm. Booking is essential and refreshments will be provided.

Once a month the WVRS provide a Home Delivery Service of Library Books in the Wroxham area to those physically unable to visit the library. To supply the right type of books, we take details of their favourite authors or subjects of interest. We are looking to extend the area we currently offer this service to and would like to hear about anyone in the villages surrounding Wroxham, who might benefit. Please contact the library for further information.

CLUB NEWS

Wroxham Flower Club
Our April meeting will be on Wednesday 9th April at the Wroxham Church Hall 7:30pm. Our demonstrator will be Vicky Hease from Peterborough. For further information, please telephone 782075. Visitors always welcome.
SOLO CLUB
This is a Club for anyone (male or female) who live on their own and are over 55yrs. The meetings take place in the Hoveton Village Hall, on the 2nd Tuesday in the month, from 2:00pm – 4:00pm. This is mainly a social get-together - we have the occasional speaker (in April we are having a talk by members from Blickling National Trust), which will be very entertaining! We would welcome new visitors. If you wish for more information, please ring 01603 782178 or 782312.

WROXHAM SOCIAL CLUB
Thanks to Jeff or his devious postal quiz, the answers of which were place names in Norfolk. Two lucky winners won £15 each.

Programme of future events:
29th March: Christine’s “Wacky Words” (you have to be there to believe it);
5th April: Julian’s Bar Quiz with party foods (as several of us are achieving 0s this year);
12th April: Bingo; 26th April: Whist.

Bowls season starts in May and Peter Barnett is already manicuring the green. There are vacancies for new members (over 16). The Club has facilities for Snooker, Table Tennis, Darts and Lawn Bowls. The bar has comfortable seating and tables. Pop in, we would be pleased to meet you. For more information, please contact Rosemary Burdett (Chairman) on 419811 or any committee member.

THE GET TOGETHER CLUB
Come and Join us as the Get Together Club (a social club for the over 50s, both men and women) at Horning Village Hall on Tuesday 8th April at 2:30pm. Rachel Duffield joins us again, this time as Marie Lloyd, singing songs from that period. This is followed by our monthly raffle. £5 annual subscription & 50p for refreshments.

HOVETON, WROXHAM & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB
At our March meeting, Pam Culley was presented with a rose, especially named for her, for her great dedication to the club. Members were reminded of the evening trip to The Mowle at Ludham on Friday 2nd May and that tickets were available for the day trip to Sandringham on Thursday 3rd July.

We then had an informative and interesting talk on growing vegetables by Pauline Harper, when many of us learnt something new. Thanks go to her for the seeds that she gave to club members.

Friday 4th April, 7:30pm at Hoveton Village Hall, we will be holding our Spring Show, plus there will be a demonstration of hanging basket and container planting by Peter Chinnery, of Peter Beales Roses, followed by refreshments and a raffle.

If you have any interest in gardens or gardening, do come and join us, as we are sure you will enjoy our friendly club. Call Pat 01603 782523 or Julian on 01603 782883.
GARDENING TIPS FOR APRIL
This time of year there is always plenty to do, although we have been very fortunate with the weather, so you should be fairly up to date with your gardening jobs.

Your lawns should be growing well, keep trimming them regularly. If you have moss (who has not!) and you have not treated it yet, do not worry, you can incorporate it with the spring fertiliser containing iron. There are some 4 in 1 brands available still at last year’s prices. If you have some bare or thin patches, fluff up the area with a spring tined rake, over seed and cover lightly with some fine soil.

Keep on top of those weeds in your flower borders with your hoe.

Then give a light feed around shrubs, roses, evergreens and climbers (especially clematis) and fork it in gently.

You should have pruned your roses by now, but if you have not, do it soon. Cut out dead, diseased and weak growth first and reduce strong stems to an outward facing bud.

If you like fresh salad and vegetable crops, now is the time to get sowing.

Broad beans must go in before it is too late.

Plant out potatoes; if you have very little space, try some in a large pot or container.

Plant out onions and shallots; if the blackbirds flick them out of the ground, plant them in cell trays and plant out a little later as plug plants.

It is also time for carrots, beetroot and peas. Sow in short rows, so you have a succession of produce.

With salad crops of lettuce, radish and spring onions, sow in short rows once again or even in a container.

Sow hardy herbs like dill, fennel, coriander or parsley.

If you like a splash of colour, sow some bedding plants early in the month or buy a few plug plants to grow on.

My fish have been swimming around a lot lately, especially all of the babies that survived. I have already started feeding them on warm days.

Divide up overgrown pond plants, keep the best and plant into pond planters. Clear any debris and remaining leaves.

Do not forget to keep your net or wire up to keep that heron away.

If you would like to meet fellow keen gardeners, you are very welcome to join us at Hoveton, Wroxham & District Gardening Club. At our next meeting Peter Chinnery, from Peter Beales Roses of Attleborough, will be demonstrating the art of Hanging basket and Container planting.

Michael Ottaway, Chairman

HOVETON ST JOHN 100 CLUB
The winners of the February draw were: 1st prize - A Hindley with number 21 and 2nd prize with number 28n - F & J Kinge. The winners of the March draw were: 1st prize with number 1 - D Barnett and 2nd prize with number 31 - V Martin. Congratulations to the winners and many thanks to all who support this fund raising for St John’s Church, Hoveton.
WROXHAM AND DISTRICT U3A
We are one branch of a national organisation that promotes self-help learning through sharing knowledge and skills, or following courses available through various sources. We have groups at present who are interested in Art Appreciation, Computing, Classical Music, Painting, Folk Dancing, French Conversation, Gardening, Walking, and Bird Watching. We have a website u3awroxham.co.uk, where you can find out more details or ring Corrie on 01603 782755.
We come together at a monthly meeting and in March we had a couple, who jogged our memories about the ‘40’s, ‘50’s and ‘60’s in a very entertaining way. Our April meeting will be in The Hub, Wroxham, as usual on Tuesday 15th at 2:30pm, when there will be slides of journeys in Malaysia and Thailand. Anyone is welcome to come and join us, and find out more about the group.
On 29th April we are organising a visit to Sandringham, in particular to see a special exhibition of Edward Seago paintings, but also to enjoy the house and gardens. Any members can sign up at the monthly meeting or let Corrie know, so that transport can be shared.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMEN’S SECTION WROXHAM HOVETON AND DISTRICT BRANCH
On Tuesday 15th April at our monthly Branch meeting, we will be welcoming a representative from the R.N.L.I. There will also be refreshments, a raffle and time to chat. This will be at our usual venue Trafford Walk Community Room at 2pm. Ladies, please give us a try, bring a friend, we will always give you a very warm welcome. May we also remind you that a background in the Services is not necessary should you wish to become a member, just a wish to help with the provision of care and support to the ex-Service Community’s Widows and Children. For any further information, please ring 782312.

ROTARY CLUB OF BROADLANDS
The Rotary Club of Broadlands recently celebrated its 40th Birthday with a dinner and entertainment at the Old Rectory Hotel at Crostwick. About 70 members and guests attended, including two of the founder members of the club from all those years ago. They were John Place, who lives in Horning and David Elliot, who lives in Hoveton. The Rotary Club meets at the Old Rectory Hotel every Thursday for lunch and most weeks we have a guest speaker, who gives a talk for about 30 minutes.
Our recent talks have included subjects such as “Fracking – A solution to the UK Energy Problem”, “A visit to North Korea”, “The Battle of Trafalgar”, ”Voluntary Service in Cambodia” and “The Moscow Underground”. Broadlands Rotary Club is always looking to welcome men and women from all walks of life into our club, so please ring Richard Mayer on 01603 715796 for details, or visit www.rotaryclubofbroadlands.org.uk.
WROXHAM & HOVETON LIONS CLUB

Well, Spring has arrived and the Spring flowers and blossom are in abundance. How a few days good weather lifts the spirits.

We held a very successful Craft Fair and were very fortunate to be one of the venues for Radio Norfolk’s Treasure Quest, which all added to the enjoyment of the day.

A number of our members attended the District’s 35th Annual Convention, which was held at the Airport Holiday Inn. We were very lucky to have, as guest of honour, the International President of Lions Clubs International, Barry J Palmer from New South Wales, Australia. During his week in the UK, he and his wife Anne, met, among others, the Countess of Wessex (our patron) and Sir John Major, in recognition of the work of Lions Clubs International. He was also a guest of the House of Lords and along with fellow Lions and Members of Parliament, Mr. and Mrs. Palmer celebrated United Nations Day in the House of Commons.

In addition to the normal business meeting, and banquet and ball, our members also took part in the fancy dress evening, which was themed around “Harry Potter”. Thinking a little outside the box, the ladies, dressed as hogs and the men as warts (!!), and gave a rendition of “Always look on the bright side of life”, with verses suitably amended to fit in with the theme. Quite a sight to behold and hopefully, we will be able to include a photograph of this amazing sight, with our next report.

Everyone enjoyed the tremendous friendship and fellowship throughout the weekend.

Following our announcement that the Club has twinned with the Lions Club of Kochersberg, near Strasbourg, France, six of their members came to stay with us for a few days. Despite the brief duration of the visit, we had a fantastic time and are sure this friendship will continue for many years.

As the better weather will be on its way soon (we hope!), we will shortly be preparing the Precinct Tombola for business and we look forward to seeing some of you to try your luck.

The charities we will be supporting this year will be announced shortly.

This month’s £100 Charity Shop draw goes to Autism Anglia, who were nominated by S Burman of Tunstead, who donated items to the shop.

We are always keen to welcome people who have a few hours to spare occasionally and would like to make a difference in their local community, whilst at the same time having some fun. If you feel you would like to make that difference, just give our President, Lion Ros Clipston a ring on 01603 429380 or alternatively contact our Membership Chairperson Lion Suzanne Barnett on 01603 782002. If you prefer, feel free to come along to one of our meetings, which are held in the Broadland Youth and Community Centre, at 8pm on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month. We are a friendly bunch and you will be made very welcome.

Ros Clipston, President
HOVETON & DISTRICT CONSERVATIVE COFFEE CLUB
Our next meeting at The Hotel Wroxham will be on Thursday, 24th April, at 10:30am. With Spring in the air we are delighted to welcome Mr Michael Brooks, whose subject will be “Daffodils”. Contact Tel: 01603 783490.

WROXHAM BURE VALLEY ROTARY CLUB
After a busy start to the year, we are now concentrating on two major forthcoming events. The first of these is the annual and popular BURE VALLEY RAILWAY SPONSORED WALK in aid of Macmillan. This is takes place over the weekend of 26th / 27th April - more details on the special web-site www.bvw2014.co.uk, but all Wroxham Bure Valley Rotary Club members and supporters are asked to mark their walk forms accordingly, as this allows us to share some of the money we raise with other local charities, supported by our club - we have a supply of pre-stamped forms, so just contact any club member. Hopefully we will have good weather again this year and for 2014 we have a new initiative – we will be selling ice creams and cold drinks at Buxton Station, again in aid of charity. The second event is our summer “in a real barn” CHARITY BARN DANCE. This takes place on Saturday 28th June and tickets are now available. It is a great night out and features music with a proper caller from Willowspin, and tickets include a fish and chips supper. There is also a pay bottle bar. It will be raising funds for both local and international charities – this year Nelson’s Journey and Shelterbox. Tickets cost only £20 (available from any member of Wroxham Bure Valley Rotary Club), so it is a great night out and great value.

We are also arranging a GRAND CHARITY COLLECTION on Saturday 12th April in aid of The International Aid Trust, based in Great Yarmouth. Please bring along any unwanted items of adult and children’s clothing (including coats and hats), bedding, curtains, rugs, toys, wool, etc. to Wroxham Church Hall between 11am and 3pm. All items go to poor families in Eastern Europe, Africa and Asia.

Our up-to-date programme through to August is now on the web site - if you have not already done so, have a look at it, as there is something to interest everyone – we really have a great programme of guest speakers this year. If our lively social group with its great balance of committed fund raising and interesting meetings, and visits sounds good to you, we are always looking to welcome new members. We welcome both men and women from all walks of life, so if you are interested in joining us, please come along to one of our meetings, where guests are always welcome, we meet Monday evenings from 7pm. Our meetings generally take place in the restaurant at Wroxham Barns and include a two course meal. Visit our web-site on www.wroxhamrotary.org.uk for more information or contact our president, Simon Gorton on 01692 538582. Or come and see us on the village green at Horning Boat Show on 3rd May, where we will have a stand and can tell you more in person.
THE PROBUS CLUB OF BROADLANDS

A club for men, who have worked in a professional or business capacity and who are retired, semi-retired, or approaching retirement. The main purpose of the Club is to provide an environment for socialising between Members who share common interests and to enable them to increase their social contacts. The Club is non-political and non-sectarian, and meets on the last Wednesday of the month at the Norfolk Mead in Coltishall.

At our meeting in February there was a presentation by Neil Storey entitled Grim Tales and Dark Deeds in Norfolk and Suffolk. Neil is a historian, a research academic and lecturer, who has studied Norfolk and Suffolk folk tales and legends. He has written a number of books on ghost stories.

Neil explained that Norfolk has one of the greatest concentrations of medieval churches in Europe and accordingly has many graveyards. Ghost tales often centre on graveyards and the recently dead, so it is no surprise that Norfolk is the most haunted county in England. Prior to the current Hall, there was at Blickling a great house, which was the home of the Bullen family, whose name later changed to Boleyn, from which Anne Boleyn was descended. When Anne was sentenced to death, she would normally have been hanged, but she was granted dispensation for her request to be beheaded by a swordsman from Calais. Her body lies within the walls of the Tower of London. It is said that every year on the anniversary of her death on 19th May 1536, a carriage appears in the drive at Blickling, driven by a man with no head and with Anne in the back.

Another tale was about William Wymondham of Felbrigg Hall, who was given three books by his friend Dr. Johnson – the Iliad, the Odyssey and the New Testament. One night there was a fire at William’s home and he was crushed by a beam. The three books survived the fire. It is recorded that if the three books are placed in the library, then at midnight William’s ghost can be seen leafing through them.

There are a number of themes that run throughout ghost stories; one in particular involves a large fierce black dog called Shuck. There are early accounts of Shuck throughout Broadlands. It has been sighted recently near Horsey by youths, who chased it with sticks. There was a black dog of Newgate prison that, it is said, came up from Hell to claim the soul of those who were executed.

There is a legend in Suffolk that a black dog appears during lightning storms and anyone it touches is killed, leaving only scorch marks. At the church in Blythburgh, the dog down the tower dislodging masonry and the damage can still be seen. The dog was driven out by the Vicar and there are still claw marks on the church door where it tried to escape.

In 1788 in North Walsham Elizabeth Barry, an actress, was in an amateur play that involved placing her hand on a skull. She later became successful in London and subsequently returned to North Walsham. The original play was revived and during a performance, as a storm raged outside, she again placed her hand on the skull and immediately collapsed and died. When research was carried out to find the identity of the
skull, it turned out to be that of John Norris, who was Elizabeth’s first husband. She had poleaxed him following a violent argument. These were just a few of the many stories told by Neil to the entertainment and delight of Members. We look forward to our next meeting in March, when the Speaker will be David Revell on the subject of the North Walsham and Dilham canal.

New members are always welcome. The Norfolk Mead provides an excellent venue for our meetings. The food is of the highest quality and our lunch is at very reasonable cost. We look forward to the coming warmer weather, when we can adjourn to the gardens for drinks. Those interested in joining the Club should contact Ian Anderson on 01603 737298. We hope to see you at our next meeting.

WHB TWINNING ASSOCIATION
The Twinning committee were all delighted at our meeting in March that the 20 year anniversary visit of our twinned villages, La Pommeraye and Montjean-sur-Loire, in August this year is more or less in order, deposits paid for our boat trip on Friday 15th and our visit to Great Yarmouth circus, likewise our Saturday evening dinner and ceilidh at the Victory Hall in Neatishead, and also the Thursday evening reception at Wroxham Yacht Club.

Our trip to Southwold on the Monday is taking shape and Peter will firm up arrangements there after Easter, when more businesses will be open. Many thanks to the committee members who have done sterling work on these.

Socially, the French Conversation group met at Gill’s in South Walsham in March to talk about le printemps/Spring and we did have some lovely spring weather to help us along. Two of our members, Jane and Phil, are usually in the bistro, Bouchon, in Hoveton on Thursday afternoons from 3pm for French conversation if anyone would like to join them there also. The Book club changed their choice to “Two Brothers” by Ben Elton for March and met at Maggie’s in Belaugh: we could not get enough copies of Ruth’s choice of “Fallen Skies” by Philippa Gregory, so have postponed that till April and will buy some books on eBay etc., hopefully.

We are still working on our website and hope to have it more up to date, and with more information and photographs soon. Jane’s newsletters and these articles are useful for keeping members and others informed, but we do live in a digital age and we must keep with it. If you would like any more information, please contact us via Peter Milsted on 01603 782733 or peter_c_milsted@talk21.com.
WROXHAM FOOTBALL CLUB
Good news, a cup final to look forward to! The 1st team reached the final of the Norfolk Senior Cup for the second season running after a 3-2 win against Kings Lynn Town. Against the odds, the team gave an excellent display to beat the Linnets, who play in a higher league and now meet Gorleston, who were surprise winners against Norwich City U21. The final will be played at Carrow on Thurs May 15 after the end of the league season, which finishes on Sat Apr 26th at home to lowly Erith & Belverdere. But that date may also now be significant as a poor run has seen us drawn into a relegation battle. Each game will now be a cup final, as several points were dropped due to last minute goals against us. The lads really do need some extra support in the two other remaining home games against Cheshunt on 5th April and Burnham Ramblers on 19th. The Reserves are also looking nervously at the teams below them, as they too need at least one more win from their remaining games to stay up.
The U18’s continue to do well and are still well placed to overhaul the teams above them if they win their remaining games. Fortunately one game against Dereham, which we were losing was abandoned, due to fog and will be replayed.
Our partnership with Open Academy is looking good as they won the Cowles Cup for Norfolk Schools against Springwood of Kings Lynn, 4-0, at Norfolk FA’s Development Centre in Bowthorpe.
For full club details view our website www.wroxhamfc.com or follow on Twitter @the_yachtsmen, which now has nearly 1800 followers!
To book the clubhouse for any function, call Geoff Skeet on 783538.

HOVETON BOWLS CLUB
Last Season We Won the Duffield Cup
Open Day 26th April 10:30am to 4:30pm
The Bowling Club will open on Saturday 19th April 2014 with our usual roll up starting at 2:30pm, weather permitting.
A membership fee of £45 or a Social payment of £10 is due at the beginning of the season. We have a full programme for 2014. League matches are played in the afternoons, internal competitions on Saturdays. Friendly roll ups Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. We have two social lunches yearly, held in the Village Hall.
Bowls is a great sport; it provides gentle exercise and enhances your social life. Adults of all ages are very welcome so come along and have a try. Bowls equipment will be provided, just bring flat soled shoes or bowling shoes. Advice and tuition will be given by members on the day.
For further information contact social secretary Carole Yallop on 01603 722937, Chairman Mr Bob Oulds on 01603 783821, or Club Captain Mr Ernie Rogers on 01603 782358. We will be pleased to help.
WROXHAM WI
We had “Living History at Blickling Hall” by Elizabeth Scott at our February meeting. Elizabeth and her colleagues in costume really knew how to make life “below stairs” seem fascinating, interesting and funny all at the same time. The last bowling match of the League took place on 20th February and all thanks to Susan Roberts and Shirley Leggett, who played brilliantly, Wroxham WI won by 288 pins.
Our April speaker is Gerry Foster, talking about “Sheepdog Trailing & Training”. Remember One Man and his Dog? If you have a mutt that will not do as it is told, this should give you a few tips. We have lots of forthcoming events in 2014 and one is a trip to the Shard in London with afternoon tea, on 2nd July. If you think this might interest you, please contact Margaret Pavitt on 783148. If you would like to join us, we meet every 3rd Wednesday in the month at Wroxham Church Hall at 2:30pm.

HOVETON & DISTRICT WI
Our March speaker was David Morton, who regaled us with the history of Buckingham Palace. In 1531 Henry VIII brought the site of Buckingham Palace back into royal hands for the first time since William the Conqueror gave the site to Geoffrey de Mandeville almost 500 years earlier. Various owners leased it from royalty with the first house being erected in 1624, before being destroyed by fire in 1674. Arlington House was rebuilt on the site and its freehold was purchased in 1702. Buckingham House was constructed on the site a year later and was built for the 1st Duke of Buckingham. In 1761 the house was purchased by George III as a private retreat for Queen Charlotte and became known as “The Queen’s House”. Successive monarchs modified the house and it finally became the principal royal residence in 1837 on the accession of Queen Victoria. In 1850 the east wing of the palace was added, which included a balcony for the monarch to see off her troops to the Crimea. It was during her reign that it became known as Buckingham Palace. The last major building work was carried out in 1913, when George V hired Thomas Cubbitt from Buxton, Norfolk to restore the crumbling and discoloured east wing façade. The most recent addition to the structure was The Queen’s Gallery in 1962, which was built on the site of the royal chapel, which was damaged by a German bomb in World War II. Today it remains the largest working royal palace in the world. We thank David for an interesting insight into the heritage of this iconic building.
Our next meeting will be at Hoveton Village Hall on Wednesday 2nd April at 2:15pm, when Tony Brown will talk about “Wings in the Garden”. Visitors and new members are very welcome.
We will also be holding a “Spring Fair” on Saturday 12th April at Hoveton Village Hall from 10am to 2pm. Please come along and purchase gifts, craft items, cakes or pop in for a light lunch. For further information, please phone Sue Cobb on 01603 783387.
**1ST WROXHAM GUIDES**

Wroxham Guides joined Salhouse Guides and other Rainbow and Brownie Units from Hautbois District at the Hautbois World Thinking Day event. The theme for the sessions was Dragons - after the opening game, over 100 of us joined together for an opening ceremony. There was time to reflect on lives of Lord and Lady Baden Powell and our Guiding family - 10 million Girl Guides and Girl Scouts in 145 countries around the world. The Guides made some beautiful cards, using Encaustic Art – they used purpose made low temperature irons and tools to spread molten wax colours with dragon stamps before they made bread and shaped them into dragons, complete with scales. The Brownies and Rainbows enjoyed shorter activities – crafts, dance and 2 different food activities, before we all came back together for the closing ceremony.

The Patrol times have been varied – pizza making, creating slogans and jingles for audio adverts, looked at what makes a good CV and played a game about communication skills. As part of the Big Brownie Birthday Badge, we welcomed Eloise into Guides and she kindly helped Guides learn how to knit.

We also welcomed a midwife in to talk about the different roles she does and a make-up artist to talk about the various treatments and remedies she does. Three Guides, who have almost finished their Baden Powell Challenge, are going to a residential event at the time of writing this – hopefully one of them will write a report for next month.

From Norjam 2014 to Sangam 2015. Wroxham Guides are looking to go to Sangam in India, one of the four Guide Centres – the others are in London, Switzerland and Mexico, with a pilot project taking place in Africa. Having held a parents meeting with the older Guide and their parents, a community development project in India is a possibility. Hopefully by the time the next edition of The Bridge is out, we will have more news.

*Kate - Leader 1st Wroxham Guides, 01603 722665; katherine135@btinternet.com*

**PS** We still have a couple of tables left for our Quiz and Chips night Saturday 17th May. £5 a ticket at Wroxham Church Hall – contact me or Liesl on 07979 380670 or lieslmassingham@aol.com.

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**NEATISHEAD COMMUNITY GYM**

If you have not been along to the gym yet, then why not come along for a FREE TASTER SESSION. No special clothing is needed; wear something loose with trainers or soft-soled shoes. We are open Sun (8:30 to 11:30), and Mon and Weds (8:30 to 12:30) at the New Victory Hall, Neatishead.

Our prices are affordable (from £16 per month). Unlike larger gyms, there is no contract to sign. Save time and money by keeping it local!

For more information email us on gym@victoryhall.info or ring 01692 535342.
Firstly by way of an apology from the March issue referring to the after dinner review of BHR from the beginning to present day by those representing appropriate years, three speakers were inadvertently missed being Allan Shirley, Keith Wheeldon and Daniel Hansell.

The first official event for 2014 was our Annual Meeting, held in Dickerson’s Diner on Saturday 1st March, commencing at 7pm and finishing at 10:25pm. Chaired as usual by Mr Peter Bower, it got underway fairly promptly and having been planned to finish no later than 10:30pm was an indication how well the meeting had been conducted especially in view of the normal large agenda consisting of 26 items, including 16 reports from the various departments. The Chairman welcomed a well-attended meeting, this being the 50th. 2013 had been a good year financially, although attendances had been low; overall this had been enhanced by the numerous special events in connection with the 50th anniversary celebrations. Considering the amount of help and attendance given by the 1st Stalham Sea Scout Group, our nominated Charity for 2013 it was readily agreed to donate £2000 to them. The Leah Wilby Foundation was chosen to be our nominated charity for 2015, which had been set up after Leah had battled cancer in her early years of life.

Thanks were given to Dean Howard from the Wherry Charter Trust, who had helped greatly with preparing Silver Dart (one of our electric boats) for the water. A gift token was to be given to him in recognition. The following changes to staff positions were announced. Stephen Roberts to Assistant Skipper, Christine Strong to Ticketing for Riverside West, Ernie Watkins to Joint Friends Stall Supervisor, Robert Cooper to Driving, Archie Roques to Senior Guard, Thomas Roberts & Joshua Bray to Guards and Steve Purcell to Consultant Engineer. Recognition was also given to Steve for his invaluable contribution to BHR during 2013. Thanks to John Mason & Ted Yates, BHR was represented at the Norwich Railway Society Show on 1st March, prior to the Annual Meeting. There will be a Film Night at Barton House at 7:30pm on Saturday 5th April, presented by Peter Bower and following the Preparation Day on Sunday 16th March the Pre-Running & Training Day will be on Sunday 13th April.

NEXT RUNNING: A “DOUBLE BILL”
ON EASTER SUNDAY & MONDAY 20TH & 21ST APRIL

Additional running days: Sunday 4th May, Joint Running with Wherry Yacht Charter Group and Bank Holiday Monday 25th August.
COUNCIL NEWS

HOVETON PARISH COUNCIL – www.hoveton-pc.org.uk

Business Plan: As part of the process to develop our business plan we have previously undertaken to hold a public meeting, ahead of the Annual Parish Meeting, at which to gather the views of the community. This was alongside our leaflet, which you will have received in last month’s Bridge magazine, and the information on our website. At our meeting in March, the Parish Council considered that a series of open “surgeries” might be more convenient for residents, rather than asking you to attend a formal meeting. As a result, we will be holding 4 mid-week surgeries towards the end of April, when two Councillors will be available for two hours to hear your views and suggestion. Subject to permission, we intend to hold these surgeries in the main Roys complex on the 22\textsuperscript{nd}/23\textsuperscript{rd} April and again on the 1\textsuperscript{st}/2\textsuperscript{nd} May. Exact details and timings will be publicised nearer the time.

Litter Bins: Residents will be pleased to see that the litter bins opposite the Village Hall & Hoveton St John School have been replaced. We apologise again for the gap between disposal of the old and delivery of the new bins, and it is regrettable that some residents have had to bear the brunt of “doggy parcels” left hanging on branches, mainly along the Public Footpath, during the 4 weeks before the new bins arrived. It is disappointing that a small number of dog owners did not feel able to dispose of the bags in other bins around the village or in their own bins at home.

Dog fouling – no messing! Several comments have been received from residents about dog fouling in and around Hoveton, and whilst it is difficult to “police” the village, the Environmental Health Department at North Norfolk District Council has issued the following information on its web site.

Health – Dog mess is not only unpleasant, but it is also potentially harmful, as it can contain a parasitic worm, called Toxocara. The worm larva can become trapped in the eye, which can cause possible blindness. Young children are at a higher risk of developing Toxocariasis, as they are more likely to come into contact with soil or sand that contains dog mess.

The Council acknowledges that the majority of dog owners are responsible and do clean up after their pets, but there are those who choose not to. It is an offence not to clean up after your dog in any public area in North Norfolk and this includes out of the way beauty spots that are popular with lots of people, not just dog walkers. If you do not clear up after your dog you are liable for a £80 fixed penalty notice (£60 if paid within 10 days). If you do not pay the fixed penalty, then action in magistrates’ courts could result in a fine of up to £1,000 on conviction.

North Norfolk District Council is inviting people who see any instances of dog fouling to report it to the Environment Protection Team on 01263 516085 or emailing ep@north-norfolk.gov.uk.
Community Dog Wardens are now being recruited in a bid to help the District Council tackle dog fouling across the district. Members of the public will be asked to take on local patrols to educate and inform dog owners and to report back to EP team with information.

- Can’t find a red dog mess bin? Do not worry – just bag it up carefully and put it in a public litter bin instead;
- Do not forget to worm your dog regularly.

**ARTICLES AND PRESS RELEASES**

**WROXHAM AND HOVETON COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONDERS**

In February this year Wroxham & Hoveton Community First Responders attended their 3,000th emergency call.

Wroxham and Hoveton Community Responders came into existence at 9am on 22nd January 2007, at which time the team comprised just three members, Shaun Hearn, Richard Baker and Kevin Webster. At 11:20am the first emergency call was received from Ambulance Control to attend a patient with chest pains. Since that day the group has averaged over 400 calls per year, mainly to patients suffering heart attack, chest pains, breathing problems, falling, fitting, strokes, cardiac arrest, or reported as unconscious. The group has now become the busiest responder group in Norfolk, with at least one person being available for call out at all times, including Bank Holidays.

The concept of First Responders came from the work of Dr Richard Cummins of Seattle in the early 1980’s. The research, which he carried out into the survival rate of patients who had suffered Cardiac Arrest, indicated that if a specific series of “events” had taken place in a set sequence, the patient had a greater chance of survival. These “events” are now known as the “Chain of Survival”.

The links in the “chain” are “Early Access”, “Early CPR”, “Early Defibrillation” and “Early Advanced Life Support”. Therefore, it became clear that if the Ambulance Service can get a First Responder, to the scene within a few minutes, who is trained to begin the appropriate care of the patient until a Paramedic or Ambulance Crew arrive to take over, the patient’s chance of survival will be increased.

At present, we have a team of nine, each person gives what time he or she can. Some prefer to do regular shifts every week. Others, with work commitments, do what they can in their free time. Whichever system each individual responder chooses, it is expected that once on call they remain available for the duration of the duty, otherwise we could not ensure that we provide a 24/7 service.
Although our group is called “Wroxham and Hoveton”, in fact we attend patients in a
neighbourhood, which includes Horning, Coltishall, Spixworth, Neatishead,
Ashmanhaugh, Tunstead and many other places in an area that stretches from Sprowston
in the South West to Stalham in the North East and Salhouse in the South East to
Horstead in the North West.
We hope that with the continued support of the community we can continue to serve
those in need - the patients and their families.
Contact Numbers: Kevin 07596788583; Mike 07786064712.

ASHMANHAUGH & BEESTON PRESTON ROOMS
Having blazed a trail for the past seven years as Lady Chair Anne Mulhall and Secretary
Sandra Francis both stepped down at the Preston Room’s AGM on the 27th February.
This saw them going out on a highlight and with parting gifts, namely a wonderfully
refurbished Village Hall and a revenue boost via the brilliant Waitrose North Walsham
“Community Matters” initiative – so look out for our box between now and the end of
March for your Green Tokens should you shop there.
It is not just the Preston Rooms Committee, but the whole village who are indebted to
Anne and Sandra for all their hard work, enthusiasm and drive that has kept our village
hall thriving during their tenure.
Thank you both and we sincerely hope you enjoy your “retirement”.
As our top ladies left, it was time for the men to take the reins with Steve Newstead
elected Chair and Kevin Gee taking the Secretary role, whilst Tim Tyler retains Treasurer
duties. Other Committee members include Pam Culley (Bookings Secretary – 01603
782041), Reverend Sandra Ellison, Marta Gibbons, Jenny Payne, Gary Saunders, Andrew
Buxton, Tom Hannant, Jim Clinch and Alan Wiseman.
With the internal refurbishments complete, now is the time to party and you are all
invited! **Celebratory Tea Party, Saturday 29th March 4:30pm to 7pm**, with a mystery
guest to officially cut the ribbon and declare the refreshed Preston Rooms Open.
Following the expense come the fund raising...and now is the time of year to ask for
Preston Rooms Subscriptions, please pay at the Tea Party, to committee members or at
any event. A full Calendar of Events is available in the hall, but highlights in March and
April are:

- **29th March** – Tea Party Re-Launch
- **5th April** – Bunny Drive! (Ashmanhaugh’s version of Beetle Drive)
- **11th April** – Poetry Evening
- **18th April** – Easter Children’s Activities

It is the number of activities that go on in the village that never ceases to amaze with
Indoor Bowls, Gardening Club, Art Group, Close Knit Knitting Club and Whist Class all
showcasing good Community Spirit in Ashmanhaugh & Beeston, so please continue to
support our new Committee Team.

*Kevin Gee, Secretary*
NOTICES

As part of the **100 year celebration of the First World War**, churches in this Benefice, Wroxham, Hoveton & Belaugh, hope to hold an exhibition in each of the churches, depending on information received. If anyone has any information regarding the memorial plaques in each of the churches of men who served in the 1st World War, could you please contact the following people:

Hoveton St John: Sylvia Tilson, 01603 782008
Hoveton St Peter: Sandy Lines, 01603 782282
Wroxham St Mary: Margaret Davies, 01603 783399
Belaugh St Peter: Jan Evans, 01603 782244

A date has not been fixed for these exhibitions as yet, but watch out for more details.

Belaugh Parish Meeting
The next Parish Meeting, which will be the Annual General Meeting, will take place on Thursday 10th April 2014, at 7:30pm, in The Old School, Belaugh.

*Norman Evans, Chairman* (Tel: 01603 782244; email: belaugh@btinternet.com)

LETTER TO “THE BRIDGE”

Every day we pick up dog waste on the public footpath between The Avenue and Park Road, left by unknown irresponsible dog owners. Not only is this unpleasant, but also dangerous, as it carries harmful bacteria. There are red dog waste bins at both ends of this footpath, so waste bags do not have to be carried along the street, and the council does an excellent job in emptying these bins regularly.

There is no excuse for leaving this mess lying around and of course it is illegal to do so.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

POETRY EVENING, 7pm, Friday 11th April at the Preston Rooms, Ashmanhaugh.
Whether you enjoy reading, reciting, composing or listening to poetry, or just want to sample something new and broaden your horizons, this is the evening for you. Bring a favourite poem, your own or someone else’s and read it aloud to fellow poetry lovers, bring a poem for someone else to read or just come and listen. Try to choose a poem that will take no longer than 3 or 4 minutes to read. If the attendance is small, there may be an opportunity to read a second one. Entrance fee is £3.00, including refreshments. You may
also bring your own wine (and glass) if you wish. For further details contact Suzanne Jones 01603 783696 or e-mail suzanne.jonesmu@btinternet.com.

An **AFTERNOON TEA** to be held at **HERON LODGE** on 20th April 2014. Fund raising for the residents’ Boat trip in September. Big raffle draw i.e. watches, halogen cooker, jewellery, etc. Any type of donation are welcome. All the teas and coffees are for sale.

Belaugh Village **COFFEE MORNING**, Tuesday 22nd April, 10:30am in Belaugh Old School. You are welcome to join us and enjoy one another’s company, plus coffee and snack.

**THE MUSEUM OF THE BROADS**
The Staithe, Stalham, NR12 9DA, Tel 01692581681, www.museumofthebroads.org.uk

Saturday 5th April “**A NORFOLK ENTERTAINMENT**” by Pat Nearney and Danny Platton: Plenty of music, jokes, & tales, plus plenty of good ol’ Norfok squit.

Hoveton Village Hall, Stalham Road, 19:30 (doors open 1900). Tickets £7.50, from 01603 782846 or the Museum. Not to be missed, so get your seats booked.

Good Friday 18th April, Saturday 19th & Sunday 20th April: **CHILDRENS’ EASTER EGG TRAIL**. Bring your children for a fun trail around the Museum with an Easter Egg prize. Normal admission prices. Tea room open for soft refreshments.

**THE SHERINGHAM SHANTYMEN** in Concert at Hoveton Village Hall, Friday 2nd May 2014. Doors open 7pm for 7:30pm start. Refreshment and Raffle. Tickets £10, available from the museum on 01692 581681 after 6th April or from 01603 404660. Proceeds to the Museum of The Broads.

**HATS (HORNING AMATEUR DRAMATICS SOCIETY)**, will be holding a **BARN DANCE** on Saturday 12th April, 7:30pm at Horning Village Hall. Tickets are £7.50 with a Ploughmans Supper included. (Bring your own drinks). Tickets available from Chris or Julie on 01692 678145.

We would also like to say, a "Big Thank You" to everyone who came along and supported our recent “Cinderella Pantomime”, which was a huge success. We made £750 from our charity raffles and this money is going to the EDP Flood Appeal and Vidiyal Trust.